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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.**

** Please Note: We will be singing acapella this morning. **

HYMN: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14

The First Reading is from the 30th chapter of Deuteronomy.

⁹The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹²It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

PSALM: Psalm 25: 1-10 (Please read responsively)

¹To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸**You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 1: 1-14

The Second Reading is from the 1st chapter of Colossians.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and

may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 25-37

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." ²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

HYMN: *For The Fruit of All Creation*

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

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: "God of grace," . . . **Hear 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.

CAMPER 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: *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SENDING

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

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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). Bring your lawn chairs, sit under the pavilion at the picnic tables or park near the grove and sit in your car with the windows open. Plans are to worship in the grove through September 4th. In case of rain, services will be held in the sanctuary. Friends and family, come join us!



TODAY is the **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast!** **Special Thanks** to everyone who came out early to prepare for and make today's delicious breakfast! And **Thank You** to everyone who came out to share breakfast with your Salem Brothers & Sisters and those who brought desserts or snacks to share.

“Salem Summer Project”! We hope you are participating in this year's fun project, **“Bible Tic-Tac-Toe”!** Each Sunday you will receive a Bible Tic-Tac-Toe puzzle. You may use your Bible to find the answers, but **NO** ‘Google’ or internet! Once you complete your puzzle, please sign a ticket (on the first picnic table in the pavilion) and put it in the box. At the end of the game, a winner will be chosen from all submitted tickets.

Part 2 of “Bible Tic-Tac-Toe” – There is a second option to play and help others this summer! For every box of **gallon-sized Zip-loc style bags** you bring (these will be donated to ‘Meals for Seals’), you have the chance to put an X or an O on the big Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let's see how many Tic-Tac-Toes we can make as a congregation!

How many squares from last week's “Bible Tic-Tac-Toe” puzzle did you complete? **Be sure to pick-up this week's puzzle!**

Council Meeting will be held **tomorrow, Monday, July 11th** at 7:00 pm, in-person and via *Zoom*.

Prayer Meeting will be held **this Wednesday, July 13th** at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

Salem's Summer Book Club – the next 2 meetings are **July 19th** and **August 16th at 7:00 pm in the picnic grove**, weather permitting. Each meeting is self-contained, so don't worry if you can't be at all of them! The Book Club has been enjoying reading, *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers – Spiritual Insights from the World's Most Beloved Neighbor* by Amy Hollingsworth. Questions? Contact Pastor Stina.

Pastor Stina will be on vacation July 23 - 30. During this time, Pastor Vickie Brown (570-274-6727) will be available for all pastoral emergencies.

The deadline for the August Newsletter is July 31st. Please give all items you wish to have published in the newsletter to Linda Maurer (570-374-0339 or lmaurer56@outlook.com) by the deadline. Thank you!



The Pancake & Sausage Breakfast returns to the grove on August 14th! Breakfast begins at **8:30 am**, followed by Outdoor Worship at 10:00. Following Worship, an ice cream & dessert buffet will be held. **Please bring your place settings and a dessert or snack food to share. MEN!** Come early to help prepare for and cook breakfast and join in the fun in the grove kitchen!



Watch the Bulletins & Newsletters for announcements about an upcoming “musical event” being planned for the grove in September! You won't want to miss it!

JULY

Monday, July 11 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 13 –Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm (church basement)

Sunday, July 17 – Outdoor Worship – 10:30 am

Sunday, July 24 – Outdoor Worship – 10:30 am

Wednesday, July 27 –Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm (church basement)

AUGUST

Wednesday, August 3 – WELCA Ladies' Group Meeting –
7:00 pm in the church basement

Sunday, August 7 – Outdoor Worship – 10:30 am

Monday, August 8 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 10 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm in the
church basement

Sunday, August 14 – Ham & Egg Breakfast in the grove – 8:30 am
Outdoor Worship – 10:00 am
Ice Cream & Dessert Buffet

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

Wednesday, August 24 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm in the
church basement

Sunday, August 28 – Outdoor Worship – 10:30 am