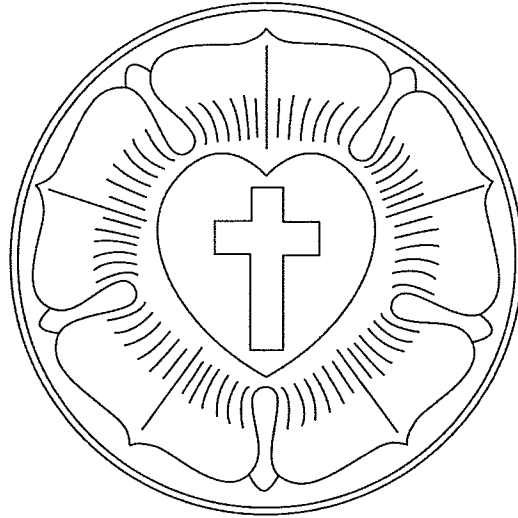


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 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 "Praise and Exultation" Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Beach Spring" arr. by Porter

*** 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** “Jesus Shall Reign” **LBW # 530**
(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
O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding.
Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law

waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (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 11:16-19, 25-30**

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

¹⁶“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a

drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

WOV # 734

(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.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

“Adagio”

Anon.

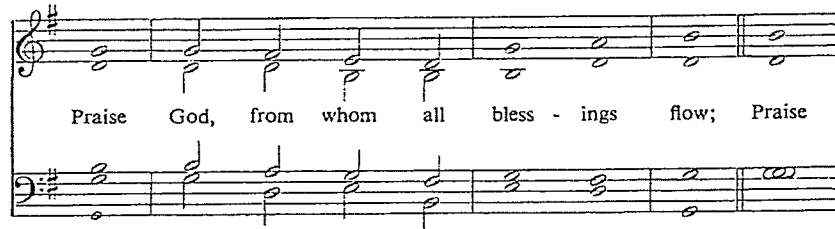
* THE OFFERTORY

"Doxology"

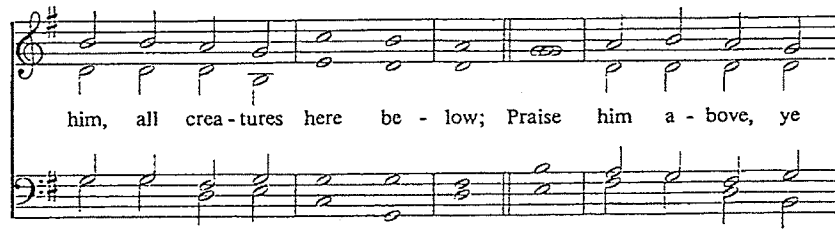
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LOUIS BOURGEOIS, *cir.* 1510-61
Geneva Psalter, 1551

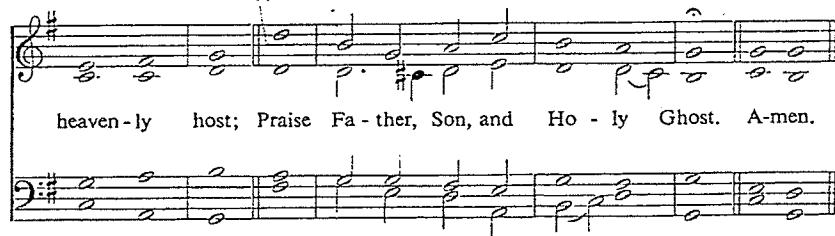
With great dignity



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.

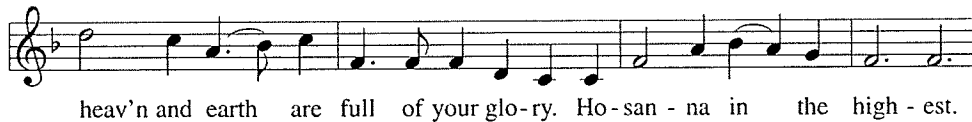
*** THE PREFACE**

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



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Blessed Assurance"

WOV # 699

"I Received the Living God"

WOV # 700

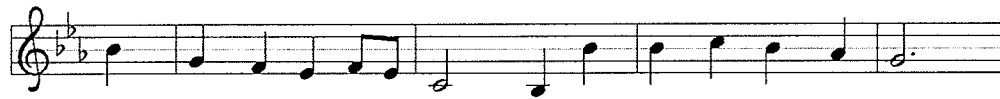
*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

LBW P. 72

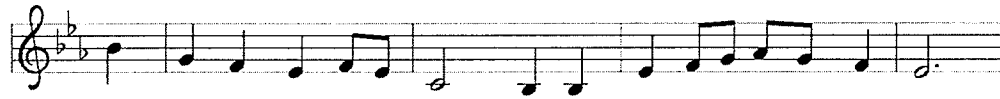
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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

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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** “Lord of All Hopefulness”

LBW # 469
(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE** “Sing to the Lord a New and Glorious Song” **Smith**

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Betty Alexander, Jean Miller, 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

Thanks to Charlie Winters for assembling two new cabinets for us, Managing Motherhood no longer needs the 7 dark blue storage bins that are stacked in the nursery. This week they are available for any Salem committee's or project's storage needs. If they aren't taken by next Sunday, then feel free to take them for at home use.

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.

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

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	Jim and Cindy Sutton
Acolyte	Madison Kimmel
Usher	Reg Doster
Lector	Connie Kirby
Communion Assistant	Jerry Ulrich
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Sharon Goodman

Monday	9:00 AM	Summer Camp
	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fellowship Comm. Rm. 6
		Worship Comm. MP
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Summer Camp
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Saturday	9:00 AM	Managing Motherhood

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