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**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

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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.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

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: *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!***

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;  
Bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

*Refrain*

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
Through the open gates of gladness He returns to life once more;  
Death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,  
Angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow.

*Refrain*

Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay  
Now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.  
See the grave its first-fruits giving, springing up from holy ground;  
He was dead, but now is living; He was lost, but he is found.

*Refrain*

Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall;  
Be we Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
Hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Acts 9: 36-43**

The First Reading is from the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 23** (Please read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

## **SECOND READING: Revelation 7: 9-17**

The Second Reading is from the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

## **GOSPEL: John 10: 22-30**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **THE SERMON**

## **HYMN: *Amazing Grace***

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

## **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: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Changing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

## **SENDING**

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

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

## **POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reading today's lessons is Loretta Aurand.

**Reader sign-up sheets are again posted on the bulletin board** in the upstairs vestibule! Upcoming lessons are also posted on the bulletin board, so you can preview them when signing up. Please check it out and sign-up to be a Sunday Reader. Thank you to everyone who has been volunteering to read!

**Council Meeting** will be held **tomorrow, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in-person and via *Zoom*.

Tuesday morning, we loaded the truck with the "flood buckets" collected at St. Matthew's! The final count of buckets was **234!** We're not sure of the exact breakdown of Lutheran vs Presbyterian; however, **Salem contributed over one-fifth of the total buckets collected in this area!** As far as I know, we also collected **the most from any one single congregation!** Way to go, Salem! ~ *Pastor Stina*



**Hoss' Community Night** – Salem received a donation of \$204.39 from our *Hoss' Fund Raiser Night* on April 21<sup>st</sup>. There were 64 Salem guests who presented tickets with their meals. Thank you to everyone who participated and special thanks to Ricky Bower for organizing the fund raiser!

**Prayer Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the church basement. Everyone is invited to attend these short meetings.



**"Worshipping Under The Trees" begins on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>!** Dust off your lawn chairs, invite friends and family and join your Salem Family in the picnic grove for worship every Sunday at 10:30 am (weather permitting). Plans are to worship in the grove from May 29<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup>. In case of rain, services will be held in the sanctuary.

**Adult Sunday School** is held each Sunday at 9:30 am in the church basement. Join us as we open the Scriptures and learn with, and from, one another!



**Spring Clean-Up! Men & Women Are Needed!** Spring Clean-Up Day will be held on **Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 8:00 am.** It's time to spruce-up the **inside and outside of the church and clean-up the grove** to prepare for summer activities. Bring your outdoor equipment - wheelbarrows, rakes, shovels, weed-whackers, bush/hedge trimmers, etc. and also indoor cleaning equipment – dust rags/'Swiffers', buckets, sponges, brooms, etc. **The rain date will be Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.** Thank you to all who contribute their time and efforts in keeping our church and grove looking beautiful inside and out!



The Honor Guards of American Legion Victory Post #25 and VFW Post #6631, both of Selinsgrove, **will be coming to Salem Cemetery on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **SPRING CLEANING??**

Are you busy spring-cleaning? If you have clothing items and shoes to donate to *Community Aid*, please remember to put **“Salem Lutheran Church – Partner # 30119”** on your boxes and/or bags. Pre-made tags are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for your convenience. Salem Church earns money from *Community Aid* for your donations; however, it only applies to clothing and shoes, not other items. All money earned is used for our *Meals for Seals* program.

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