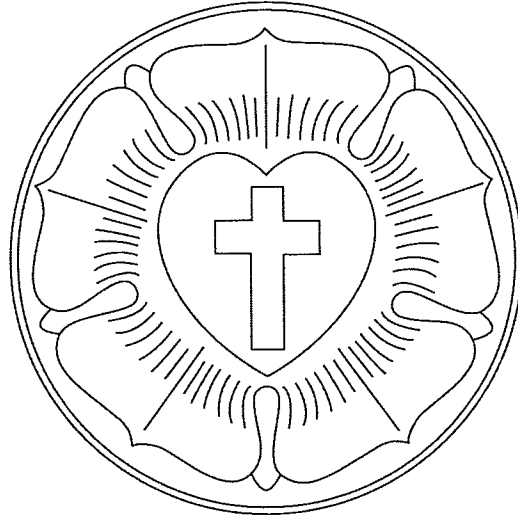


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Our Mission Statement

*“A Fellowship of Believers in Jesus Christ dedicated to  
proclaiming God’s Love to ALL through Word and Deed.”*



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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 16, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**

- P for Pastor's part of the Liturgy  
C for Congregation's part of the Liturgy  
\* Those who are able, are asked to stand.  
+ A time one may use the sign of the cross.

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Book)  
WOV = With One Voice (Blue Book)

**THE FIRST PRELUDE** "Toccata in C" Bach/Thompson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart" Ware-Stephens  
Eddie Adams, Soloist

\* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **LBW P. 56**

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

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, 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.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage 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**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

C Amen.

\* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" **LBW # 250**  
(Green book)

\* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** **LBW P. 57**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

\* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray  
God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-13**

<sup>10</sup> "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> "For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

**PSALM: Psalm 65:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>**To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

<sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>12</sup>**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

<sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

\* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" **WOV # 612**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

**\* GOSPEL**

**P THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear."

<sup>18</sup> "Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." (ESV)

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

**\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"**

**LBW # 234**  
(Green book)

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**LBW P. 65**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

**\* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**\* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C And also with you.**

**ORGAN OFFERTORY "Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky" Wood**

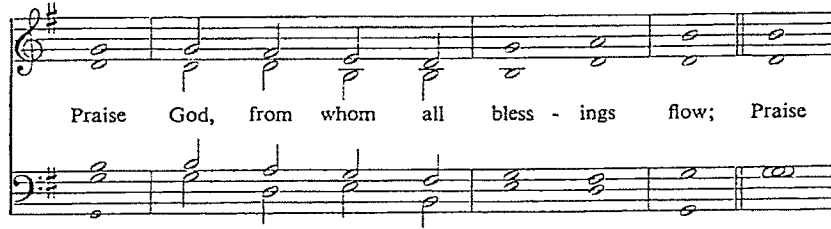
\* THE OFFERTORY

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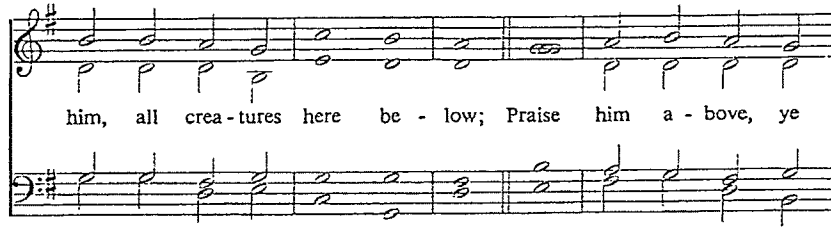
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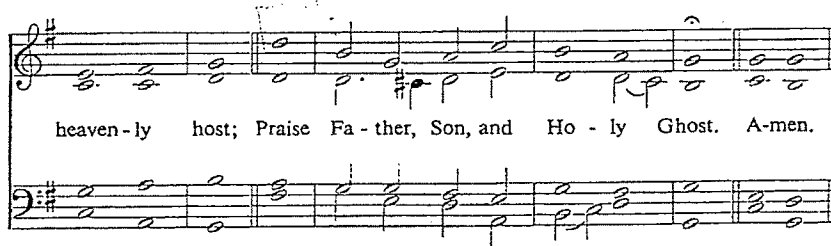
*With great dignity*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise



him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye



heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*



**\* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**LBW P. 68**

P Blessed are you,

C **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**LBW P. 88**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**\* THE PREFACE**

**LBW P. 68**

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

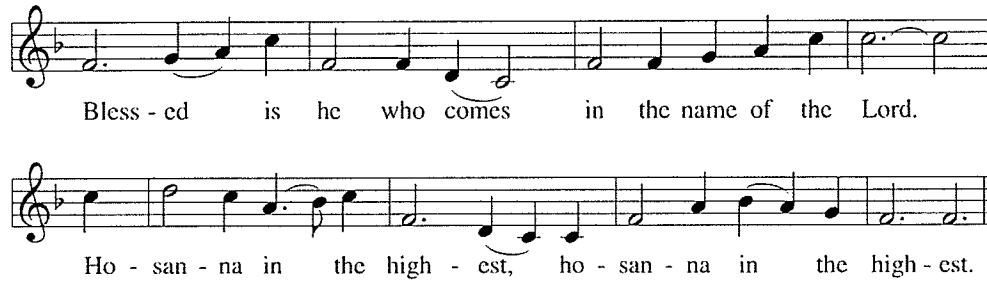
**ELW P. 207**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune  
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

**\* THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**LBW P. 69**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**LBW P. 71**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
C **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**

**\* FRACTION**

**\* THE COMMUNION CANTICLE "O Lamb of God"**

**ELW P. 208**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please note: receiving in one kind (only the body or only the blood) is a full Holy Communion.*

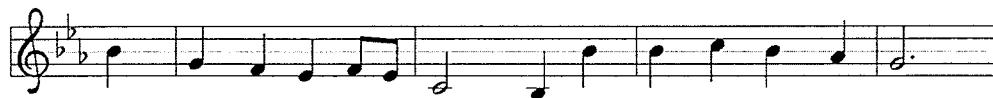
**\* THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**LBW P. 72**

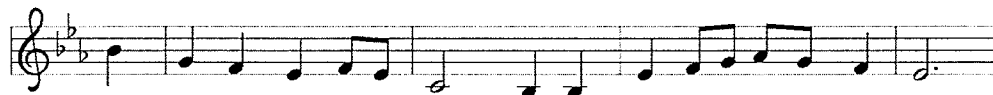
**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen

\* **THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"  
ELW # 313



I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886-1981, alt., based on the Nunc dimittis  
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune  
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\* **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** LBW P. 74

**P** We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen

**\* THE BENEDICTION**

**LBW P. 74**

**P** Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.** *Sing in a three fold form*

**\* THE CLOSING HYMN**

“You Are the Seed”

**WOV # 753**  
(Blue book)

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace, Christ is with you.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\* POSTLUDE**

“New Faith, New Life”

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**Keep in Your Prayers:**

Betty Alexander, Mike Carpenter, Del Gentzler, Diane Millhouse, Diane Morris, Dale Stahl, Katie Colton (Cindy Colton's daughter), Ray Forry (Nancy Forry's brother), Sam Graci (Connie Ditzler's brother), Steve Sweigart (Edie Sweigart's husband), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), Sally Wise, (daughter-in-law of Earl and Shirley Wise), Bruder Family

**Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS) summer needs:**

- Jello, pudding and fruit cups
- Juice boxes
- Individual cracker packs, individual cereal cups
- Chicken or tuna packets (not cans)
- Canned pasta
- Mac and cheese cups
- Fruit roll-ups, gummies
- Ice pops (not frozen)

Collection box is located in basket in east lobby. Thank you for your donations.

**Managing Motherhood:** Items needed this month:

- diapers in sizes Newborn, size 5, and size 6.
- pull-ups in 2T-3T for boys, and 4T-5T for boys and girls.
- shampoo
- conditioner
- deodorant
- baby wash
- tampons- regular

**Volunteer at MCC on Wednesday, July 19, 1-3 PM.** For more information or to let us know you'll be attending, please call or text Carol Landis at 717-606-6797.

**Bible study Sundays at 9 AM in the multi-purpose room**

23 July Who was St. James, the Elder ?

30 July Break

6 August Break

13 Aug Who was Mary, Mother of our Lord?

20 Aug Who was St. Bartholomew?

27 Aug Who was St. Augustine?

3 September Break

If you are looking to get rid of greeting cards, old calendars, or cancelled stamps, Connie Kirby can use them. She makes new greeting cards from used ones and sells them at craft shows with all proceeds going to Salem. Just drop them off in the nursery.

**Salem Bus Trip to the Pittsburgh area October 17-19, 2023.** Highlights include Flight 93 National Memorial, Quecreek Mine Rescue site, guided tour of Pittsburgh, Duquesne Incline, National Aviary, Fallingwater and more. Lunches include Grand Concourse Restaurant and Historic Stone House Restaurant. Reservations due September 13. Registration forms are in the Pipeline and in the lobby and narthex. See Stephanie Frymyer for additional information.

### **New Photo Directory**

Our new photo directory will be online. The new photo directory will be password protected on our church web site and will not have personal information beyond first name and last initial. Members will be given the password in order to access the page.

Beginning 1 July and concluding 31 July 2023 please submit a photo of yourself. You may submit as many photos as you like and they need not be formal. Feel free to submit vacation photos, wedding photos and so on. Please, no bathing suit shots! All photos may be submitted to [Photos@salemephrata.org](mailto:Photos@salemephrata.org)

If you are unable to submit a photo, we will be scheduling photos to be taken after Sunday Services in August. If you are unable to access the web page and our new photo directory, there will be a sign up for a hard copy print out.

Greeter	John Keller
Acolyte	Nicholas Keller
Usher	Nathan Hansell
Lector	Connie Kirby
Communion Assistant	Dennis Kluck
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Sharon Goodman

Monday	9:00 AM	Summer Camp
	5:00 PM	TOPS
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Summer Camp
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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