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20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 23, 2022

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: *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty* LBW # 543

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. **Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

+ *Please be seated.*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19-22

The First Reading is from the 14th chapter of Jeremiah.

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. ⁸O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? ⁹Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! ¹⁰Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. ²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. ²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

PSALM: Psalm 84: 1-7 (Please read responsively)

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

The Second Reading is from the 4th chapter of 2 Timothy.

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 18: 9-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* **LBW # 328**

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.**

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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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: *Son of God, Eternal Savior* **LBW # 364**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

There are 2 options offered 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. For those with mobility issues, the Pastor can bring Communion to you at your seat. **The basement remains available**, with the service being live-streamed, for those who are more comfortable being separate from the sanctuary. The service also continues 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 receive your offerings as you enter.

Reading today’s lessons is Donna Moyer.

Adult Sunday School is held each Sunday beginning at 9:30 am in the church basement. Please come join your Salem brothers and sisters!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our participation in Selinsgrove’s Halloween Parade possible! Those who: donated materials for, and helped assemble, the float; made donations towards the purchase of candy; walked and distributed candy; rode on the float to help keep candy bags going; and of course, our driver who guided the float safely throughout the parade! **Thank you, everyone!** Hopefully, we’ll be able to organize another float for next year’s parade!

Adult Sunday School is held each Sunday beginning at 9:30 am in the church basement. Please come join your Salem brothers and sisters!

Prayer Meeting will be held this **Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00 pm**. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend these short gatherings to pray for those in need.



Christmas-At-Sea Seafarer’s Bags are on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick-up a bag and help make Christmas a little brighter for those hard-working seafarers. A sheet of instructions on what to put in the bag is inside. Bags must be here by **NEXT SUNDAY, October 30th**.

SACC Thanksgiving Food Baskets – If you know a family in need who would benefit from receiving a food basket this Thanksgiving, please contact Judy Kuhn (jkuhn@ptd.net) with the following information: Family’s name, address, phone number, number of children and their ages. **The deadline to submit names is NEXT SUNDAY, October 30th**.



CALLING ALL FAMILIES! You are invited to a “Family Ministry Pizza Party”. As we re-imagine what faith formation for our young people looks like here at Salem, we will be gathering for pizza, conversation, activities and a Bible story on **Sunday,**

November 6th following Worship. Please RSVP to Pastor Stina for the pizza count. I’m looking forward to seeing you there!



~ Pastor Stina



HOSS' DAY FUNDRAISER – November 10th! Make plans to enjoy a meal (or meals) at *Hoss's Steakhouse*. *Hoss's* will donate a percentage of the total cost of meals purchased on November 10th. **You MUST have a ticket** for your purchase to qualify. Tickets will be available on the table at the back of the sanctuary, starting today, or see Ricky Bower. Both **Lunch and Dinner Meals** qualify for Salem's fundraiser.



Mark your calendars & watch future bulletins! A **Ham & Green Beans Meal** is being planned for Saturday, November 19th at 5:00 pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Plans are being made to hold a "Best Dessert Contest", so find your favorite recipe and plan to enter! Watch the bulletins for more details on this fun Fall event!



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 praying for and thinking about them. Donation cans remain on the back table and on top of the sound system. Please consider donating to this important program. If you have questions, please ask Linda Carl (dwarfgrumpy@yahoo.com). **Thank You** to all who continue to donate.



Readers are always 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.



Are you thinking about early Christmas shopping? **Weis Markets gift cards** make great gifts! The cards are always available by contacting Debbie & Ricky Bower or Linda Carl. **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 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 – 10:30 am

** Seafarer's Bags are due

** Deadline to submit names for SACC Thanksgiving food baskets

Sunday, November 6 – All Saints' Day

Daylight Saving Time ends

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

** Young Family Ministry Gathering & Pizza Party – following Worship

Wednesday, November 9 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 13 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am

Monday, November 14 – Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 19 – Ham & Green Bean Dinner – 5:00 pm
* please bring a side dish to share *
“Best Dessert” Contest !

Sunday, November 20 – Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am
 Congregational Meeting to Present 2023 Budget

Wednesday, November 23 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent
 Adult Sunday School – 9:30 am Worship – 10:30 am