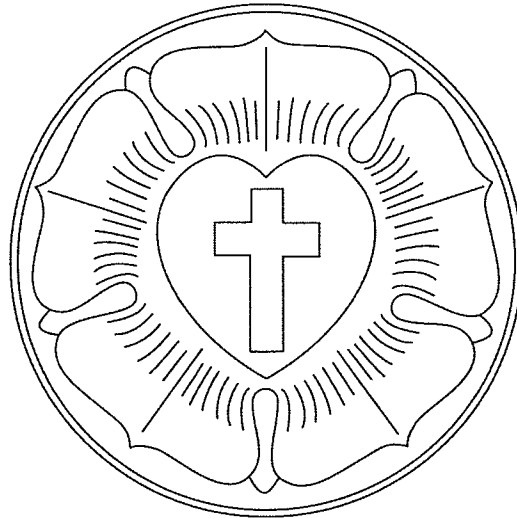


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## 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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**18th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 1, 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** "Trumpet in Dialogue" Clerambault

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**BLESSING OF THE COMFORTERS**

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "He Leadeth Me" Wood

**\* 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** "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

**LBW # 364**  
(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

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle.  
Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by  
your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge’? <sup>3</sup>As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

<sup>25</sup>“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? <sup>26</sup>When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.

<sup>28</sup>Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your

ways that are not just?

<sup>30</sup>“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.” (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

**PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

## SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:1-13

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### \* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Celtic Alleluia" WOV # 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 21:23-32**

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

<sup>23</sup> And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>28</sup> "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup> And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him. (ESV)

**P The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**THE SERMON**

**\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Savior, Precious Savior"

**LBW # 514**  
(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**

**"In Perfect Peace"**

**Riggs**

\* 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**

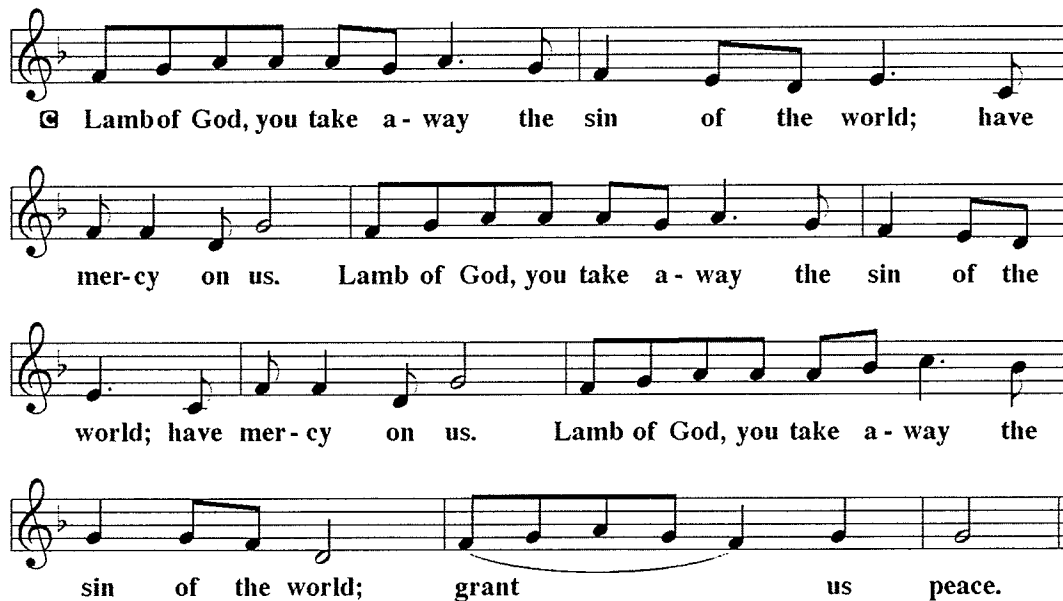
**LBW P. 71**

**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 "As the Grains of Wheat"**

WOV # 705

\* **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**      “Here I Am, Lord”

**WOV # 752**  
(Blue book)

\* **THE DISMISSAL**

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

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

\* **POSTLUDE**

“Hornpipe”

Handel/Smith

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**Keep in Your Prayers:**

Nancy Forry, Diane Morris, Jackie Roth, Dale Stahl, Kevin Freeman (Dennis Kluck's brother-in-law), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger's brother), Chassidy Mace (friend of Lorna Ravegum), Racheal Precise (friend of Diane Morris), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), Sally Wise, (daughter-in-law of Earl and Shirley Wise), family of Mike Carpenter

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

- Ketchup
- Relish
- Mustard
- Canned meat: sloppy Joe mix, Spam, chicken, ham

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

**We welcome Rev. Steve and Barbara Bowser as new members this morning.**

**The comforters displayed today will be sent to Lutheran World Relief.**

**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.

**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.

8 October Lesson 5. By the Word Alone  
15 October Lesson 6. By Scripture Alone  
22 October Lesson 7. By Grace Alone  
29 October Lesson 8. To the Glory of God Alone  
5 Nov Break

**Jackie Roth's new address**

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Acolyte	Abby Goodman
Usher	Peter Shiffer
Lector	Stephanie Frymyer
Communion Assistant	Deb Hansell
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Nancy Forry and Sharon Goodman

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	11:15 AM	Fellowship time
Monday	9:00 AM	Pack quilts for LWR
	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Church council MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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