



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

June 19, 2022

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship (Responsively): based on Psalm 42
As a deer longs for flowing streams of water, our souls reach out to seek our God.

Where is our God? In the cleansing of the rain, in the refreshing of a pool, in the predictability of a faucet.

With glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, our voices lift toward our God.

Where is our God? In the melody of voices raised in concert, in the stillness of silence, in the cacophony of spontaneous praise.

As deep calls to deep, we come to worship the Living God.

Where is our God? In the echoes of our prayers, in the reverence of bowed heads, in the hope of raised faces. The Holy One is with us.

*Hymn: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* 325

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life (Responsively):

Holy and Gracious God, fear seeks to be our constant companion. It stifles us with its overwhelming presence and prolific imagination.

Fear surrounds us and blocks our vision and your path.

Fear keeps us from picking up our cross as much as it suppresses our joy in you.

Fear invites us to believe the easy lie, rather than confronting the hard truths necessary for your reign on earth to be realized.

Too often, we cast off your perfect love in favor of insidious fear.

Forgive us for choosing fear when we could have you, your presence, and your way as our companion on our journey.

Empower us to reject fear and all that fall complicit in dampening your truth.

*Moments of Silent Reflection

*Words of Grace (Responsively):

Chapter 5 of Paul's letter to the Church at Rome reminds us that "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand."

That grace promises the glory of transformation, through the acknowledgement of need for it.

New life awaits as "hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

May we receive grace, embrace transformation, and enter the newness of life in which Christ fashions our struggles into character and hope.

The Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Clayton Lee Weinbrenner

Reading from the Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

p. 944

Sacramental Reflections: "The Miracle after the Miracle"

Dr. Robinson

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(... concludes with the Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Wine: *The elements will be served to you in the pews. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free and casein-free. The inner rows of cups contain grape juice, while the outer row contains wine.*

Prayer after Communion

We give thanks, loving and nurturing God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Offering
Offertory
*Doxology: tune: 780
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**
Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn: *As We Gather at Your Table* 332

Benediction

Postlude

An asterisk (*) where those who are able should stand as an act of worship.
Hearing-assistance devices are available in the entrance near the canopy.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD DRIVE

Each Sunday through July 3rd we will be collecting various food items for Badger Prairie Needs Network to help provide food for school aged kids in our community. For a list of suggested donations, pick up a flyer in the back of the sanctuary.

VBS | JULY 10-12

VBS will be at Salem July 10, 11, & 12 @ 6:00-7:30pm. The evening begins with a kid-friendly meal followed by games, Bible stories, crafts, and music. There will be a bible study and discussion for adults. Please complete and return your registration/dinner forms to Sarah Pundt before June 30.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, June 20 7PM - Safe Church Training
Wednesday, June 22 7PM - Safe Church Training
Friday, June 24 Youth S.A.L.T. (June 24-26)
JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
Sunday, June 26 9AM - Worship

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