

# Our History

*Salem was built in 1893 by a handful of Swedish immigrants who needed a place of worship. The dirt-poor immigrants had been walking nearly six miles every Sunday morning to an established Lutheran Church. At times they took food for their meal, and walked 6 miles back home. The few immigrants somehow raised \$500 and built the Chapel over a hundred years ago. Salem has grown a lot in the last years. We have gone through a building project which increased the size of the facility and gave us more space for youth gatherings and adult meetings. We now have indoor plumbing facilities, even though we did retain the outside privy as a monument to Salem's heritage.*



*Our kitchen facilities have been modernized and we have a lovely narthex. Our altar now features a beautiful stained glass window, reconditioned pulpit and repaired communion rail.*

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Sunday, May 13, 2018

**Ascension Sunday/Mother's Day**

**Call To Worship**

Note: We have large-print copies of the order of worship available in the narthex

**Pastor's Greeting**

*(Please stand)*

**Hymn:** "For the Beauty of the Earth" ... *(special lyrics insert)* . . . . .

**Passing the Peace of Christ**

**Hymn:** "The Family of God" . . . . . 419

**Opening Prayer**

**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. For 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:** *I 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. I 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:** "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" . . . . . 377  
*(Please be seated)*



**Liturgy of the Word**

**Responsive Reading:** Psalm 80:1-3, 14-15

**Lesson:** II Kings 2:1-6, 11-12

*(Please Stand for the Gospel)*

**Gospel:** Luke 24:59-53

*(Please be seated)*

**Sermon:** "Jesus' Ascension; our ascension"

*(Please stand)*

**Hymn:** "I Cannot Tell" . . . . . 354

*(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**