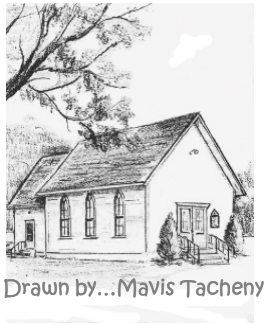
Salem's History & Growth

A handful of Swedish immigrants started this church community in 1893. Over the ensuing years its congregation's ethnicities have expanded as its membership has expanded. Originally named *"Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church,"* those expanded ethnicities caused the name to change to Salem Lutheran Church. Because there was another Salem Lutheran Church relatively close by in Dalbo, Minnesota, the name was modified to read *"Salem Lutheran Church of Oxford"* (for Oxford township).

The original building's entrance was at the east (street) end and the altar was at the west-end (where one now enters the sanctuary). Over time, newer pews were added, the mechanicals and organs were updated, and building additions were planned and built.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The church "grew up" in the Swedish-American Lutheran churches and, after joining and leaving several national Lutheran church organizations, ultimately settled into the LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ) in 2010 where we remain to this day. We, at Salem, are an open and friendly church who invite all who believe in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit to come worship with us. More importantly, we invite all who *do not* believe to come learn about Him, His Son, and His Holy Spirit.

Pastor Rob Krajewski became our pastor in 2013. Since then, the congregation has grown significantly to where we now average around 50 people each Sunday. We have several children from infants to near-teens and now offer Sunday school as well. Our big, annual affair is a picnic that is always held on the first Sunday of August. All are welcome to come enjoy great food and great fellowship beginning with a morning worship and followed by music and games for all ages.

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Welcome

Note: We have large-print copies of the hymns & readings available in the narthex

Call To Worship

Pastor's Greeting

Hymn: "*The Family of God*" – If home, sing! If here, don't or hum…☺

Opening Prayer

Passing the Peace of Christ – Call a friend to say, "Hi!"

Hymn: *"Stand Up For Jesus"* … FountainView Academy

Confession: (*Unison*) *We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. F or the sake of Your Son, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.*

Absolution

Apostles' Creed: ***We*** *believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.* ***We*** *believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the Body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Hymn: *"Greater"* … MercyMe

Liturgy of the Word

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:18-21

Lesson: Genesis 32:25b-31

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: Pastor Rob - *"The Fruits of Frustration with God"*

Hymn: *"Four Men Walkin' Around"* … The Isaacs

Liturgy of the Offering

Offering: The Collection of gifts

Offertory: *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"* . . . . . (link on web page)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer . . . . . (link on web page)

Concluding Rites

Announcements …

Benediction / Threefold Amen

Sending:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude (– . (link on web page)