

# Salem Lutheran Church

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## FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.*

### GATHERING & WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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 Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### WORD

#### FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the

land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

**PSALMODY: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40** *Congregation reads bold print*

- <sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**
- <sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.
- <sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- <sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who  
succeeds in evil schemes.
- <sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- <sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.
- <sup>10</sup>**In a little while the wicked shall be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**
- <sup>11</sup>But the lowly shall possess the land;  
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- <sup>39</sup>**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O  
LORD; you are their stronghold in <sup>1</sup> time of trouble.**
- <sup>40</sup>You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because in you they seek refuge.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50**

<sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup>Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup>So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup>It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup>But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup>The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup>As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup>Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. <sup>50</sup>What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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

#### **HOLY GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the sixth chapter

#### **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Holy Gospel given to you. **Praise to you, O Christ**

#### **MESSAGE**

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

*Christ, Be Our Light.*

ELW 715 vs 1 & 5

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

#### *Refrain*

Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957  
Music: Bernadette Farrell  
Tune Name: Christ, Be Our Light  
Reported to OneLicense Song # 30148184

### **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.**

#### **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.**

#### **BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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

**We give thanks** to Cathy Hoefler and the choir for leading us in music.

**Sunday January 2, 2022 through May 29th – Worship Service Time begins at 10:00am. June we reset to 9:00am worship service time.**

**Souper Bowl Soup Can Drive** - This year's drive netted 363 cans of soup donated to Mason Dixon to help our neighbors. Salem contributed 263 and The Children's Center donated 100 cans of soup. Thank you to the congregation and SLCC for your generosity.

**Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022** Salem hosts a soup supper at 6:00PM followed by Worship and the imposition of ashes at 7:00PM. Soup Supper Sign-up is in the Narthex. See Lynn Cox for details.

**This year's Lenten Project is providing Bee Hives for our global neighbors.** More information will be coming along with a display in the Narthex by March 2, 2022

**Lent – ELCA 40 Days of Giving** is a personal devotion and includes a calendar of readings and suggested activities for anyone wishing to participate in an additional way. Materials located in Narthex by March 2, 2022.

**Mason Dixon Food Pantry** ~ Thank you for donating non-perishable food items for folks 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

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

Sterling Care Riverside

**C/O Charles Phoebus**

1123 Belcamp Garth ~ Room 220B

Belcamp, MD 21017

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Russ Getz, Family and friends of Darla Lynch, Leila Roland, family & friends of Mary Harman, Donna Miller, Christina Miller & baby Cain, Charlie Phoebus, Nick Cox, Judy Newsome, Carol Miller, Denny Blauer, Brenda Jimenez, Kathryn Christy, April Moyer, Cari Herrera, David Roche, Layne Bortmes, Tom Ritten, Dominic Cardone, Richard Newsome, Caitlin Taylor, Alcoe Durastanti, Robert Vazquez, Erika Weldon, Paul Foutz, Daisy Lukens, Steve Awalt, Tony Garner, Ed Insel, Jumela Beecher, Lauren, Cathy Preston, Elfriede Kiesling, Lance Graham, Debbie Connor, baby Diana, Brent Przychoda, Cathy Marowski, Austin Phoebus (military), Deana Vanhart, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Brenda Baker, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Lisa Barwick, Walt Karoll, Marianna Putnam, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Betty Burnet, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Margaret Shank, Jim McNicholas, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Joyce Craig, Kattie Hale, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

*Contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates to prayer list.*

### **Weather Related Worship Service Cancellation 3-Way Notification:**

*Beginning at 8:00AM*

+ An email will be sent to Salem's Families. Please make sure to check your spam / Junk folder if the email does not appear in your inbox.

+ Check Salem's website: <http://www.salemjarrettsville.org/>

A notification will post will by 8:00AM.

+ Salem's Prayer Chain will begin calling at 8:00AM.

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