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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: *Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
Raise thou me heav'nward, O pow'r of my pow'r.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 18: 1-10a

The First Reading is from the 18th chapter of Genesis.

¹The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a}Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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

PSALM: Psalm 15 (Please read responsively)

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1: 15-28

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

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. ²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. ²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word

of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 10: 38-42

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

HYMN: *Blessed Assurance*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *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: "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: *Give Me Oil In My Lamp*

Give me oil for my lamp, keep it burning
Give me oil for my lamp I pray.
Give me oil for my lamp, keep it burning.
Keep it burning till the light of day.

Chorus:

Sing Hosannah, sing Hosannah
Sing Hosannah to the King of Kings
Sing Hosannah, sing Hosannah
Sing Hosannah to the King.

Give me wax on my board, keep me surfing for the Lord
Give me gas in my Ford, keep me truckin' for the Lord
Give me beans in my burrito,
God is neat-o, neat-o, neat-o *Chorus*

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). Bring your lawn chairs, sit at the picnic tables or park near the grove and listen from your car. 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!

Salem’s Summer Project, “Bible Tic-Tac-Toe”, continues! Remember, you may use your Bible to find the answers to the puzzles, 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 red box on the table. At the end of the game, a winner will be chosen from all submitted tickets.

Answers to last week’s puzzle:

- Who saw a light on the road to Damascus? Saul/Paul
- Who accompanied Paul on his 2nd missionary journey? Silas
- How many books are in the New Testament? 27
- Where was Jesus born? Bethlehem
- What was Jesus’ first miracle? Turning water into wine
- Which Gospel was written by a doctor? Luke
- In what language were the books originally written? Greek

Who denied Jesus 3 times? Peter
Which Gospel includes the Beatitudes? Matthew

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!

Reading today’s lessons is Paula Klingler-Alba.

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!

An update to the **WELCA Ladies’ Group Meeting**. The meeting has been changed to **Tuesday, August 2nd at 7:00 pm** in the church basement. We will welcome Linda Johnson Sevenkulo, who is the Upper Susquehanna Synod’s Missionary in our Companion Synod of Liberia. Come and hear her stories of how God is active and working in the Lutheran Church in Liberia and how we are in partnership together! Plan to join us for this exciting evening!



We missed seeing a lot of you at last week’s Pancake & Sausage Breakfast and hope you can join us for the upcoming **HAM & EGG BREAKFAST on AUGUST 14th!**

Breakfast will begin at a NEW TIME – 9:00 am, followed by Worship at 10:30 am. 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!

A Celebration of Life: On **Saturday, August 27th**, we will gather at Salem to celebrate the life of **Orpha Yoder**. The graveside service is at 11:00 in Middleburg and the Memorial Service will be at **12:00 noon here at Salem**. Following the service, you are invited to join the family for a luncheon in the basement. Please let Orpha’s son, Mike Yoder, know if you will be attending the luncheon by emailing: **glorystang@yahoo.com** by August 10th.



SAUSAGE GRAVY BREAKFAST! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 28th**. A Sausage Gravy Breakfast will be served in the grove, **beginning at 9:00 am**, with Worship to follow at 10:30 am. Please bring your place setting. Invite family & friends to join us. We hope to see you there!



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!

Please note: Salem’s Treasurer, Toni Longacre, has a new phone number: 570-847-6502

JULY

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

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

AUGUST

Tuesday, August 2 – WELCA Ladies’ Group Meeting – 7:00 pm in the church basement.
** Special Speaker – Linda Johnson Sevenkulo

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

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

Wednesday, August 10 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm (church basement)

Sunday, August 14 – **Ham & Egg Breakfast – 9:00 am**
Outdoor Worship – 10:30 am
Ice Cream & Dessert Buffet

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

Wednesday, August 24 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm (church basement)

Saturday, August 27 – Celebration of Life for Orpha Yoder
Service at 12:00 noon at Salem Church followed by luncheon in the basement

** If you plan to attend, please notify Mike Yoder (glorystang@yahoo.com)
by August 10th.

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