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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the Good News! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Beautiful Savior*

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23: 23-29

The First Reading is from the 23rd chapter of Jeremiah.

²³Am I a God nearby, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 82 (Please read responsively)

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”**

³Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’ ”

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2

The Second Reading is from the 11th and 12th chapters of Hebrews.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 49-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

HYMN: *When Peace Like A River (It Is Well With My Soul)*

When peace like a river attendeth my say,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lost, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well, with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into Hell.**
On the third day he rose again.
**He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
He will come again to judge the living 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.**

PRAYERS

Response to: "Merciful God," . . . **receive our prayer.**

Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the presence of God in bread and wine. All are welcome to receive this gift.

COLLEGE BLESSING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Faith Of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
When-e're we hear that glorious word.

Refrain

Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.

The martyrs, chained in prisons dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free;
And blest would be their children's fate
If they, like them, should die for thee.

Refrain

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Outdoor Worship! We continue to Worship in the picnic grove every **Sunday at 10:30 am** (weather permitting). Plans are to worship in the grove through September 4th. In case of rain, services will be held in the sanctuary. Invite your friends and family, come join us these last few weeks in the grove!

THANK YOU to everyone who came out to enjoy this morning's Ham & Egg Breakfast. **SPECIAL THANKS** to all the men who organized, prepared for, cooked and served! Without everyone's help and participation, these breakfasts would not happen.



College Send-Off: As our college students head into another year, we send them off with our blessings and prayers. During **today's** worship service, all college and graduate students are invited to receive a blessing as they head off on their new adventures!

Reading today's lessons is Judy Kuhn.

Only one more week for Salem's Summer Project! Make sure you turn in your slips for each puzzle you've complete (in the red box on the first picnic table) for a chance to win a fabulous prize! The winner will be announced on **Sunday, August 28th** at the Sausage Gravy Breakfast and worship!

One more week to participate in Part 2 of "Bible Tic-Tac-Toe". For every box of **gallon-sized Zip-loc style bags** you bring (these will be donated to the 'Meals for Seals' program), you have the chance to put an X or an O on the big Tic-Tac-Toe board. How many Tic-Tac-Toes we can make as a congregation??

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe Answers – Week 8:

Be still & know that I am God – Psalm 46:10

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son – John 3:16

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and love kindness and to walk humbly with your God –
Micah 6:8

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord – Joshua 24:15

Love is patient, love is kind – 1 Corinthians 13:4

Jesus wept – John 11:35

Then God said, "Let there be light" and there was light – Genesis 1:3

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want – Psalm 23:1

In the beginning was the Word – John 1:1

Salem's Summer Book Club will meet one more time, **THIS TUESDAY, August 16th** at **7:00 pm** in the grove (weather permitting).

Backpack Blessing: Calling all Students, Teachers and School Staff! **NEXT SUNDAY, August 21st** we will be blessing and sending you off with our payers for a new school year. Bring your backpack, briefcase, laptop or just yourselves to receive a blessing for a great start!

A **SAUSAGE GRAVY BREAKFAST** will be held in the grove on **Sunday, August 28th**.
Breakfast begins at **9:00 am**, with **Worship to follow at 10:30 am**. Please bring your place setting.
We hope to see you there!



Last Sunday was "Newsletter Sunday." If you did not receive your newsletter via email or if you do not have email, in the postal mail, please contact the Secretary (570-374-0339).

COLLEGE STUDENTS & MILITARY



The time of year will soon be here to show our college students & those in the military, that we're keeping them in our thoughts and prayers and give them our support. Collections to help purchase gift cards will begin when we move inside for Worship. Notes of support and gift cards are sent to them 4 times a year. **If you have a college student or young person in the military, please contact Linda Carl (570-556-8451 or dwarfgrumpy@yahoo.com)** with their college or military mailing address. We don't want to miss anyone! When collections begin, **PLEASE** give prayerful thought to making donations to help support and remind these young adults that their Salem Family is keeping them in thought and prayer. Thank you to all who support this important program.



Mark your calendars! ***Wings, Fries & Music In The Grove*** will be held on **Saturday, September 17th**! Watch your bulletins for more information. You won't want to miss the delicious food and enjoy some of our "homegrown talent"!

A Trip Down Memory Lane!

On **Thursday, September 22nd from 11:00 – 3:00**, you are invited to reminisce. Join together with your Salem siblings as we tell stories of days-gone-by at Salem. As we look forward to celebrating 250-years of ministry here at Salem, we will start the process of telling the story of God's people here. Help us identify folks in pictures and share the story of all God has done with and through us. **Bring any Salem memorabilia you are willing to share!** Lunch will be provided. You need not come for the whole time. This is a "Come when you can, leave when you must" open house style. Questions? Please see Pastor Stina.

UPCOMING AUGUST & SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, August 16 – Salem Book Club – 7:00 pm in the grove (weather permitting)

Sunday, August 21 – Outdoor Worship – 10:30 am

Wednesday, August 24 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 27 – Celebration of Life for Orpha Yoder
Service at 12:00 noon at Salem Church

Sunday, August 28 – Sausage Gravy Breakfast – 9:00 am
Outdoor Worship – 10:30 am

Sunday, September 4 – Outdoor Worship & Bonfire – 10:30 am

Sunday, September 11 – Worship moves inside – 10:30 am (tentatively)

Monday, September 12 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 14 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Saturday, September 17 – *Music In The Grove* w/Wings & Fries

Tuesday, September 22 – *A Trip Down Memory Lane* – 11:00 – 3:00 – Lunch provided
Come when you can, leave when you must