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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: *Take My Life, that I May Be*

Take my life, that I may be; Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move; At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be; Swift and beautiful for thee.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

FIRST READING: Amos 8: 4-7

The First Reading is from the 8th chapter of Amos.

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat. ⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

PSALM: Psalm 113 (Please read responsively)

¹Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

²**Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

⁴**The Lord is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high,

⁶**who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

⁷He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

⁸**to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

⁹He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

The Second Reading is from 1 Timothy.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 16: 1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to

him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON

HYMN: *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead;
Fill us with your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

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: *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts With nobler zeal might burn.
Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame;
As heirs of God's baptismal grace, His word of hope proclaim.

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

With the beautiful Fall weather we've been having, we're going to try outdoor worship this Sunday and next - weather permitting, of course. **We will move to indoor worship beginning on October 2nd.**

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

Reading today's lessons is Brenda Stranko.

Thank You to all who organized and helped prepare for the Ladies' Banquet last Wednesday. **Special Thanks** to Pastor Stina for providing games & prizes, Ashley Wetzel for her program on her missionary work and all the Ladies who attended.



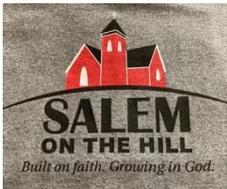
Wings, Fries & Music In The Grove will be held on **Saturday, September 24th at 5:00 pm.**

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!

Save The Date! October 18th! Salem will participate in the Selinsgrove Halloween Parade this year! 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! **Please plan to join us on Tuesday, October 18th** (rain date is October 19th). The Parade begins at 7:00 pm.



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!



Salem Shirts! While we walk (or you may ride on our hay wagon “float”) in the Selinsgrove Halloween Parade (**October 18th**), we will wear 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/> The link is 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 TODAY so the shirts will arrive in time for the parade. If you would like a shirt but don't have internet or don't do online ordering, please contact Pastor Stina **TODAY** to order!

Adult Sunday School begins 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!

Indoor Worship Begins on October 2nd. You will notice a few changes from when we were indoors last spring. The social distancing ropes have been removed. Much of the liturgy of the service that we have been missing for the last few years will return. **Communion:** There will be 2 options. 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 stay in their seat, small, individual bags with bread & wine/juice will be available to pick-up at the back of the sanctuary as you arrive for worship. **The basement will remain 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.

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. When we move indoors on October 2nd, it will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Readings are also posted as they are received.

A Trip Down Memory Lane!

THIS 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.

Eagle Scout Projects



Harvest Home



Mission Projects

FUN, FUN, FUN!



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sunday, October 2 – **Adult Sunday School begins – 9:30 am**
Worship moves indoors – 10:30 am

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