



# Salem Lutheran Church

We are all God's children reflecting His love

**July, 2023**

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Greetings!

The Sunday in worship when I asked those in attendance to submit a question that has been on your mind and someone turned in more of a request for information: "Explain the 'healing' service we had on April 30 :)" The short answer is my first call had a practice of doing healing services every 5th Sunday of the month, and I liked it, so I wanted to keep it going in this call. Especially having the opportunity to get the two congregations together for at least 4 services a year was an added bonus.

The long answer can be found in our hymnals on pg. 276: "The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing: the laying on of hands, which may be accompanied by anointing with oil. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world."

One of the main reasons people came to Jesus during his ministry was for healing. Unfortunately we don't physically have Jesus or his first disciples here to actually heal people in the moment, but we can call upon the Lord for healing and pray to be healed of whatever is ailing us physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. In the end we may not ever receive the healing we are yearning for in this world, but we also hold on to the hope and promise of eternal life with God where we will be fully healed and restored to a new life.

We will have another 5th Sunday Healing Service this month at Salem; and it's one of three special services throughout the month! On July 16th I invite you to bring your pets for a blessing of the animals which has been a pre-county fair tradition at Salem for a number of years now. And on July 23rd we will also be worshipping together as two congregations at Vegsund County Park near Braham for our annual park worship. It will be fun to worship together two weeks in a row this month!

I also invite you to share the VBS opportunity with the kids in your life - all kids ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome to attend VBS at the end of the month. There is so much to participate in during July this year and I hope you take advantage of all the opportunities for different types of worship and fellowship opportunities in the next month. Summer always feels a little different in ministry, and this year July is an example of that.

If you are traveling on vacation or going up north this month, I wish you blessings of safe travels and enriching Sabbath time. Enjoy the beauty that is God's creation

*Pr Mary*

# Let's Talk!

**We lift up in prayer:**

We hold up Todd Boser, Luther Carlson and Beverly Ramey in special prayers this month.



## Finance Information

Monthly Budgeted	Month	Giving	Monthly Difference	Year to Date
	1st Quarter			+ \$1,901
April	\$8,663	\$8,572	-91	+\$1,810
May	\$8,663	\$12,548	\$3,885	\$5,695

**COMMENTS:**

**UPCOMING LARGE EXPENSES:**

Building and Liability Insurance increase of \$1,235 this year. The increase is due to weather related claims. Continued increases are expected for the next few years.



Come and watch our TWO softball teams play each Tuesday evening. One team is always playing on the Saints field while the second team plays at alternate fields in the community. See the calendar for additional information



See calendar for July locations.

- August 3rd-Springvale CtyPark
- August 17th-Becklin Homestead Cty Park



July 23 at 10:30 is the combined outdoor worship at Vegsund Park hosted by Siloa for both congregations! Please bring a dish to share. We look forward to our worship and fellowship time together.

*-Siloa Christian Discipleship Committee*

## Worship MINISTRY

DATE	GREETERS & USHERS	LAY READER	COMMUNION ASST	ALTAR GUILD
July 2	Keith Engstrom	Bev Ramey	David Lundin	Alaina Norby
July 9	Cindy Johnson	Jesse Johnson	David Lundin	Shirley Illg
July 16	Steve & Annie Johnson	Keith Engstrom	David Lundin	Annie Johnson
July 23	Worship at Vegsund Park at 10:30 AM	NA	NA	NA
July 30	Justin & Wendy Linder	Suzanne Hulett	David Lundin	Alaina Norby

# Salem Lutheran Church 2023 Vacation Bible School



Wed., July 26— Thurs., July 27

## Join us on “Adventure Island”

On-Line Registration at our  
website—  
[www.salemlutherandalbo.com](http://www.salemlutherandalbo.com)  
Register early!

with  
**Beacon the Puffin**

For kids  
3 years old—  
6th Grade!!!

Preregister so that we can begin planning for staff and materials. Hard copy forms are available at church on the narthex table or by calling Sandy at 612.819.4425 to have them mailed to you.

*We must have a Release Form signed by Parent/Guardian for each child.*

### What to bring to VBS:

- Two (2) bag lunches with names on them for Wed & Thurs

### For those who are swimming and staying overnight:

- Swimsuit & Towel (Life Jacket, if needed)
- Sleeping Bag, Pillow and change of clothes.

Check-in starts at 8:45 AM on Wed., July 26.  
VBS Kicks off at 9:00 AM and goes overnight to  
Thurs. July 27 at 5:00 PM

There will be a program for families at  
4:30 PM on Thursday with a potluck following.

\*Children under grade 1 must have a responsible adult with them to swim and stay overnight.  
But, they can still attend during both days.



### Fun Bible Lessons

Music  
Crafts  
Games  
Swimming  
**OVERNIGHT!**



All youth grade 7 and up are encouraged to sign up to be Shepherds (helpers) Talk to Sandy Quale if you are interested in being a Shepherd!

**Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the LORD's  
glory has shone upon you! (Isaiah 60:1)**

# 5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 2nd, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

Jeremiah 28:5-9 | Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 | Romans 6:12-23 | Matthew 10:40-42

## Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill. For any near death and for all who grieve...especially...God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

# 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 9th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

Zechariah 9:9-12 | Psalm 145:8-14 | Romans 7:15-25a | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

## Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state/province, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send skilled caregivers to all in need, and make your presence known among all who suffer...especially...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

# 7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 16th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

Isaiah 55:10-13 | Psalm 65:9-13 | Romans 8:1-11 | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

## Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

Guide your church, O God, to sow seeds of forgiveness and righteousness on good soil. Direct your people to proclaim your love in this congregation and throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustain your creation, O God, by sending favorable weather, causing trees and fields to grow, protecting waterways from pollution, and instilling in all people the need to be good stewards. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Maintain peace among all people, O God, and raise up lawyers who work for justice in the courts, advocates to speak for the downtrodden, and politicians to work on behalf of the common good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal those who are sick, O God. Guide health care workers to care for those who suffer, scientists to conduct life-saving research, and counselors to care for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation...especially...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Answer the prayers of those gathered in worship, O God. Protect those who travel near and far, accompany visitors to this congregation, and nurture our faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Inspire us by the faithful departed, O God, examples of your embodied love, whose confidence in the resurrection guides us in living lives worthy of the gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

# 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23rd, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

Isaiah 44:6-8 | Psalm 86:11-17 | Romans 8:12-25 | Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

## Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

O God, you call your church to announce the gospel of reconciliation and truth both near and far. Guide your church as it seeks your wisdom and shares it, trusting your Spirit bearing witness among us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You brought forth all creation and called it good. Direct policy-makers to protect lands and seas. Bring rain to sun-parched fields and protect areas impacted by natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You desire peace among nations and peoples. Guard our neighborhoods from hatred, watch over police officers and firefighters, and teach us to advocate for those who live in fear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are gracious and merciful, comforting those who suffer any affliction. Sustain your people living with HIV/AIDS, provide shelter for all who are unhoused, and release any who are unjustly imprisoned...especially...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You name each of us as your children. Guide our hospitality ministry to welcome all, our education ministry to equip us for faithful living, and our social ministry to enact the gospel in our community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You send faithful people to proclaim freedom from bondage and to renew your church. Encourage us by the witness of the faithful departed, so that we live into that same hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

# 9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30th, 2023

## Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Readings

1 Kings 3:5-12 | Psalm 119:129-136 | Romans 8:26-39 | Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

Almighty God, we pray for the church and all servants of the gospel. Equip rostered and lay ministers to proclaim that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Form confirmands and catechumens into disciples. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, we pray for the well-being of creation. Safeguard the environment, clean polluted rivers and lakes, preserve the mighty tree and the tiny mustard seed, and send advocates for sustainable practices. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Compassionate God, we pray for the nations. Instill in all who govern the ability to discern between good and evil, free those who are oppressed, and protect those facing danger. Promote peace across the world and in our towns and neighborhoods. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, we pray for all in any need. Protect those fleeing from war, shelter any who are in poverty, clothe the naked, soothe all who grieve, and heal the sick...especially...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy God, we pray for this congregation, both those gathered today and those absent from our assembly. Grant safety to travelers and refreshment and safety for children attending summer camps or community programs. Give direction to any experiencing life transitions. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for your saints who now rest from their labors. Inspire us by their witness to treasure the gospel, and continually nourish us with your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:30 AM Worship	3	4	5 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café 1:30 PM Ladies Bible Study with Siloa	6 9:00 AM Walk in Park @ Wayside Prairie County Park	7	8
9 10:30 AM Worship	10	11 7:00 PM Swamp Dogs @ Salem 7:00 PM Saints at Cambridge Primary School	12 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Siloa 6:00 PM Council	13	14	15
16 10:30 AM Worship	17	18 7:00 PM Swamp Dogs @ Isanti Unity Park 7:00 PM Saints at Salem	19 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Siloa 1:30 PM Ladies Bible	20 9:00 AM Walk in Park @ Vegsund Family County Park	21	22
23 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship @ Vegsund Park	24 	25 7:00 PM Swamp Dogs @ Isanti Unity Park 7:00 PM Saints at Salem	26 8:00 AM Men in Mission Breakfast/Bible Study at Park Café w/Siloa	27	28	29
30 10:30 AM Healing Worship @ Salem with Siloa						

VBS 8:45 AM July 26-4:30 PM July 27 with Program and Potluck follows

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the liability form that is required for  
each child.  
See Flyer inside for additional information.



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Facebook: Salem Lutheran Church Dalbo

### **Set office hours:**

**Wendy, Church Secretary**

Wednesdays from 4pm—6pm

Doors may be locked, simply call or knock and  
she will unlock the door for you.

If you need access to church outside of these  
hours, please call 763.286.6845.

**Pastor Mary** can meet with you via appoint-  
ment. Please call her at 507.525.3909