



Salem Lutheran Weekly eNews 10/7 to 10/14/26

"To share the unconditional love of God in Jesus Christ with all people, and to serve God by serving others"

Worship Wise – Changes: Pulpits and Lecterns

Our worship is centered around Word and the Sacraments, and our worship space reflects this. The font as place of Baptism, the altar is the place of Holy Communion, and the pulpit is the primary place of the proclamation of God's Word.

Pulpits have not always been used in worship. In the early church, as people gathered in homes and small groups, preaching was most often done from the midst of the people. There was a time in the 4th century that Bishops preached from a chair behind the altar while other clergy preached from the altar steps or a small lectern. As churches became larger, pulpits were used and initially were placed part way down on the side of the seating so that everyone could hear the sermon. Pulpits grew larger and were quite decorated. There followed the development of two places where the Word was shared – a higher pulpit for the gospel and a less prominent lectern for the other readings. For some there was an understanding that this signified the greater importance of the Gospels, the greater importance of the office of priest, the lesser value of Old Testament and non-Gospel readings and the lesser importance the ones who would read from the lectern.

In recent years (the last 30-50) there has been an increasing tendency to return to one place for the place of God's Word (sometimes called an 'ambo'). This reflects the connection between preaching and the Biblical readings. It also reminds worshippers that while the pastor may be the primary preacher, the Word of God and the place of its proclamation is open to all. In a very practical way having one place for the reading of Scripture and preaching also allows greater flexibility in the use of space.

Salem is challenged by having the 'ambo' in a place that requires climbing steps. The sharing of God's Word is done at a reading stand on floor level to allow all people access to be a reader.

I Love to Tell the Story

We all have stories to tell: humorous happenings, learning experiences, news about families, triumphs and tragedies, and plans for the future. And as people of God, we have stories to tell about what God has done for us and about the difference that God's grace has made in our lives. For these weeks we will be focused on story-telling and giving - and to think of both as grateful responses to the grace of God.

Grief & Share® **SUPPORT GROUP**

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm



Make a Joyful Noise....

Calling all singers to join Bonnie on Sundays in October at 9:15 for choir rehearsal!!! Let us praise the Lord in Song!



BloodworksNW

Hurry and sign-up to donate blood here at Salem on October 8th & 9th. You can book an appointment by calling 800-398-7888 or schedule online at:

<https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/auth/signin>



***Celebration of Life
Don Ney***

October 10, 2026, 2 pm



**Cub Scout Join Night
Thurs. Oct 15th 6pm
Girls and Boys grades K-5**

NW Synod Website

The Northwest Washington Synod of the ELCA is our partner in ministry. Visit their site and you'll see resources, prayers, social media connections, directories, calendars, events, information on the larger church' work, social statements and news.



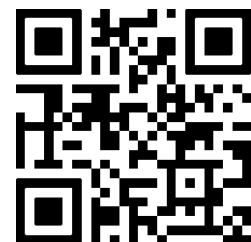
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