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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: *For The Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light;
Christ, our Lord, to you we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21

The First Reading is from the 19th chapter of 1 Kings.

¹⁵Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” ²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

PSALM: Psalm 16 (Please read responsively)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

The Second Reading is from the 5th chapter of Galatians.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And

those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 9: 51-62

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

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.

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, in your mercy,". . . **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.

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: *Go My Children, with My Blessing*

Go my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

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 under the pavilion on the picnic table benches or park near the grove and sit in your car with the windows open. Plans are to worship in the grove through September 4th. In case of rain, services will be held in the sanctuary. Invite friends and family to join us!



TODAY IS OUR CHURCH PICNIC! Join us following the Worship Service for hamburgers and hot dogs, as we celebrate summer together!

“Salem Summer Project”! We hope you will participate in this year’s fun project, **“Bible Tic-Tac-Toe”!** You will receive a Bible Tic-Tac-Toe puzzle each Sunday. You may use your Bible to find the answers, but NO ‘Google’ or internet! Once you complete your puzzle, please sign a ticket and put it in the box. At the end of the game, a winner will be chosen from all submitted tickets.

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!

Thank You to everyone who helped support Snyder County Children and Youth’s “Back To School Fair”, by donating school supplies for local children-in-need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Answers to Bible Tic-Tac-Toe - Week 1

What city mentioned in Revelation is also a PA city? Philadelphia

Name 3 Israelite Kings – Saul, David, Solomon

How many books are in the Old Testament? 39

Shortest book in the Bible – 3 John

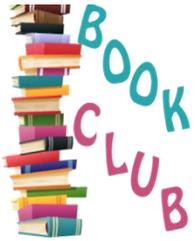
In what 3 languages was the Bible originally written? Greek, Hebrew & Aramaic

Where are the Fruits of the Spirit found? Galatians 5

Name the shortest verse in the Bible – “Jesus wept.”

What does Gospel mean? Good News

Longest book in the Bible – Psalms



Calling All Bookworms!

This summer, you are invited to join a summer Book Club! Together we will read, *The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers – Spiritual Insights from the World’s Most Beloved Neighbor* by Amy Hollingsworth. This book is available for purchase, both new and used, on ‘Amazon’ or other online retailers. There is also a ‘Kindle’ version and an audio version. If you would like to participate and are having trouble obtaining a copy, **please contact Pastor Stina. She has limited copies of the book available for \$10 each.**

The book is broken down into 3-sections so we will meet 3 times during the summer to discuss – June 21st, July 19th and August 16th (the 3rd Tuesday of every month) – at 7:00 pm in the Grove, weather permitting. Each meeting will be self-contained, so don’t worry if you can’t be at all of them! Questions? Contact Pastor Stina. Happy Reading!

Sign-up to be a “Sunday Reader” - Reader sign-up sheets are on the first table under the pavilion. Upcoming readings are also available for you to review. Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering to read.

Pastor Stina’s Upcoming Vacations: Pastor Stina will be away on vacation from **July 1 – 9** and **July 23 - 30**. Pastor Ann Zimmerman (570-492-4152) will be available for all pastoral emergencies from July 1 – 9. Pastor Vickie Brown (570-274-6727) will be available for all pastoral emergencies from July 23 – 30.

Remember to keep our “Adopt-A-Counselor” from Camp Mt. Luther, Keegan Jenkins, in your daily prayers. Notes of encouragement are welcome and can be sent to him at: **Keegan Jenkins; 355 Mt. Luther Lane; Mifflinburg, PA 17844**

We will also be sending weekly care packages to him. If you would like to sign-up for a week, please contact Pastor Stina.



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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST! July 10, 2022



The annual “Pancake & Sausage Breakfast” will be held on Sunday, July 10th in the picnic grove. **Breakfast begins at 8:30 am**, followed by Outdoor Worship. Following Worship, an ice cream & dessert buffet will be held. **Please bring your place settings and a dessert/snack to share.** We hope to see you there!

HAM & EGG BREAKFAST! August 14, 2022



The annual Ham & Egg Breakfast will be held on Sunday, August 14th in the picnic grove. **Breakfast begins at 8:30 am**, following by Outdoor Worship. Following Worship, we will enjoy an ice cream & dessert buffet. **Please bring your place settings and a dessert/snack to share.** We hope to see you there!

MEN! Come early on **both days** to help prepare for and cook breakfast! There is always a lot of fun in the grove kitchen!