

# Salem Lutheran Church

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## GATHERING & WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Psalm 78:23-29**

*We read responsively by whole verse.*

*Congregation reads the bold print.*

<sup>23</sup>So God commanded the clouds above  
and opened the doors of heaven,

<sup>24</sup>**raining down manna upon them to eat  
and giving them grain from heaven.**

<sup>25</sup>So mortals ate the bread of angels;  
God provided for them food enough.

<sup>26</sup>**The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens  
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

<sup>27</sup>raining down flesh upon them like dust  
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

<sup>28</sup>**letting them fall in the midst of the camp  
and round about the dwellings.**

<sup>29</sup>So the people ate and were well filled,  
for God gave them what they craved.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. Let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

### 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**

*O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'"<sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

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

#### **SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

<sup>9</sup>(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the

head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

### **GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?"

<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

### **MESSAGE**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*What Feast of Love*

ELW 487 verses 1 & 3

What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!

What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939 Music: English ballad, 16th cent.

Tune Name: Greensleeves Reported to OneLicense Song# 98260

## **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.**

### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSING**

*Let us pray,*

Jesus, we believe you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We love You above all things and we desire to receive You into our souls. Since we cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace You as You are already there, and because of You we are united with You in death and in life. Never permit us to be separated from You. **Amen.**

### **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\*\*\*\*\***

**We give thanks** to our lector and ushers! We thank you Salem Choir for leading us in music! And, we give thanks for Cathy Hoefler and the gift of music she adds to the worship service.

**Brief Congregational Meeting Sunday August 1, 2021** to vote on Salem Lutheran Children Center annual budget. Thank you for marking your calendars.

**Altar Flowers** are given to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Carolyn and Bud Ruth.

**Our Daily Bread** ~ Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and for your generosity. Next casserole pick-up will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sing to the King Wednesdays – August 4<sup>th</sup> & August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at Salem.** A flyer can be found in the Narthex.

**Mason-Dixon Community Services** is collecting donations for back-to-school kits for area children. They have plenty of paper. Looking for the small things; crayons, pencils, erasers, etc. A donation box is in the narthex until mid-Augsburg for donations. *Thank you!*

**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. Thank you Sarah for delivering the food items!

**Interested in online giving to Salem and her ministries?** Check out Salem's website

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

**Salem's Fall Craft Fair and Flea Market** is slated for Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Let's begin setting our treasures & trinkets aside and for this day. Contact Lynn Cox

**Want to spread encouragement?** Let's send notes / cards of care to:

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

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Tony Garner, Ed Insel, Paula Feldman, Family and friends of Ernest Gayles, Friends and family of Matt Daughaday, Jumela Beecher, Lauren, Joshua Martenson, John Dorsett, Cathy Preston, Elfriede Kiesling, Lance Graham, Debbie Connor, Judy Newsome, baby Diana, Gloria Mallard, Brent Przychoda, Cathy Marowski, Georgia Coleman, Cindy Miller, Charlie Phoebus, Austin Phoebus (military), Deana Vanhart, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Donna Miller, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret Shank, Jim McNicholas, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arian, Joyce Craig, 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.

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