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THE HOLY TRINITY

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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. **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6: 1-8

The First Reading is from the 6th chapter of Isaiah.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the

voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

PSALM: Psalm 29 (Please read responsively)

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Romans 8: 12-17

The Second Reading is from the 8th chapter of Romans.

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

GOSPEL: John 3: 1-17

The Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes

from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”¹¹ “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.”¹² “If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?”¹³ “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.”¹⁴ “And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,”¹⁵ “that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”¹⁷ “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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.

SENDING AND GODSPEED

Blessing and Godspeed for Jake Hane, son of Michele and Jim Hane, who will be leaving on June 6th for Marines Boot Camp, Security Forces.

BLESSING

May the Spirit of the living Christ fill you with faith and trust, burn in you with the fire of love, enliven your bones, body and life, and breathe through you the breath of life.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. 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 moved into the Sanctuary. Masks & social distancing are required when worshipping indoors.

Today we offer special Blessings for Jake Hane, son of Michele and Jim Hane. Jake will be leaving on June 6th for Marine Boot Camp, Security Forces. Best wishes and Godspeed, Jake.

TODAY is the deadline to submit items for the June newsletter. Please give all items to Linda Maurer (lmaurer56@outlook.com). Thank you!

Reading today's lessons is Carin Dressler.

Pastor Stina will be away June 4 – 7. Pastor Ann Zimmerman will be covering emergencies while she is away. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact the Secretary for Ann's phone number. Thank you to Charlie Benner for preaching and leading Worship on June 6th!

Salem Summer Project – **Thank You** to everyone who submitted Bible stories for our annual “Salem Summer Project”! I have received enough story suggestions, so we will be able to begin our “Summer Project” on June 20th!

~ Pastor Stina



Memorial Day – TOMORROW at 10:50 am, the Honor Guards of American Legion Victory Post #25 & Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6631 will hold a brief ceremony to honor & pay their respects to all Veterans buried in Salem Cemetery. Everyone is encouraged to attend this brief ceremony to honor all our Veterans. Salem can be proud to have one of the largest attendance at the ceremonies each year.

Congratulations to Dane Aucker !



Dane Aucker successfully defended his Doctoral Dissertation titled, “Teachers’ Perceptions of Principals’ Emotional Intelligence and the Influence on School Culture”, and graduated on May 14, 2021 from Immaculate University with a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Administration.

Congratulations & Best Wishes, Dane!

“**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.

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 or know someone who is interested, or have any questions, **please see Joe Bogetti**. Bids may be given directly to Joe or they may be mailed to: Salem Lutheran Church, 899 Salem Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

The **WELCA Ladies’ Group of Salem** will be meeting once again! **All women of the church are invited & welcome to attend.** The meeting will be in the church basement **this Wednesday, June 2nd at 7:00 pm.** Please wear a mask & social distancing will be observed. Please come, reconnect with your Salem Sisters & share Christian fellowship.

Camp Mt. Luther - As we look towards summer, we also look towards another camping season at Camp Mt. Luther! Join with others from our Conference in getting our Cabin, Maple 2, ready for another season of camping! On **Thursday, June 3rd at 10:00 am**, we will meet at the office of Camp Mt. Luther (355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA). Please bring cleaning supplies and basic tools! If you have questions, please see Pastor Stina.

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

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 on June 9th at 7:00 pm.** Prayer Chain requests may be given to Elaine & Charlie Benner (ceben58@ptd.net).

Altar Guild – Did you listen to Pastor Stina’s Sermon a few weeks ago when she mentioned asking for help to do things? On **June 8th at 7:00 pm**, there will be a meeting in the church basement to organize the Altar Guild. You ask what does the Altar Guild do? They make sure the altar cloths are clean and changed to the appropriate color, the baptismal font has water, Communion is set-up and taken down, keep the altar’s fair linen clean, the flower schedule is updated, etc. If you would like to help, please come to the meeting and volunteer to help your church. If you would like to help, but can’t make the meeting, contact Donna Moyer (moyerhousehold@verizon.net). The Altar Guild does not have to consist of only women or adults. Thank you to all who are currently helping.

Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 14th at 7:00 pm** in the church basement. Please wear a mask & social distancing will be observed. *Zoom* will also be available & a link will be provided prior to the meeting.

During this difficult time, Salem’s financial obligations remain the same. 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!**