

# Salem Lutheran Church

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**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 ~ SEASON OF PENTECOST LECTIONARY 25**

## **Rally Day**

*Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.*

### **GATHERING & WELCOME**

#### **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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Blessing of the Back Packs*

#### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying,  
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,

let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

<sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,  
who try the heart and the mind,  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

**PSALMODY: Psalm 54** *We read responsively by whole verse*

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, by your name;  
in your might, defend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,  
those who have no regard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God is my helper;  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who spy on me;  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice  
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from every trouble,  
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

**SECOND READING: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a**

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.<sup>4:</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8a</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37 (RSV)**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he

was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Caper'na-um; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they were silent; for on the way they had discussed with one another who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, "If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." And he took a child, and put him in the midst of them; and taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

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

## MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

ELW 536 vs 1 & 3

God be with you till we meet again;  
by good counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.

#### *Refrain*

Till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again,)  
till we meet at Jesus' feet; (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet,)  
till we meet, (till we meet again.)  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you;  
God be with you till we meet again. *Refrain*

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828 – 1904

Music: William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

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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.**

### **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**

People of God,

you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **Thanks be to God.**

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

**We give thanks** to 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.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the honor and glory of God by the Whitacre family

**Our Daily Bread** ~ Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and for your generosity. 24 casseroles were delivered for the month of September.

**September 19 - Rally Day & BackPack Blessing & Ice Cream today.**

**Blessing of the Animals** - Sunday, September 26, 2021, 11:00am–1:00pm. Drop by the front grassy area between the church and the Children's Center with your pet for a blessing and special treat.

**Mason Dixon Food Pantry** ~ Thank you for donating non-perishable food items for folks in the community. The collection bin is located under the coat rack in the Narthex. Thank you Sarah for delivering the food items!

**Salem's Fall Craft Fair and Flea Market** is slated for Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Contact Lynn Cox. Signup sheet is in the narthex

*Advanced Apple Butter orders sign-up sheet in Narthex*

*Craft Fair & Flea Market Fliers to take and share are in the Narthex*

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

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

Sterling Care Riverside

**C/O Charles Phoebus** - 1123 Belcamp Garth ~ Room 219A

Belcamp, MD 21017

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Family and friends of Thelma Preisinger, Paul Foutz, Family and friends of Mary Anne Hollman, Family and friends of John Dorsett, Mary Jane Fignisky, Ray Hebert, Daisy Lukens, Steve Awalt, Tony Garner, Ed Insel, Jumela Beecher, Lauren, 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, 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 Arikian, 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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