

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.** Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter: **like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

The First Reading is from the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter of Jeremiah.

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." <sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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

**PSALM: Psalm 126** (Please read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 7: 232-28**

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

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 10: 46-52**

The Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

**THE CHILDRENS' SERMON**

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**HYMN: *Lift High the Cross***

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

**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.

**BLESSING**

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The Holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN: *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.

**SENDING**

Go in peace, the Living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Due to the current COVID situation in our area, **everyone is asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing**. The Service is also available in the basement via video stream.

Reading today's lessons is Loretta Aurand.

**College Care Packages:** Salem has 6 young adults attending college this year. We want to let them know their Salem Family is thinking about them and praying for them. Due to the increasing high cost of shipping packages, it is most cost-efficient to send them gift cards inside notes of encouragement. **Please drop a monetary donation** in the *Support our College Students* containers on the sound system and table at the back of the sanctuary as soon as possible. Our college students are: Danielle Alba, Jessica Alba, Maegan Bogetti, Nathan Moyer, Ryan Moyer and Jordyn Nichols. **PLEASE support our College Students!**



Salem's WELCA Ladies' Group is again sponsoring the *Christmas-At-Sea* program. Bags, with detailed instructions, are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Each bag should contain:

- 3 pairs of socks – thermal or gym socks (no ankle socks),
  - 1 sweatshirt – hooded or crew neck (size M, L or XL only),
  - 1 T-shirt (size M, L, or XL only),
  - 1 knit winter hat,
  - 1 can of nuts, a large chocolate bar **or** a healthy snack bar
- A Christmas Card from YOU!

You pick the colors, styles & brands, but please no substitutions from the list and please do not include clothing with weapons or inappropriate pictures. For the safety of all seafarers, please do not add fringes or pom-poms. The *Christmas-at-Sea* bags should be identical for each member of the crew. Please assemble each bag with the same size clothing and mark the back of the bag "M, L, or XL" with a black Sharpie/Magic Marker. **Bring the bags to church by October 31<sup>st</sup>**. If you can't get your bag(s) to the church by then, **please give them to Eileen Stauffer by November 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

SACC is providing **Thanksgiving Food Baskets** for families in need in our area. If you know a family who will benefit from receiving a food basket for Thanksgiving, please contact **Judy Kuhn (jkuhn@ptd.net)**. with the following information: name, address, phone number, number in family and names & ages of children. **The deadline is November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

During November, we will be collecting personal care items for Snyder County Children & Youth's Holiday distribution program. **They will need: soap, baby shampoo, toothbrushes (child-sized), toothpaste and Chapstick.** Please bring your donations to the church **by November 21<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you for supporting this important program!

**Special Thanks to Wayne Musser, Stan Korbar, and George and Bill Inch** for all their hard work on the old barn site this week! They dug-out and disposed of the concrete/rock base, removed extra dirt and limbs, leveled the ground and spread stone. We are so grateful for your time, energy and hard work!

