

Salem Presbyterian Church

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 28, 2019

Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Evans family



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 397

Call to Worship Psalm 85 532

Prayer of Confession: Lord, we admit, we were appalled when we heard You instruct Hosea to marry—a woman like that. **Who marries a person of questionable morals?** At first, we condemned Hosea. **Then we condemned her.** When they had kids, we scoffed and moved our children to other schools. **But each name of Hosea's children prophesied to us.** Each name reminded us that... **We sit uninvolved and watch the tragedies that break Your heart.** We call for vengeance instead of offering mercy. **We've changed so much that people say we no longer bear Your resemblance.** We confess that during the week, we've acted as if we didn't know You. **Forgive us. We pray this together in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Please take a moment of silent confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings *Hosea 1:2-10 820
Luke 11:1-13 947
Colossians 2:6-15 1073

Time for Children

*Hymn I Need Thee Every Hour 318

Sermon *God's Obsession* Rev. Thomas Emery

*Apostle's 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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory: *Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings.*

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn Groeswen *Welsh hymnal, 42*

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$1,945.26	Needed to Date:	\$56,412.54
Rec'd 07-21-19:	\$392.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$58,194.68

Sunday: 07-28-2019
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Gwenda Blackmore*)
 10:45 AM Sunday School

Tuesday-Wednesday: 07-30 to 31-2019
 9:30-11:30 AM Vacation Bible School

Sunday: 08-04-2019
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Mark & Missy Zielke*)
 10:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday: 08-11-2019
 9:30 AM Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)
 Guest speaker John Zerbe
 Gideon talk and offering
 No Sunday School
 5:00 PM Trustee meeting

Announcements:

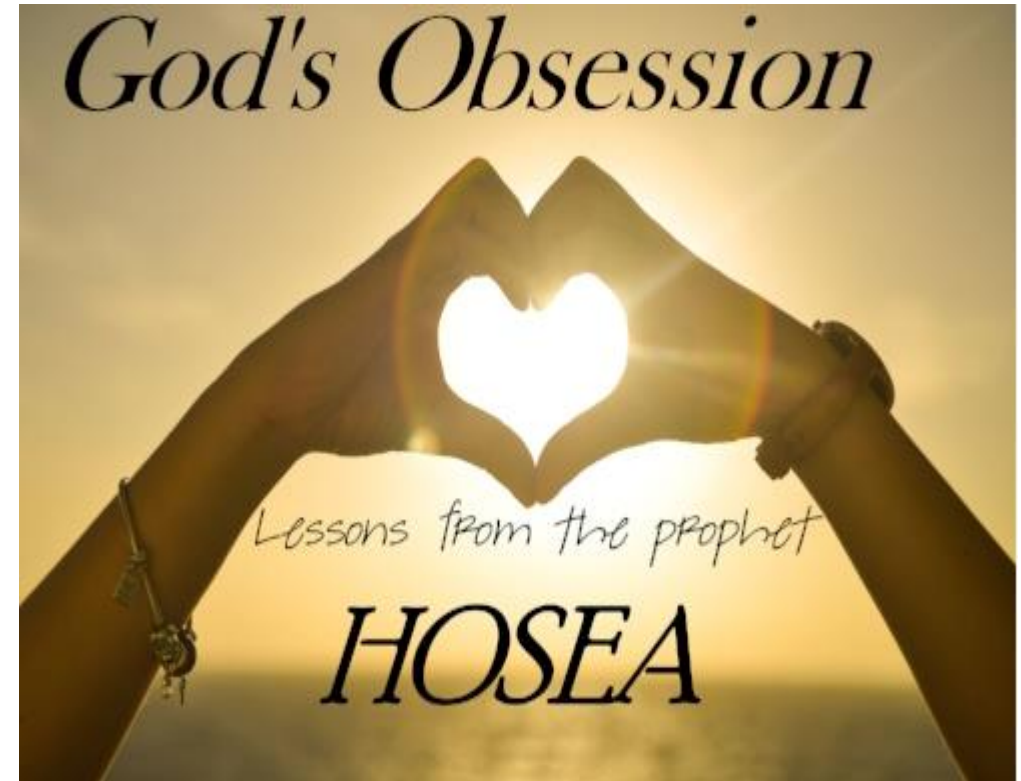
Volunteers are need for Vacation Bible School. Please contact Pastor Tom or Carol if you are able to help on July 30th and/or 31st.

Volunteers are needed for a church grounds workday scheduled at 8 am on Saturday, August 3rd.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the August newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

Upcoming Birthdays:

29 th -Heather McClure	29 th -Doug Strickler
31 st -Kristyn Jones	31 st -Zach Wise
Aug 4 th -Phil Eutsler	4 th -Don Owens



HOSEA 1:2-10

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Kylee Ball (surgery)
Connie Bassett (breast cancer)
Kyle Baxter (brain cancer)
Peggy Burnett
Billie Coalson (Agent Orange)
Jackie Coalson (COPD)
Barry Coil (stroke)
Kathy Comer
Amy Cunningham (Fibromyalgia)
Jim Davis (cancer)
Mark Davis
Kent DuCheney (surgery)
Aiden Ellerbrock (injuries from a fall)
Betty Ellis (rapidly failing health)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Daniel Fisher (rectal cancer)
Aaron Francis (broken leg)
Suzanne Hadley-Himes (cancer)
Bill Harmon (cancer)
Jeff Hines (kidney transplant)
Bob Hundley (cancer)
Tim Huster (cancer)
Jan Jones (health Issues)
Paula Jones (healing from fall)
Nancy Lautzenheiser
(colon cancer)

Linda Lissey (cancer)
Bob Louth (heart problems)
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LuAnn (family issues)
Carol Matthews(Lou Gehrig's disease)
Sarah Miller (health issues)
Gwen Montez (surgery)
Marian Morris (failing health)
Dorothea Plikerd
Terry Profit (chemotherapy)
Mallory Rentz (blood clot in brain)
Marjorie Rhodes
Julie Sheets (lung cancer)
Deb & Steve Sheppard (health issues)
Bruce Taylor (need liver transplant)
Martha Jean Evans Vasquez
Doug Wierwille (cancer)
Natalie Wilkins (failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (brain surgery)

***Condolences** to the family of Bill Stewart (Kim Coil's brother).

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Like Gomer, we have sought other gods.*

POINT TWO – *And as Paul taught in the New Testament "... the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23 we need to take serious our faithfulness to God.*

POINT THREE – *Our God is obsessed with love for us.*

THIS WEEK’S VERSE

When the LORD first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the LORD and worshiping other gods” (Hosea 1:2 NLT).

ACTION POINT

Ultimately, the message that Hosea speaks on behalf of the Lord is that the Lord is full of compassion and faithful to the promises made and cannot and will not let Israel go. It is a message of hope for Israel, Judah, and for all who hear this word — though we are unfaithful, God will forever be faithful. God also believes that Hosea will be most effective in delivering this word of warning to God’s people, if he himself experiences the pain of living with an unfaithful wife. May the good news that God calls us "beloved" despite our faithlessness, be a source of sustenance for us in times of weariness. ... and may we, by the grace of God, know what it is to have our joy restored. God is asking us to return to Him; when we do, He is waiting to bless us beyond what we would think is deserved! If you have wandered away, why not come back to the God who is obsessed with having a close loving relationship with you?

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