

## Ringing of the Bell

## Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

## Greeting / Life & Mission of Salem

*Blue prayer cards are located in the pew racks for you to write and share your prayer concerns. These prayer cards will be collected during the first hymn of the service by the ushers.*

## +Call to Worship

Almighty God, You have graced us with the light of Your Holy Word. You give our lives purpose, meaning, and promise forever. All praise be unto our Lord!

**Though we have Your word, in brokenness we stumble. You catch us in the grace and mercy of redemption. We are secure in Your hand!**

**Thanks be to our loving God!**

We are not strong and we face many struggles. You, O Lord, go before us, conquering in Your name and for Your glory, that we ever succeed in glory to You. Thanks be unto the Lord who makes a way for us!

**You have given strength to our voices, power to our witness, commitment to our hearts, challenge to our daily lives, and everything we need to live in Your victory forever! Great is the name of Jesus!**

## +Opening Prayer

## +Opening Hymn

*“O Worship the King”*

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## +Passing of the Peace

## Time with Children

## Dedication of Honorariums & Memorials

## Psalm Reading

Psalm 95:1-7a

## Special Music

*“Sunny Side of Life/In the Sweet By and By/ I'll Fly Away”*  
Mindy Mindrup & Cherie Kuhn

## Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

## Message

*“The True Shepherd”*

## +The Apostles' Creed (Unison)

(Inside cover of the Hymnal)

## Pastoral Prayer

## Remembering Well

### The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

#### Invitation & Offertory

**+Doxology**                    *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

#### +Prayer of Dedication

**+Closing Hymn**                    *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*                    **601**

**+The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)**                    **(Please Hold Hands)**

#### +Benediction

**+Response**                    *“God Be with You ‘Til We Meet Again”*

God be with you ‘til we meet again,  
If life’s trials should confound you,  
God will put His arms around you,  
God be with you ‘til we meet again.

#### +Postlude

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+ Indicates where you may stand, if able; **bold print** indicates where the congregation reads.

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### TODAY’S MINISTRY

Acolytes: Heath Follwell, Syler Hogg  
Greeter: Kathy Porter  
Liturgist: Patty Uhe  
Nursery: Jessica Ketcham, Heather Henkhaus  
Sound: Ron Mindrup  
Ushers: Denise Grandame, Greg Reinhardt  
Bev & Leroy Engelke  
Sharyn Giesecking

### SALEM SEEKERS

<b>“The Christmas Story” Rotation</b>	<b>December 3</b>
<b>Gathering Room</b>	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
<b>All Children – Gathering Room (Media)</b>	
<b>Gathering Room</b>	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

# ~ SALEM'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday	Nov. 26	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship / Totenfest No Praise Team Practice Ecuador Mission Trip Informational Meeting following Worship
Wednesday	Nov. 29	4:00-5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Exhale Salem Chimes Practice Confirmation Salem Ringers Practice Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Saturday	Dec. 2	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens River Bend Astronomy Club Meeting
Sunday	Dec. 3	8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00-5:30 p.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School) Worship with Communion (First Sunday of Advent) Praise Team Practice following Worship Exhale

## HANGING OF THE GREENS

Evangelism/Worship Committee is inviting EVERYONE to come decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season on Saturday, December 2 at 8:30 a.m. We can find something for the young and old to do! Please consider coming for a while or for the day!!! Hope to see you then!

## GIVING TREE SLIPS

Giving tree slips are in the passageway for children at Hoyleton Ministries and Uni-Pres Kindercottage. **There are still some slips available**. Unwrapped gifts are needed back by December 3, 2017. If you don't have time to shop, leave a donation in the box in the passageway and we will shop for you.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring a Christmas Gift Shop on Sunday, December 17, following worship. The Christmas Gift Shop is for all children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. An item for each member of a child's family will be given to that child at no cost. If anyone would like to donate new or gently used items for the Christmas Gift Shop, the Board of Christian Education will graciously accept. The Board of Christian Education would like to have any donated items by Sunday, December 10.

### **SALEM STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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## **TOTENFEST**

**November 26, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.**

*Today's Worship Leaders:*

**Pastor John Mindrup, Assistant Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director**

***We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.***

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# *Acknowledgment of Honorariums*

December 2016 – November 2017

Historical Committee

Salem Memorial Fund

Lorman Reckman 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Salem Memorial Fund

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# *Acknowledgment of Honorariums of Remembrance*

December 2016 – November 2017

Don Beshears

Roof Building Fund

Chuck Bloemker

Salem Memorial Fund

Esther Foulke

Salem Memorial Fund

Danny Reinhardt

Roof Building Fund

Leroy Sander

Roof Building Fund

Herbert Schmidt 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Salem Memorial Fund

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# *Acknowledgment of Gifts & Memorials*

December 2016 – November 2017

Reverend Jerry Amiri	Salem Memorial Fund Board of Christian Education Music Fund
Reverend Arnold Bizer	Salem Memorial Fund Music Fund
Delmar Blom	Parlor Blinds
Vernon Blom	Salem Memorial Fund
Carol Dauderman	HD Camera
Dan Dauderman	Parish Hall Banquet Chairs
Ron Debatin	Salem Memorial Fund
Jack Frandsen	Salem Memorial Fund
Trever Hosto	Salem Memorial Fund
Janet Hunsche	HD Camera Roof Building Fund
Dorothy Knabel	Salem Memorial Fund
Jacqueline Myers	HD Camera
Maurice Stille	Roof Building Fund
Darrell Suhre	Salem Memorial Fund
Miscellaneous Donation	HD Camera
Undesignated Memorials	Keying New Door Parish Hall Door

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# Remembering Well

Blessed are the dead who from now on die in Christ.

**They will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.**

We do not want you uninformed about those who have died.

**So you may not grieve as others who have no hope.**

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again.

**Even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have died.**

But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised?"

"With what kind of body do they come?"

**When you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but a bare seed.**

But God gives a body as God has chosen and to each kind of seed its own body.

**It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory.**

**It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body.**

For this perishable body must put on imperishability,  
and this mortal body puts on immortality.

**For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed,**

**we have a building from God,**

**a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

Jesus said, "In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places."

"I will go to prepare a place for you."

**"I will not leave you orphaned. I am coming to you."**

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will teach you everything,

and remind you of all that I said to you."

**Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."**

**"Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."**

"I am the resurrection and the life."

"Those who believe in me, even though they die will live."

**"And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."**

"For God created us for incorruption and made us in the image of God's own eternity."

**"The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God,**

**and no torment will ever touch them."**

"They are at peace and their hope is full of immortality."

**"Because God tested them and found them worthy." Amen.**

*As the name of each who has joined the communion of saints is read,*

*we will toll the bell, a loved one will light a candle,*

*and the congregation will be led in silence and then this response:*

***"Your spirit will be with us always, resting in the peace of Christ."***

# *Totenfest*

Totenfest is a German word that means “Feast of the Dead” or “Festival for the Dead.” It was established in 1816 by Prussian Emperor Fredrick William III as a day to remember the nation's soldiers who had died in the recently concluded Prussian War. Totenfest became an important observance in the Evangelical Church in Prussia (established by the same emperor in 1817) as a day to remember not only the war dead, but also church members who had died in the previous year. It was observed on the last Sunday of the church year, right before Advent began. This also was the time of clearing gardens and fields of the summer's growth in preparation for winter. To this day, Totenfest in parts of Germany is the day families visit the graves of loved ones to clean off the summer flowers and cover the graves with evergreen boughs for the winter.

In Lutheran traditions, “Totensontag” or “Death Sunday” became the preferred term to Totenfest. The term fell into disuse in America as churches of German heritage started substituting English words for German ones. In fact, by the 1916 Evangelical Book of Worship published by the German Evangelical Synod of North America, the term Memorial Sunday had been substituted for Totenfest. This memorial has roots in All Saints and in All Souls days from the medieval church.

## *Today We Remember:*

**Lorna McGee**

(01/28/57 – 12/24/2016)

**Ronald Debatin**

(5/11/1944 – 06/29/2017)

**Vernon Blom**

(03/04/1934 – 02/02/2017)

**Jack Frandsen**

(12/13/1927 – 07/28/2017)

**Dale Mindrup**

(08/27/1948 – 03/24/2017)

**Dorothy Knabel**

(01/29/1926 – 08/01/2017)

**Reverend Arnold Bizer**

(09/21/1927– 03/28/2017)

**Reverend Jerry Amiri**

(05/27/1955 – 08/10/2017)

**Trever Hosto**

(09/23/1967 – 04/04/2017)