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17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 2022

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Holy Communion

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**
Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God; your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy* **LBW # 165**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+ *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

The First Reading is from the 1st and 2nd chapters of Habakkuk.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

PSALM: Psalm 37: 1-9 (Please read responsively)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart’s desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

⁶**The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the Lord and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

The Second Reading is from the 1st chapter of 2 Timothy.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me

his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Luke 17: 5-10

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

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

+ *Please be seated. Children are invited to come forward for time with the Pastor.*

CHILDRENS' SERMON

THE SERMON

+ *Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* (verses 1 – 3) **LBW # 320**

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 OF THE PEOPLE

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

+ *Please be seated.*

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

HOLY. HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

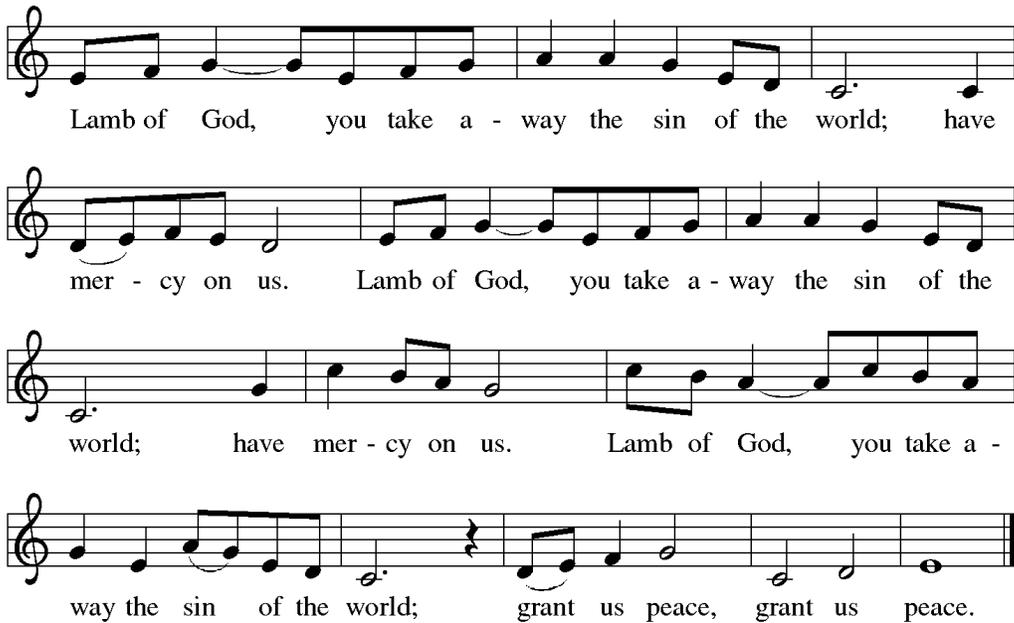
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

+ Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

All baptized children of God are welcome at the Lord's Table, when we celebrate and receive the true presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and fruit of the vine.

Communion will be received in a continuous line. Come forward, forming a line down the center aisle. Stop at the end of the aisle, receive your bread, empty cup, and wine.

Grape juice is available in the pre-poured cups in the middle of the tray.

There is no need to hurry through Communion. Please take as much time as you wish for prayer and reflection.

If you are more comfortable remaining in your seat for Communion, individual bags containing Communion elements are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. For those with mobility issues, the Pastor can bring Communion to you at your seat.

As the bread and wine/grape juice are given, the following is said:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*Each person may respond **Amen**. As you receive the bread and wine/grape juice, saying "Amen" means "Yes, truly, it is so: this is the body and blood of Jesus, given for me."*

After you have received Communion, please place your empty cup in the bowl, then return to your seat.

After all have received Communion, the Pastor will ask the congregation to stand, then give a blessing, ending with the following words:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, **you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

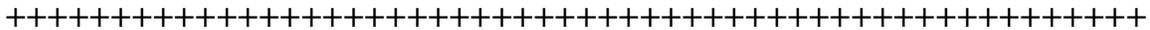
SENDING SONG: *Lift High The Cross* LBW # 377

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may contact Pastor Stina at any time by text: **stinaschaeffer@gmail.com.**

With Worship moving indoors, there are 2 options for **Communion**: Option 1- the “old way” of coming forward to receive bread and wine/juice and then return to your seat. Option 2 – for those who prefer to remain in your seat, small individual bags with bread & wine/juice are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for you to pick-up as you arrive for worship. **The basement remains available**, with the service being live-streamed, for those who feel more comfortable being separate from the sanctuary. The service will also continue to be posted on our website.

Offerings: Offering plates will not be passed, but for your convenience, will remain at the back of the sanctuary to put your offerings as you enter.

Today is “Newsletter Sunday”. Those who receive their newsletters via email, please check your Inboxes. If you do not have email or have requested paper copies, please pick-up your newsletter from your church mailbox. Shut-ins and those out-of-the-area continue to receive their newsletters via postal mail.

Reading today’s lessons is Charlie Benner.

Adult Sunday School began today! Please consider joining your Salem brothers and sisters and attend Sunday School at 9:30 am in the church basement each Sunday.

WELCA Ladies' Group Meeting will be held **THIS Wednesday, October 5th** at **7:00 pm** in the church basement. **ALL Ladies** who attend church and/or Sunday School are invited to attend. Come enjoy an evening with the Salem Ladies!



Save The Date - Tuesday, October 18th! Salem will participate in the Selinsgrove Halloween Parade! We are going with a Fall theme – think hay wagon and pumpkins! We will wear our Salem shirts and march (or you may ride on the wagon) while sharing candy with the children! **Please plan to join us on Tuesday, October 18th** (rain date is October 19th). The parade begins at 7:00 pm. Please watch future bulletins for ways you can help prepare the “hay wagon” and where to meet for the parade.

Parade Candy - Would you like to help provide candy to distribute during the Parade? If so, please put your monetary donation in an envelope marked – “Parade Candy” – and put it in the offering plate. **Thank you** to all who donate!

Readers are needed! A Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Readings are posted as they are received or you may check with Pastor Stina. Please consider being a volunteer reader and stop by the bulletin board and sign-up.



Please remember we continue to collect donations for our gift cards program for our college students and military personnel. We have 6 young people attending college or in the military.



Cards of encouragement and gift cards are sent to them (approximately 4 times a year) to let them know their Salem Family is thinking about them and praying for them. Donation cans are on the back table and on top of the sound system. Please consider donating to this important program. If you have any questions, please ask Linda Carl (dwarfgrumpy@yahoo.com). **Thank You** to everyone who contributes.

Are you thinking about doing some early Christmas shopping? **Weis Markets Gift Cards** make great gifts! The cards are always available by contacting Debbie & Ricky Bower (dturtlesrracing3@verizon.net) or Linda Carl (dwarfgrumpy@yahoo.com). **All proceeds benefit Salem Church!** Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations, they never expire and **can be used at all Weis Markets stores** for groceries, gas and prescriptions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 2 – **Adult Sunday School begins – 9:30 am**
“Newsletter Sunday”

Wednesday, October 5 – WELCA Ladies’ Group Meeting – 7:00 pm
ALL Ladies of the church & Sunday School are invited

Sunday, October 9 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am
Worship – 10:30 am

Monday, October 10 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 12 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 16 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am
Worship – 10:30 am

Tuesday, October 18 – Selinsgrove Halloween Parade – 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 23 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am
Worship – 10:30 am

Wednesday, October 26 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 30 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am
Worship (Reformation Day) – 10:30 am