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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: *Pass It On***

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it  
You can spread His love to ev'ryone you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding.  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it.  
You want to sing it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

The First Reading is from the 30<sup>th</sup> chapter of Deuteronomy.

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

### PSALM: Psalm 1 (Please read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

### SECOND READING: Philemon 1-21

The Second Reading is from Philemon.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. <sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. <sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I

wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

## **GOSPEL: Luke 14: 25-33**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **THE SERMON**

**HYMN: *This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made***

This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made; that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made; that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

## **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: *What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine***  
*(Leading on the Everlasting Arms)*

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

*Refrain*

**SENDING**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**TODAY** we celebrate a summer’s worth of worship in the grove with a bonfire! Today is the **LAST DAY of outdoor worship**. Next Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will move into the sanctuary for the fall, winter and spring.

**Congratulations** to the winners of our “Bible Tic Tac Toe” Summer Project – Judy Kuhn and Charlie Benner! They both received a fabulous prize!

**Prayer Meeting** will be held **THIS Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. The meeting was moved due to the Ladies Banquet being held on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The **LADIES BANQUET** is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 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. **ALL LADIES** of the church are invited to attend. Tickets are: adults: \$15.95, ages 4-10: \$9.95 and under 4 – free. **TODAY, Brenda Stranko** will have tickets available. Please contact Brenda or Eileen Stauffer to purchase tickets by the **deadline, this Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**.



**NEW DATE!** *Wings, Fries & Music In The Grove* will be held on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. Come enjoy wings, fries, hamburgers & hot dogs. No advance tickets are necessary, purchase your meal that evening. 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 country, rock, pop music in the grove!


### Save The Date! October 18<sup>th</sup>!

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 18<sup>th</sup>** (rain date is October 19<sup>th</sup>). The Parade begins at 7:00 pm. Keep watching the bulletins for more details to follow.



**Coming Soon!** We will be placing an order this Fall, in time for the Halloween Parade, for Salem gear! Options will include t-shirts, long sleeve shirt, and hooded sweatshirt. Keep an eye out for the link to the online store on our website or contact Pastor Stina to order!



**Do you have a College Student or young person in the Military?** PLEASE contact Linda Carl (dwarfgrumpy@yahoo.com) **ASAP** to verify their address. Cards of encouragement and gift cards are sent to them to let them know their Salem Family is thinking about them and praying for them. We are also beginning to collect donations to purchase the gift cards. Donation cans can be found on the back table and on top of the sound system. Please consider donating to this important program. Thank you to all who donate! 

**Readers are needed!** Please sign-up to read the Lessons. A clipboard with the 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.

**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!!

## A Trip Down Memory Lane!

On **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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

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

\*\* moved due to the Ladies Banquet on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, September 11 – Worship moves indoors – 10:30 am

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 **ALL ladies of the church are invited!**

Tickets: Adults: \$15.95 Ages 4-10: \$9.95 Under 4 - free

\*\* Contact Eileen Stauffer to purchase tickets.

**The deadline to purchase tickets is September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday, September 18 – Worship – 10:30 am

Tuesday, 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