

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.



The church "grew up" in the Swedish-American Lutheran churches and, after and leaving several national Lutheran church organizations, ultimately settled into the (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for 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 45 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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Sunday, July 29, 2018

Welcome!

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

Call To Worship

Pastor's Greeting

(Please stand)

Hymn: "The Family of God" 419

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" 182

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of Baptism

Renew Baptismal Promises/Faith Profession

P: Do you believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, the maker of heaven and of earth?

C: I do!

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Lord, His only son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried? Do you believe that he rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

C: I do!

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the resurrection of the dead, and life everlasting?

C: I do!

P: This is our faith! We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus, our Lord!

Alleluia!

C: Amen! Alleluia!

Sacrament of Baptism – Please refer to bulletin insert

To be baptized: Tate Nathan Nechal (brother of Ivan and Nora)

Parents: Gina & Nate Nechal

God Parents: Julie & Ray Rantala

(Please be seated)

Liturgy of the Word

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145:10-18

Lesson: Ephesians 3:13-21

(Please stand)

Gospel: John 6:5-13

(Please be seated)

Sermon: "Belonging to the Family of God"

(Please stand)

Hymn: "A Christian Home" 451

(Please be seated)

Liturgy of the Offering

Offering: The Collection of gifts

(Please stand)

Offertory: "We Give Thee But Thine Own" 816

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

(At the pastor's direction, please be seated)

Concluding Rites

Announcements ...

Benediction / Threefold Amen

Closing song: "God Be With You"

God be with you 'til we meet again;

By His counsels guide uphold you,

With His sheep securely fold you;

God be with you 'til we meet again

'Til we meet, 'til we meet, 'til we meet at Jesus' feet;

'Til we meet, 'til we meet,

God be with you 'til we meet again.

Sending:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude