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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the Good News! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 32: 7-14

The First Reading is from the 32nd chapter of Exodus.

⁷The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM: Psalm 51: 1-10 (Please read responsively)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

The Second Reading is from 1 Timothy.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those

who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 5: 1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

HYMN: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

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: "Merciful God," . . . **receive 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

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

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!

SENDING

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to inclement weather last Sunday, **TODAY is the LAST DAY of outdoor worship.** Next Sunday, September 18th, we will move into the sanctuary for the fall, winter and spring.

Special Thanks to Barb Waite for providing music for us today!

The **LADIES' BANQUET** is scheduled for **THIS Wednesday, September 14th at 6:00 pm** in the church basement. A baked ham and filled chicken breast meal will be catered and there will be entertainment/games/program.

Save The Date! October 18th!

Salem will be participating in the Selinsgrove Halloween Parade again this year! We are going with a Fall theme – think hay wagon and pumpkins! We will wear our Salem shirts and march (or ride on the wagon) while sharing candy! **Please plan to join us on Tuesday, October 18th** (rain date is October 19th). The Parade begins at 7:00 pm. Keep watching the bulletins for more details to follow.



Salem Shirts! We will be walking (or you may ride on our hay wagon “float”) in the Selinsgrove Halloween Parade (**October 18th**), wearing our Salem shirts! You have a chance to order t-shirts, long sleeved t-shirts or hooded sweatshirts, in case you don't have one or would like an additional shirt(s). The link to the online store is: <https://onfire-salem22.itemorder.com/> This link is also on our website.

Shirt prices are:

T-shirt: \$14

Long-Sleeved T-shirt: \$18

Hooded Sweatshirt: \$26

** Sizes 2-XL and 3-XL: add \$3 **

Orders are due by NEXT SUNDAY, September 18th in order for the shirts to arrive in time for the parade. If you would like a shirt and don't have internet or don't do online ordering, please contact Pastor Stina to order!



Wings, Fries & Music In The Grove will be held on **Saturday, September 24th at 5:00 pm.** Come enjoy wings, fries, hamburgers & hot dogs. No advance tickets are necessary - purchase your meal that night. You won't want to miss the delicious food and our "homegrown talent"! Invite friends & family, bring your lawn chairs and come enjoy a variety of '60's, '70's & '80's music in the grove!

Adult Sunday School will begin on **October 2nd at 9:30 am** in the church basement. Mark your calendars and come join your Salem brothers and sisters for Sunday School!

Old Magazines Needed! Do you have old magazines laying around that are ready to be recycled? The Synod WELCA Retreat in the Fall is in need of magazines to cut-up. If you have any to contribute, Pastor Stina will pick them up!!



Please remember we are collecting donations for our gift cards program. Cards of encouragement and gift cards are sent to our students and military personnel to let them know that 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 about the program, please ask Linda Carl (dwarfgrumpy@yahoo.com) Thank You to everyone who contributes.

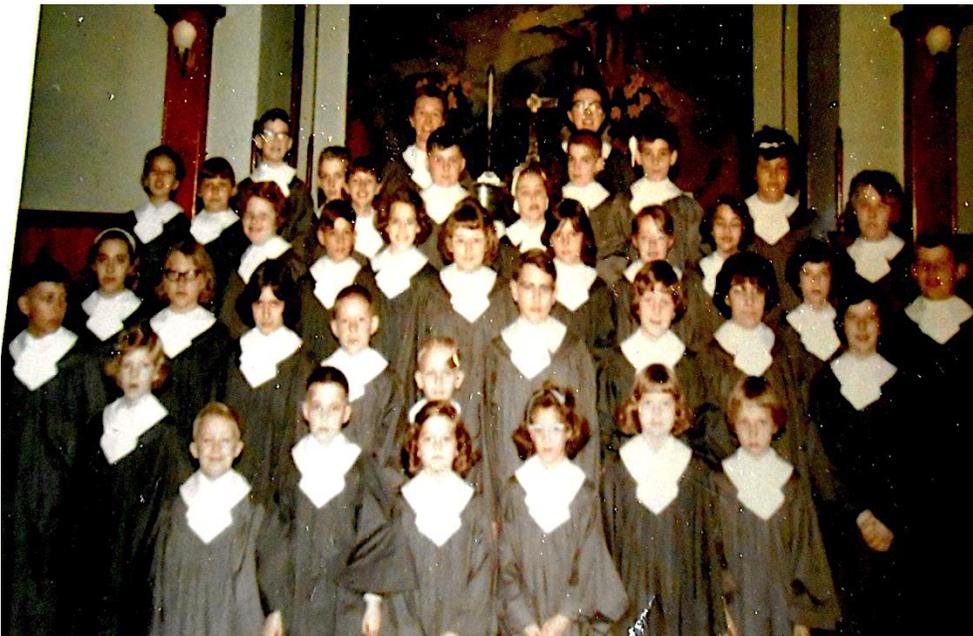


Readers are needed! Please sign-up to read the Lessons. The clipboard with a sign-up sheet is on the first picnic table. Beginning next Sunday, it will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Readings are also posted as they are received.

A Trip Down Memory Lane!

Thursday, September 22nd from 11:00 – 3:00

You are invited to come and reminisce! Join together with your Salem siblings as we tell stories of days-gone-by at Salem. As we look forward to celebrating 250-years of ministry here at Salem, we will start the process of telling the story of God's people here. Help us identify folks in pictures and share the story of all God has done with, and through, us. **Bring any Salem memorabilia you are willing to share!** Lunch will be provided. You need not come for the whole time. This is a "Come when you can, leave when you must" open house style. Questions? Please see Pastor Stina.





SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Monday, September 12 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 14 – Ladies’ Banquet – 6:00 pm
 Catered meal of baked ham & filled chicken breast
 Entertainment/program/Games

Sunday, September 18 – Worship moves indoors – 10:30 am

Thursday, September 22 – *A Trip Down Memory Lane* –
 11:00 – 3:00 – Lunch is provided

“Come when you can, leave when you must”. **Bring your Salem photos & memorabilia!**

Saturday, September 24 – *Music In The Grove* – 5:00 pm
 Wings, Fries, Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

** No advance tickets needed – purchase your meal the night of the concert **

Sunday, September 25 – Worship – 10:30 am

Wednesday, September 28 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm