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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**
Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy one, in sending your Son Jesus to walk and live among us, you have given us a glimpse into your love. Give us courage and joy that we might join the angels, shepherds and disciples to "go and tell" your great story of love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Luke 2: 1-20

The First Reading is from the 2nd chapter of Luke.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called

Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

PSALM: Psalm 96: 1-8 (Please read responsively)

¹Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

²**Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 1-10

The Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

THE CHILDRENS' SERMON

THE SERMON

HYMN: *Joy To The World* (verses 1, 3 & 4)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

No more let sin and sorrow grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

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: "Lord, in your mercy" **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

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Go in peace. Share the story. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Outdoor Worship! Worship begins at **10:30 am each Sunday** & you are encouraged to bring your lawn chairs to sit in. You are also welcome to "drive-in" if you are more comfortable staying in your car. **Masks are optional for outdoor services**; however we ask that you observe social distancing. You will receive a 'Worship Bag' containing bulletins, Communion elements & everything needed for Worship. In case of rain, Worship will be held in the Sanctuary, where masks & social distancing are required.

Pastor Stina will be at Camp Mt. Luther this week (Sunday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon, July 7th), serving as Chaplain. Pastor Jim Vitale, of Beaver Lutheran Church, will be covering all pastoral emergencies. Please contact the Secretary for his phone number.

You can participate in the "Adopt-A-Counselor" program by sending a note or card of encouragement, support & prayer to:

**Hannah Haussmann
355 Mt. Luther Lane
Mifflinburg, PA 17844**

This week, Hannah's "Care Package" is silly stuff. I'd like to add jokes from the congregation. Please write a favorite joke on the colored paper in your bulletin and put it in the offering buckets. Thank you!

~ Pastor Stina

Salem Summer Project 2021: Bible Madness!

TODAY is the last day to turn in your completed bracket papers to Pastor Stina! **Please remember your name!** Today is our second week of voting! Please complete the multiple choice questionnaire in today's bulletin and place it in the red box marked "Salem Summer Project" **TODAY!** Voting results will be announced each week!

CUSTODIAN NEEDED! Salem Church is in need of a Custodian beginning in August. **Bids are being accepted immediately.** Submitted bids should be on an annual basis. If you are interested, know someone who is interested, or have any questions, **please contact Joe Bogetti (bfroggie01@aol.com)**. Bids may be given directly to Joe or they may be mailed to: Salem Lutheran Church, 899 Salem Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870. **TODAY is the LAST DAY to submit bids.**

Brenda Stranko is reading today's lessons.

Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, July 12th at 7:00 pm.** A *Zoom* link for the meeting will be available and will be provided prior to the meeting.

Contemporary Christian singer-songwriter, Rachel Kurtz, will be performing at Beaver Lutheran Church on **July 7th at 7:00 pm.** Rachel has been a featured musician and speaker at the last 6 ELCA Youth Gatherings. **The concert is free.** A fere-will offering will be taken to support the Beaver Lutheran Youth who will be traveling to the National Youth Gathering in 2022.

Prayer Chain requests may be given to Elaine & Charlie Benner (ceben58@ptd.net). The next Prayer Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm in the church basement.



We are updating our Church Directory with pictures of church members, their names, address, phone number(s) and email address. Jane Korbar & Linda Maurer are working on this project. **Please make sure we have your updated information!** We don't want to miss anyone!

**** Jane Korbar will be taking pictures after worship services for the next several weeks. ****

If you have a favorite picture of yourself or your family that you want to put into the Directory, please contact **Jane Korbar - email the photo to: jkorbar@verizon.net** Please identify everyone in the photos (left-to-right if there are more than 3 people). If you cannot email photos, please give them to Jane Korbar so they can be copied. If you have pictures of shut-ins you would like to share, please let Jane know. Thank you!

Jane Korbar: jkorbar@verizon.net
Linda Maurer: lmaurer56@outlook.com



Trinity United Methodist Church (24 PA Route 304, Winfield) is hosting “Get Fired Up For Jesus” Vacation Bible School from July 19-23. A free meal is offered at 5:30 pm, followed by VBS from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. All children ages Pre-K through 5th grade graduates are welcome! Please pre-register at: www.trinwin.org



We would like to help Snyder County and Youth fill backpacks for the less fortunate children in our area. This month, Salem would like to concentrate on collecting these most needed school supplies: **Pencils and erasers, folders, spiral notebooks (not 3-ring binders), pencil pouches and individual packets of tissues.** We will be collecting these items throughout July. **Please bring your donations to church no later than July 25th** and place them in the box marked “School Supplies” on the picnic table. Thank you for helping children in need in our area.



CAN YOU SOLVE THE PUZZLE ? (NO Google/Internet!)

This puzzle was written in 1890 by a California woman in response to a gentleman who offered \$1,000 (a great sum of money at that time) to anyone who could write a puzzle that he couldn't solve. He failed to do so, and paid the woman \$1,000. The answer is one word and appears only 4 times in the King James version of the Bible. An 8-year old boy figured it out. Can you?

God made Adam out of dust, but thought it best to make me first. So I was made before the man, according to God's Holy plan. My whole body God made complete, without arms or hands or feet. My ways and acts did God control, but in my body He placed no soul. A living being I became and Adam gave to me a name.

Then from his presence I withdrew, for this man Adam I never knew. All my Maker's laws I do obey and from these laws I never stray. Thousands of me go in fear, but seldom on the earth appear. Later, for a purpose God did see, He placed a living soul in me. But that soul of mine God had to claim and from me took it back again.

And when this soul from me had fled, I was the same as when first made; without arms, legs, feet or soul, I travel on from pole to pole. My labors are from day to night and to men I once furnished light. Thousands of people both young and old, did by my death bright lights behold.

No right or wrong can I conceive, the Bible and its teachings I can't believe. The fear of death doesn't trouble me, pure happiness I will never see. And up in Heaven I can never go, nor in the grave or Hell below. So get your Bible and read with care; you'll find my name recorded there.