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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, June 20, 2021

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. **O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 1

The First Reading is from the 1st chapter of Genesis.

The Creation.

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

PSALM: Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32 (Please read responsively)

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

²³**Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters.**

²⁴They beheld the works of the Lord, God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail.

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the Lord, and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, Lord, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

The Second Reading is from the 6th chapter of 2 Corinthians.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 4: 35-41

The Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

THE CHILDRENS' SERMON

THE SERMON

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 will continue to be at **10:30 am** & like last summer, everyone is encouraged to bring your own lawn chairs to sit in. We will continue to observe social distancing; however; **masks are optional for outdoor services.** You are also welcome to "drive-in" if you are more comfortable staying in your car. You will receive a 'Worship Bag' that will contain bulletins, Communion elements & anything else that may be needed for the Service. In case of rain, Worship will be held in the Sanctuary. Masks & social distancing are required when worshipping indoors.

Welcome to **Salem Summer Project 2021: Bible Madness!** This week there is a bracket in your bulletin. You are invited to take the bracket home with you this week and fill it out, in the same style as basketball's 'March Madness'. Attached to your bracket, you will find a reference sheet for the Bible stories we are referring to, in case you are unfamiliar with a few! One note re: the reference sheet: P= Parable, J=Jesus. We are trying to narrow down the stories to find our favorite Bible story! Fill out your favorites all the way to the last story and then bring back your completed bracket **next Sunday, June 27th**. The person with the most points (correct story guesses) will win a fabulous prize!!!

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.

Prayer Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the church basement. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please wear your mask & social distancing will be observed. **The next Prayer Meeting will be Wednesday, June 23rd at 7:00 pm.** Prayer Chain requests may be given to Elaine & Charlie Benner (ceben58@ptd.net).

Again this year, Salem is participating in the **Adopt-A-Counselor Program** at Camp Mt. Luther! Hannah Hausmann is our Counselor! Here is what she shared with Mt. Luther as an introduction: *Hi guys! I'm from Williamsport, PA and I am attending Washington and Jefferson College. This summer, I am super excited to get to experience God's creation 24/7 with some pretty cool campers. If I could be any animal, I would be a tadpole because it would be really cool to get to experience swimming in the water like a fish and then eventually transform into a hopping frog!* Help us support Hannah this summer! Pray for her daily, send her a note of encouragement, or get on the list to send a care package! We would like her to receive something every week! Please contact Pastor Stina to get on the list!

Readers are needed! Please contact Pastor Stina if you would like to volunteer to read and she will provide you with the readings.

“Christ In Our Home” - Copies of the next quarter of “Christ In Our Home” are located on the picnic table each Sunday morning, or let an usher know and they will get one for you. It is available in regular print or large print.

Your continued financial support, as you are able, **is greatly appreciated**. Offerings can be mailed to the church (Salem Lutheran Church; 899 Salem Road; Selinsgrove, PA 17870) or made electronically through our website's “Online Giving” tab. **Thank you!**