

# Salem Lutheran Church

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## JUNE 13, 2021 ~ SEASON OF PENTECOST LECTIONARY 11

*The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

### GATHERING & WELCOME

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

*Read responsively by whole verse*

- <sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;**  
<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.  
<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**  
<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**  
<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

**GREETING** The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And, also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### WORD

#### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

- <sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I myself will take a sprig

from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.  
<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

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

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and

would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

<sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

## MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*When Peace Like a River*

ELW 785 vs 1 & 4

When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

#### *Refrain*

It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876, alt.

Tune Name: It Is Well, Ville du Havre

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## 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.

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

**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.**

### **BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## **\*\*\*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENTS\*\*\*\*\***

**Thank you** to Cathy Hoefler and the choir for their music leadership.

**Thank you for continuing to support the ministries** of our congregation. We want to say thanks for your faith, your generosity. Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of discipleship and neighbor-loving.

**Our Daily Bread** ~ Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity. **Next ODB casseroles pick up date is July 12, 2021 at noon.**

**Mason Dixon Food Pantry** ~ Thank you for donating non-perishable food items for folks in the community. Sarah Keller takes the items to Mason Dixon at least once a month. The collection bin is located under the coat rack in the Narthex.

**If you would like to place flowers on the altar** for Sunday worship the Flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Attention Ushers and Readers!** The Lukens are making a schedule for weekly worship assistants. Please consider giving your talents to this important ministry. Salem needs your heart, hands and voice. Call Sharon Lukens (410.692.5898) and add your name to the schedule.

**Salem's Fall Craft Fair and Flea Market** is slated for Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ No time like now to begin setting your treasures & trinkets aside and for this day. Contact Lynn Cox

**Want to spread encouragement?** Let's send notes / cards of care to Charlie Phoebus.

Sterling Care Riverside C/O Charles Phoebus  
1123 Belcamp Garth - Room 102  
Belcamp, MD 21017

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**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Lance Graham, Debbie Connor, Family and friends of Andrew Lombardi, Family and friends of Norma Knudsen, Judy Newsome, David Storf, Ben & Caitlyn Taylor, Gloria Mallard, Brent Przychoda, Cathy Marowski, Georgia Coleman, Mildred Taylor, Carol Porter, Cindy Miller, Charlie Phoebus, Austin Phoebus (military), Deana Vanhart, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, Kimberley, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, 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 Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, 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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