

Salem Lutheran Church

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NOVEMBER 22, 2020 ~ 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Shout to the Lord

ELW 821

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: Darlene Zschech

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have

made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

PSALM 95:1-7a

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

^{7a}For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord given to you. **ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

ELW 634 verses 1 & 3

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5-6

Music: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

Tune Name: Coronation

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 Holy
Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **All: Amen**

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

SENDING

BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Rejoice, for Christ is King

ELW 430 verses 1 & 2

Rejoice, for Christ is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Tune Name: Laus Regis

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace and serve the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

++++++ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER LIST++++++

A Special Thank you to Cathy & Mark Hoefler for providing vocal accompaniment with our hymns today! And, thank you, to Glenn Deuchler as the lector for this day!

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of our congregation during these unprecedented times. As it becomes clear that we're in this phase for a longer haul, we want to say a particular thanks for your faith, your generosity, and your perseverance. Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of disciple-making and neighbor-loving.

OBD Casseroles for the month of November totaled 24. Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity.

Thanksgiving Meal Donations - Once again, we are pleased to partner with Mason Dixon in collecting and donating food to families for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Collection bins will be set up for non-perishable food items

Church Narthex: bins will be placed here for convenience when attending church services

Outside Church Drop Off: Large plastic bins will be placed outside of the Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 5 pm

Children's Center: Bins will be located inside at the Children's Center

Anyone interested in donating a turkey please contact Linda Brannen directly to coordinate

LAST DAY TO DONATE: SUNDAY 11/22/2020 at 2 pm

Salem's Christmas Families – each year Salem adopts a few families to make their Christmas special and their wishes come true. The Christmas tree with it's wish gift's tags will be set up by next Sunday, November 22nd.

The Community Thanksgiving Online Service will be emailed to you before Thanksgiving Day.

May our hearts be filled with thanksgiving for all the Lord's blessings. And, may the Lord's peace, which passes all understanding, be with you and your families always. ***Blessed Thanksgiving!***

Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up and located in the Narthex beginning today, November 15, 2020.

Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2020 starting at 11:30am.

Depending on the Positivity Rate for COVID-19 lowering, we will either host a synchronized meeting which means holding both an in-person and combined Zoom meeting or we will conduct the meeting solely via Zoom. The link for the Zoom Meeting is below. An email will also contain the link sent the week prior to December 6, 2020.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85739946205?pwd=ZXZEMjBZdHVGOUtpQ3hXWEMxSDhsdz09>

Meeting ID: 857 3994 6205

Passcode: 100212

One tap mobile (Depending on the telephone data plan the call may incur charges)

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Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Susan Bernowski, Family and friends of Laura Barthlome, Darlene Saffran & her daughter's family, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, Family and Friends of Dan Hess, Kimberley, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Barb Vogel, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Norma Knudsen, Anne Mills, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Capt'n Jim McMahan, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Phil Kulinski, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Sandy Barthel, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Steve Sussan, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret and Jerry Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Austin Phoebus, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Lennard Beecher, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Carolyn Lynch, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

Please contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates concerning the prayer list.

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