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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, February 6, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is one beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All they works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6: 1-8, 9-13

The First Reading is from the 6th chapter of Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" [⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people: 'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' ¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed." ¹¹Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹²until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.]

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

PSALM: Psalm 138 (Please Read Responsively)

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶**The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

The Second Reading is from the 15th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 5: 1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be

afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

THE SERMON

HYMN: *Here I Am Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

THE 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.
**He 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.**

THE 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

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ending. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving To God ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

SENDING

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to the current rise in COVID cases, **everyone is asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing.** Additional seating is available in the basement where the Service can be viewed via video live stream.

Prayer Chain – Susan Athey is handling all Prayer Chain calls & reports now through March 13th. Please contact Susan (sjdsathey77@gmail.com) to add someone to the Prayer Chain. Thank you.

February Newsletters were sent out last week via email and postal mail to those without internet. If you have not received your copy either by email or in your postal mail by the end of this week, please contact the Secretary.

Reading today’s lessons is Judy Kuhn.

Prayer Meeting will be held, weather permitting, on **Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 pm.**

Council Meeting will be held on Monday, **February 14 at 7:00 pm** in-person in the church basement and via *Zoom*.



College Care Packages: Salem has 5 young adults attending college & 1 in the military. **Valentine’s Day is coming SOON** and we want to send them special reminders that their Salem Family is thinking about & praying for them. The high cost of shipping packages makes it most cost-efficient to send them gift cards (*Wendy’s, Dunkin’, McDonald’s, etc.*) with encouraging notes. **Please drop a monetary donation – AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -**

in the *Support our College Students* containers on the table at the back of the sanctuary & on top of the sound system. Our college students are: Danielle Alba, Jessica Alba, Maegan Bogetti, Nathan Moyer and Jordyn Nichols. Our military personnel is Jake Hane. **PLEASE support our College & Military Students!**

Congratulations to Ryan Moyer! Ryan completed the Electrical Lineworker Program at Southeast Lineman Training Center in Trenton, Georgia on December 17, 2021. Ryan is the son of **Sue and Terry Moyer** and brother of **Nathan**. Prior to graduation, the graduates put on a “rodeo” in which they highlighted the skills they had learned. Ryan earned the following certifications: Class A CDL (commercial driver’s license), CPR/First Aid, NSC Flagging certification, Climbing and NCCER Crane certifications and Digger Derrick Qualification. Ryan has started his career at Cable Services Company based out of Danville. Congratulations, Ryan and Best Wishes from your Salem Family!

Camp Mt. Luther Sunday – February 27th is designated as “Camp Mt. Luther Sunday” by the Upper Susquehanna Synod. We are thrilled to welcome Chad Hershburger, Camp Director, as our guest preacher that Sunday and you are invited to help celebrate by wearing your favorite camp shirt or camping gear to worship. Join us as we hear about the wonderful ministry that is happening at Camp Mt. Luther and how you can get involved!



Ash Wednesday – March 2nd - There will be 2 Worship opportunities as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. On March 2nd at **12:00 noon**, we will gather in the sanctuary for a brief Service of the Word and imposition of ashes. At **7:00 pm** that evening, we will gather in the sanctuary for our traditional Ash Wednesday Service. Both Services will offer Holy Communion and ashes.

What are “**Ashes-On-The-Go**” ? The ashes come to you! If you would like ashes to be brought to you at home or your workplace, contact Pastor Stina, sign-up for a time and she will bring ashes to you! You can email: stinaschaeffer@gmail.com

LENT PROJECT

This year our Lenten Project centers around Disaster Relief. We will join other congregations in our Synod and in the Susquehanna Interfaith Network for disaster response by creating “Flood Buckets”. These buckets are filled with practical items to help with clean-up. They are given to families who have experienced major flooding. Each bucket costs approximately \$50 to fill. We will be buying the contents in bulk to save money and because the items in the buckets are very specific as to type and size.

The Salem Council is issuing a challenge to the Congregation: **Raise enough money to fill at least 25 buckets!**

Look for donation buckets in the sanctuary starting in Lent!

BUCKET COLLECTION

We are currently collecting 5-gallon buckets **with lids** to be used for our “Flood Buckets” Lent Project. If you have access to empty buckets through work or a hobby, please save them for us!

WE ARE ONLY COLLECTING BUCKETS RIGHT NOW!

