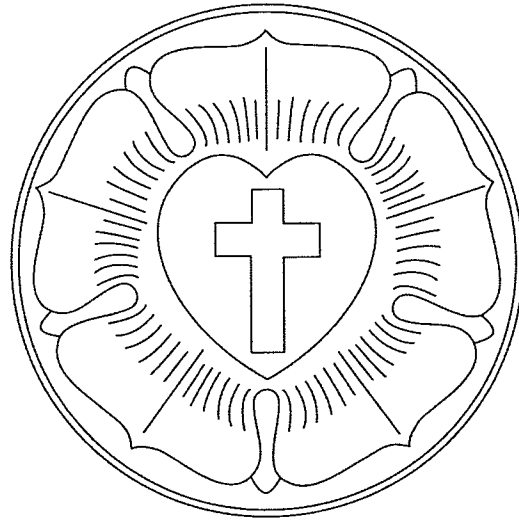


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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**14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 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 "A Trumpet Tune" Clarke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Jade" Ferroud
Faith Shiffer, alto flute; Steve Shiffer, wind chimes

* **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** "Earth and All Stars!"

LBW # 558
(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 all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom.
As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.

C **Amen**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,

for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you

to save you and deliver you,

declares the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless." (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²**Test me, O LORD, and try me;**
examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴**I have not sat with the worthless,**
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,**
that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

*** GOSPEL**

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** “Bind Us Together”

WOV # 748
(Blue 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.

OFFERTORY

“In Faith I Quiet Wait”

Bach/Thompson

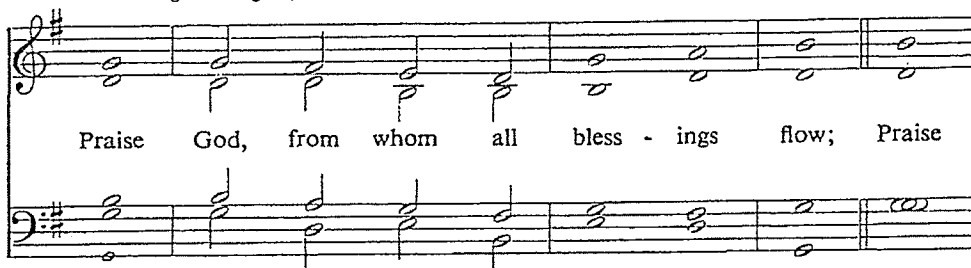
* THE OFFERTORY

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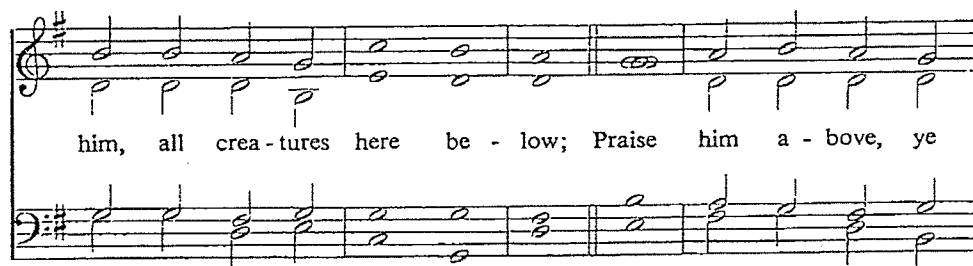
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LOUIS BOURGEOIS, *cir.* 1510-61
Geneva Psalter, 1551

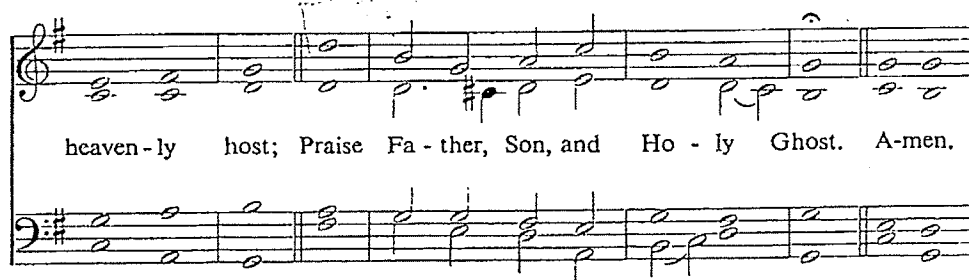
With great dignity



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.

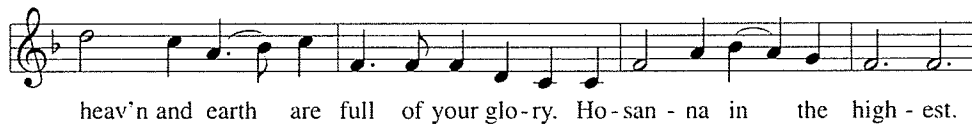
*** THE PREFACE**

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





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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Taste and See"

ELW # 493

(see insert)

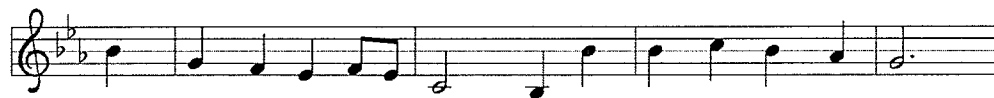
*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

LBW P. 72

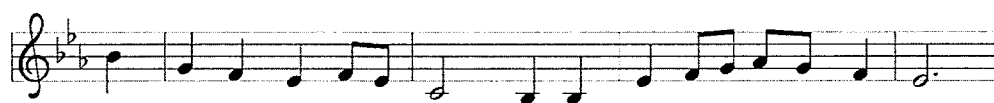
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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** “America the Beautiful”

ELW # 888
(see insert)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

*** POSTLUDE** “A Joyous Acclamation”

Smith

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Mike Carpenter, Diane Morris, Jackie Roth, Dale Stahl, Chassidy Mace (friend of Lorna Ravegum), James Paquette (cousin of Diane Morris), Racheal Precise (friend of Diane Morris), Tom and Jean Taylor (Tom Smith's in-laws), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), Carole Wise (friend of Lorna Ravegum), Sally Wise, (daughter-in-law of Earl and Shirley Wise)

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

Old Salem pictorial calendars and directories from 1954—2005 are available on a table in the lobby if you would like to take some.

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.

Ladies Day Out on Tuesday, September 12 at noon. We will meet at Udder Choice, 1812 W. Main St., Ephrata. Each person is responsible for the cost of their meal. Please sign up in the narthex by September 10. Contact Carol Landis with any questions, 717-606-6797.

Choir rehearsals will begin on September 17 at 8:30 AM. We welcome anyone who enjoys singing. Contact Jim Kimmel at 717-341-0426 or at jimkimmel2021@gmail.com.

Thank you to the group Pay Love Forward for their kind and generous donation to our Managing Motherhood mission in August 2023. Barb Doster's daughter Lynn is involved with this group of Christian women ages 30-70. Thank you!

MCC Volunteers wanted on September 20, 1-3 PM. Call Carol Landis if you will be attending, 717-606-6797.

Free bulletin board that was in the lobby is available to anyone. It is in the library for pick up.

SEPTEMBER 22-23 : APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

The Whole Story: The Body, Mind, and Spirit in Apologetics Conference is the weekend of September 22nd-23rd at Ephrata Community Church, which came about through multiple churches in the Ephrata Area Ministerium working together. This conference will bring deeper understanding on how to give a sound answer for your faith. **Cost is \$20 per person** for the entire conference (Friday evening, all day Saturday) and includes lunch on Saturday. No childcare will be provided. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 17th. Contact Pastor Goodman to register.**

Greeter	John Keller
Acolyte	Abby Goodman
Usher	Reg Doster
Lector	Faith Shiffer
Communion Assistant	Peter Shiffer
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Judy Kauffman and Beth Wanner

Today	11:15 AM	Fellowship time
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Church Council MP
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Comforter knotting MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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