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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the storm didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,
All trav'lers guard in danger's hour
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them where-soe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to thee
Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 16: 16-34

The First Reading is from the 16th chapter of Acts.

¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe on the Lord

Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

PSALM: Psalm 97 (Please read responsively)

¹The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness surround the Lord, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God’s throne.**

³Fire goes before the Lord, burning up enemies on every side.

⁴**Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶**The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the Lord all you gods.

⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.**

⁹For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰**You who love the Lord, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

¹²**Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to God’s holy name.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The Second Reading is from the 22nd chapter of Revelation.

¹²“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

GOSPEL: John 17: 20-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the

world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

HYMN: *How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *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, 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

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the Lord in glory comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed,
Oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When the new world is revealed.

Oh, when they gather round the throne,
Oh, when they gather round the throne
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When they gather round the throne.

Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
When they crown him King of kings.

And on that hallelujah day,
And on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
On that hallelujah day.

SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reading today's lessons is Judy Kuhn.



“Worship Under The Trees” begins TODAY! We will worship in the picnic grove **every Sunday at 10:30 am** (weather permitting). 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 your Salem Family!



TOMORROW, MAY 30th, the Honor Guards of American Legion Victory Post #25 and VFW Post #6631, both of Selinsgrove, **will be coming to Salem Cemetery at approximately 10:50 am**, for a brief ceremony to pay respects and honor all the Veterans buried in our cemetery. **Please plan to attend** to help us remember those who served and protected our country.



Pentecost Worship – NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5th, we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church, and the day we remember the Holy Spirit showing up in tongues of fire. We will celebrate Pentecost by welcoming those who have joined our community over the last 2-years. Following worship, we will share a **“HOT DOG LUNCH”** over the fire. **Please bring a side-dish to share!** Hot dogs, buns and toppings will be provided. Join us in a time of fellowship as we kick off the summer season.

Readers Are Needed! **Reader sign-up sheets** are on the first table under the pavilion. Upcoming readings will be posted as soon as they are available. Please sign-up to be a Sunday Reader. Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering to read!

Camp Mt Luther Cabin - Together with the other churches in the Middle Creek Conference, we have adopted Cabin “Maple 2” at Camp Mt. Luther. Each year, we need to clean the cabin in anticipation of the camp season, as well as do some repair work that is needed. We will gather on **June 2nd at 10:00 am** at Camp to work together to make our cabin shine! Questions or want to carpool? See Pastor Stina!

Prayer Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

Salem Church will be supporting Snyder County Children and Youth’s “Back To School Fair”, which provides school supplies for children-in-need. We will be collecting the following supplies: **pencil pouches (3-ring binder style), pencil boxes, glue sticks, and ‘Post-It-Notes’**. A donation box will be available each Sunday on the picnic table in the grove. **The deadline to donate is June 26th.**

Please remember while doing spring cleaning, to donate clothing and shoes to *Community Aid* and put **“Salem Lutheran Church – Partner # 30119”** on your boxes and/or bags. Salem Church earns money from *Community Aid* through your donations; however, it only applies to clothing and shoes. All money earned is used for our *Meals for Seals* program.

Do you have other items to donate (books, dishes/cookware, decorations, etc.)? Please donate these items to *The Mustard Seed* in Selinsgrove.