

# Salem Lutheran Church

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**JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – TIME AFTER PENTECOST – LECTIONARY 13**

*We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.*

## **GATHERING & WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and your burdens to the Lord.

**C: For God hears the cries of our hearts and heals our wounded souls.**

P: Remember the wondrous deeds that God continues to perform in your life.

**C: Let us be thankful for all the mercies and tenderness that God offers to us.**

P: Come, praise the Lord with all your heart and soul.

**C: Let our voices rise in a powerful concert of praise and thanksgiving. 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**

*Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### **WORD**

#### **FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

#### **PSALMODY: Psalm 16**

*Congregation reads the bold print*

<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

#### **SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

#### **The Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**

**The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the ninth chapter  
Glory to You O, Lord**

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

### The Holy Gospel given to you. Praise to You, O Christ

#### MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

ELW 768 vs 1 & 3

#### *Refrain*

Lead Me, guide me, along the way;  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
To help me over my weakest hour  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without the light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be,  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Text: Doris Akers, 1922-1995

Music: Doris Akers

Tune Name: Lead Me, Guide Me    Reported to One License Song # 92251

#### 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

May you know the peace of Christ in the midst of suffering. May you feel the hope of the Holy Spirit in the midst of sorrow. And may you touch the love of God in the midst of pain. Feel God's love blowing through your life, as you turn toward each other and say: **The Peace of Christ be 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**

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Our Daily Bread Casserole** pickup is Wednesday July 6, before 11:30 AM. *Thank you for your care and generosity.*

**Sing to the King & Hymn Sing – July 6th** If you would like to come early, a hot dog dinner is offered at 6:00PM. We will begin singing by 7:00PM. Have a favorite hymn? Sign-up sheet for hymns is in the narthex. See you there!

**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:** Courtney & Dallas Kinsley-Grace and unborn baby, Charlene Kreamer, Alba Pabis, Jeannette Wills, Ed Vogel, Pastor John Kassouf and his wife Francine, Todd Thomas, Bill Grove, Donna Collabolletta, Neilani, Erick Mandt, Randy Romesburg, Diann Pandolfini, Barbara Sobieck, Janice Houck, Laurie Krieger, Sarah Mack, John Smith, John Knot, Almarie Lanuly, Russ Getz, Judy Newsome, Leila Roland, Donna Miller, 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 Founts, 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, 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 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 additions / updates*

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