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**12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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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: *A Mighty Fortress***

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Proverbs 25: 6-7

The First Reading is from the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Proverbs.

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

### PSALM: Psalm 112 (Please read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

### SECOND READING: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

The Second Reading is from the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" <sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

### GOSPEL: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

## **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **THE SERMON**

#### **HYMN: *This Is My Father’s World***

This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father’s world; I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world; the birds their carols raise;  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker’s praise.  
This is my Father’s world; He shines in all that’s fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev’rywhere.

## **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.

## **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: *When the Saints Go Marching In***

Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,  
Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
When the Lord in glory comes.

**SENDING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to Outdoor Worship! Our **LAST DAY of outdoor worship** will be **NEXT SUNDAY, September 4<sup>th</sup>**. Invite family and friends as we celebrate another great summer of worshipping under the trees with a bonfire! We will move into the sanctuary beginning Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Thank You** to all who helped prepare for, cook, serve and have attended today’s **Sausage Gravy Breakfast !**

Reading today’s lessons is Charlie Benner.

**Our Salem’s Summer Project** has come to an end. **Thank You** to all who have participated in our “Bible Tic-Tac-Toe” game! The winner will be chosen **TODAY** and will receive a fabulous prize!

**Prayer Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. (the meeting was moved due to the Ladies Banquet being held on September 14<sup>th</sup>).

A **LADIES BANQUET** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the church basement. The meal will be catered and there will be entertainment or a program. **ALL LADIES** of the church are invited to attend. Please see Eileen Stauffer to purchase your tickets. Tickets are: adults: \$15.95, ages 4-10: \$9.95 and under 4 – free. **The deadline to purchase tickets is September 7<sup>th</sup>.**



**NEW DATE!** **Wings, Fries & Music In The Grove** will be held on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. Come enjoy wings, fries, and hot dogs. No advance tickets are necessary, purchase your meal that night. You won’t want to miss the delicious food and enjoy our “homegrown talent”!



The time is here to support our **COLLEGE STUDENTS & those in the MILITARY** to let them know their Salem Family is keeping them in our thoughts & prayers. Notes of support & 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. **PLEASE** give prayerful thought to making donations to this important program. **Donation cans are on the table at the back of the sanctuary & on top of the sound system.** Thank you to everyone who donates!

**Readers are needed!** Please sign-up to read the Lessons. A clipboard with the sign-up sheet is on the first picnic table. When we move indoors on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, it will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Readings are posted as they are received.

## A Trip Down Memory Lane!

On **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **11:00 – 3:00**. You are invited to come and 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.





**Do you know where this painting is located??**



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS



**September 4 – Bonfire & Outdoor Worship – 10:30 am**

Wednesday, September 7 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm (*moved due to the Ladies Banquet on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>* )

Sunday, September 11 – Worship moves indoors – 10:30 am

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

Wednesday, September 14 – Ladies' Banquet – 6:00 pm

Catered meal and entertainment/program

**ALL ladies of the church are invited!**

Tickets: Adults: \$15.95 Ages 4-10: \$9.95 Under 4 - free

\*\* Contact Eileen Stauffer to purchase tickets. **The deadline to purchase tickets is September 7<sup>th</sup>** \*\*

Sunday, September 18 – Worship – 10:30 am

Tuesday, September 22 – *A Trip Down Memory Lane* - **11:00 – 3:00** – Lunch is provided

“Come when you can, leave when you must”

**Bring your Salem photos & memorabilia !**

Saturday, September 24 – *Music In The Grove* – **5:00 pm**

Wings, Fries & Hot Dogs

\*\* No advance tickets needed – purchase your meal the night of the concert \*\*

Sunday, September 25 – Worship – 10:30 am

Wednesday, September 28 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm