

# Salem Lutheran Church

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## MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

*These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*

### GATHERING & WELCOME

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Let us make confession in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy One,

**we confess that we have wandered far from you:**

**we have not trusted your promises,**

**we have ignored your prophets in our own day,**

**we have squandered our inheritance of grace,**

**we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

**Have mercy on us!**

**Forgive us and turn us again to you.**

**Teach us to follow in your ways,**

**assure us again of your love,**

**and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In ✠ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **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 God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land.

Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

## PSALMODY: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

*Congregation reads bold print*

- <sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—  
<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold,  
my God in whom I put my trust."**  
<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,  
<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**  
<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.  
<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**  
<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.  
<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**  
<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.  
<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 10:8b-13

- <sup>8b</sup>"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart”  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

#### **HOLY GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourth chapter

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”  
<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written,  
‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”  
<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,  
‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’  
<sup>11</sup>and  
‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”  
<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

#### **MESSAGE**

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

*O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days*

ELW 319 vs 1 & 4

O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.

Be with us through this season, Lord,  
and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns,  
we join in heaven's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898;  
para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930  
Music: A. Davisson, Kentucky Harmony, 1816;  
arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003  
Tune Name: Consolation Reported to OneLicense Song # 11862 & 52282

### **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**

You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ☩ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **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.**

**This year's Lenten Project is providing Beehives 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 on the lamp table by the Beehive display.

**Our Daily Bread Casseroles** will be picked up on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> by 11:30am.

**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, Judy Newsome, Leila Roland, Donna Miller, Christina Miller & baby Cain, Charlie Phoebus, Nick Cox, 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 Arian, 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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