

# Salem Lutheran Church

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**MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

## **GATHERING & WELCOME**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

**We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.**

**You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;**

**You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.**

**Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.**

**You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.**

**In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.**

**You nourish us and enclose us in safety.**

**You call us forth and send us out.**

**In lush and barren places, you are with us.**

**You have become our salvation.**

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **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**

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life.

Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

<sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

### PSALMODY: Psalm 67

*Congregation reads the bold print*

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

<sup>2</sup>**Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the  
nations on earth.**

<sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

<sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

### SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

<sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22:1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 5:1-9**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. <sup>3</sup>In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” <sup>9</sup>At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath.

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

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory,  
till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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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.**

### **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, the Author of life,

Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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

**Have a *Bee-U-Teaful* Salem Tea May 22, 2022 @ 12:30pm.** You are invited to wear hats and clothing sporting the colors of spring flowers.

**Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>, Military Armed Forces Hymn Sing 9:45am** – Please join in celebrating Memorial Day Weekend with singing and remembrance of U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.

**Reception for Tessa Grove and Kylee Niederberger May 29<sup>th</sup> during Fellowship time** – the youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**June 5<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation Sunday.** **NOTE:** Service time returns to 9:00am beginning June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** Cheryl Troska, Alba Pabis, Jeannette Wills, Ed Vogel, Pastor John Kassouf and his wife Francine, Todd Thomas, Russell Anselmo, 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, 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 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, 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 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.

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