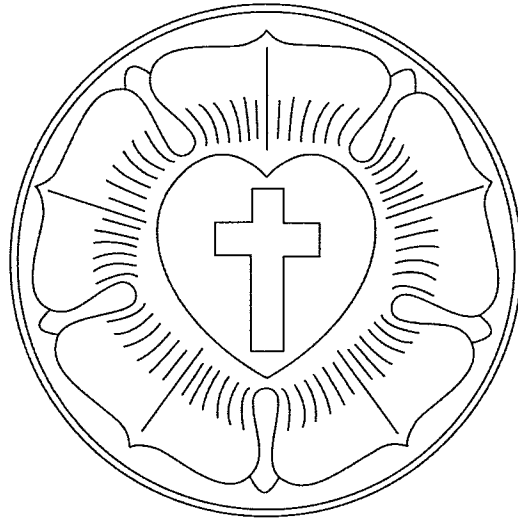


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 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 "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "With Songs of Rejoicing" Bach/Hopson
Salem Choir

*** 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** "You Servants of God"

LBW # 252
(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

Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord.

C **Amen**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the foreigners' palace is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;

for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
⁵ like heat in a dry place.

You subdue the noise of the foreigners;
as heat by the shade of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is put down.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

²I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Celtic Alleluia” WOVS # 613

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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*** GOSPEL**

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴"For many are called, but few are chosen."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" **LBW # 320**
(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

"Where He Leads Me"

Smith

* THE OFFERTORY

"Let the vineyards"

LBW P. 66



☩ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

* 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. 68

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”

LBW P. 69



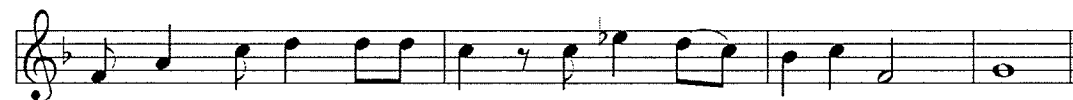
☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

*** 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 "Lamb of God"

LBW P. 72

☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Break Now the Bread of Life"

LBW # 235

* **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 "Thank the Lord" LBW P. 72



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

* 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 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

WOV # 723

(Blue book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

“Trumpet Tune in F”

Lasky

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Nancy Forry, Diane Morris, Jackie Roth, Dale Stahl, Ash Steffy, Roger Blantz (friend of Mark and Connie Ditzler), Kevin Freeman (Dennis Kluck’s brother-in-law), Chassidy Mace (friend of Lorna Ravegum), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger’s brother), Bryce Nash (grandson of Jim and Cindy Sutton), Racheal Precise (friend of Diane Morris), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters’ brother), Sally Wise, (daughter-in-law of Earl and Shirley Wise), family of Edna “Tink” Nicodemus (Judy Kreutzberger’s sister)

Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS) needs:

- Gluten free noodles
- Paper towels
- Small containers of laundry soap

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

Managing Motherhood: Items needed this month:

- Diapers in sizes 5, 6
- Pull-ups 4T-5T
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Body wash
- Bar soap
- Deodorant
- Baby wipes
- Sanitary napkins—regular
- Tampons—regular and super

MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) volunteers needed for October 18, 1-3 PM. Contact Carol Landis, 717-606-6797 if you are able to help.

Halloween in the Hallways, Sunday, October 29, 5-6 PM. Bring your own card table, place it in the hallway, decorate it, and hand out treats for the “trick or treaters” to enjoy. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided.

Soup lunch on Sunday, November 5 following worship as our fellowship time. This will be upstairs in the fellowship hall. Soup, salad, bread and dessert will be served. Please sign up in the narthex to provide some of the food.

Pastoral coverage October 19-25 will be Pastor Mark Chavez at 717-823-7739 or pastor@reformation-nalc.org

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go to the far right "More" and then click "Directory"
The Password: Salem1852
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Photo Directory Update

Our Photo directory team is feverishly working to bring this project to completion. Thank you for your photo submissions! We have met with a printer for a printed directory. Each booklet will be 8.5 by 8.5 and will have 40 pages of photos. The price for each copy will be between \$21.00 and \$16.00. depending on our total order. Once we have a proof copy we will put that on display. At present we would like to ascertain how many are interested. There is no obligation at this point to buy. Simply put your name on the sign up sheet and number of copies you would like. Again there is no obligation at this point. A final pricing will be posted at a later date. The sign up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex.

The Cross and the Crown: How the Solas Work Together

How do we sort out what it means to be Lutheran? Using the little word "alone" or *sola* in Latin, as Martin Luther did, this study will help us get the big picture right: Salvation is all God's doing.

22 October Lesson 7. By Grace Alone
29 October Lesson 8. To the Glory of God Alone
5 Nov Break

All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet Saturday, October 28, 7-10 AM at Swamp Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 275 Swamp Church Rd., Reinholds.
Admission is by donation to support the Lower Susquehanna Synod Lutheran Disaster Response Ministry in 2024.

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Acolyte	Nicholas Keller
Usher	Chuck Rapp
Lector	Miriam Moore
Communion Assistant	Dale Martin
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Nancy Forry and Sharon Goodman

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		Pipeline articles due
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Community meal meeting MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Pipeline assembly Rm. 6
Saturday	9:00 AM	Managing Motherhood

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