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APRIL 3rd, 2022 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins

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

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 ²¹the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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

PSALMODY: Psalm 126 *Congregation reads bold print*

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion then were we
 like those who dream.
²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our
 tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the
 nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**
³The LORD has done great things for us,
 and we are glad indeed.
⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
 like the watercourses of the Negeb.**
⁵Those who sowed with tears
 will reap with songs of joy.
⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I

regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

HOLY GOSPEL John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twelfth chapter

Glory to you, O Lord

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338 Vs 1 & 3

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and burdens of the day.

I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869
Music: Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927
Tune Name: St. Christopher Public Domain

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.

FCCAU is sponsoring a Designer Bag Bingo Event to benefit the Welcome One Homeless Shelter in Belcamp on Friday, April 29th, at 7 pm, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Bel Air. Cost of tickets is \$20. For details and/or tickets please see Cathy by April 12th. Thank you!

Easter Lilies on sale for \$9.00 per plant. See Mike Whitacre to place and order.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – April 14, 2022 at 7:00PM

Good Friday Fish Fry – April 15th Sign up flier is in Narthex or See Lynn Cox for more information.

Good Friday Worship Service follows the Fish Fry Meal at 7:00PM

Synod Assembly Representatives Needed!

The Delaware-Maryland Synod will be hosting their 35th Annual Assembly on Thursday, May 12th through Saturday, May 14th at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, MD. The assembly begins on May 12th at 11:00 a.m. and closes on May 14th at 12:30 p.m. Learn more about the event here.

<https://demdsynod.org/synod-assembly-2022/> Salem is seeking 2 congregational members one may be a youth to attend as representatives for this year's Assembly. Per Synod guidelines, "the term 'youth' means a voting member of a congregation who has not yet reached the age of 18 at the time [of the Assembly]. The term 'young adult' means a voting member of a congregation between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time [of the Assembly]." Registration & accommodation expenses would be covered. If interested, please contact pastor by Friday, April 15th at noon.

This year's Lenten Project is providing Beehives for our global neighbors. Check out the display in the Narthex. Beehives are \$20.

Council Meeting today following worship service.

Newsletter Copies are located in Narthex by offering box.

Christ In Our Home Quarterly Devotional Books are in the Narthex.

Our Daily Bread Casserole Pickup is May 2, 2022 by 11:30AM.

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 lamp table by the sofa.

Coffee Hour Desserts Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you for blessing the fellowship table with your special treats!

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: Barbara Sobieck, Janice Houck, Laurie Krieger, Sarah Mack, John Smith, John Knot, Almarie Lanuly, 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, Robert Vazquez, 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, 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 Kriebal, 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.

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