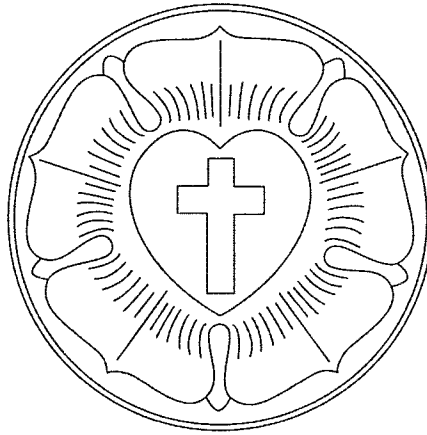


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

*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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**17th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 15, 2024  
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** "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte/Deis

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "I Am Thine, O Lord" Prentiss

**\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **LBW P. 77**

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** "Lift High the Cross"

**LBW # 377**  
(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 declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity.  
Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we  
may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup> The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;

I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.  
<sup>7</sup> But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.  
<sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.  
<sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty? (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

**PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**  
<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me;  
the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.  
<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**  
<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.  
<sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches over the innocent;  
I was brought low, and God saved me.**  
<sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul.  
for the LORD has dealt well with you.  
<sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my life from death,  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**  
<sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD  
in the land of the living.

## **SECOND LESSON: James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water. (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 -  
- 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: Mark 8:27-38**

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

<sup>27</sup> And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup> And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. <sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." <sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole

world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” (ESV)

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **THE SERMON**

\* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” **LBW # 307**  
(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.

**THE ORGAN OFFERTORY** "Dedication" Archer/Broughton

**\* THE OFFERTORY** "Doxology"

OLD HUNDREDTH. L. M.

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

*With great dignity*

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

The first system of musical notation for 'Old Hundredth'. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the organ accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise' are written below the treble staff.

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

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the organ accompaniment continues in the bass staff. The lyrics 'him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye' are written below the treble staff.

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

The third system of musical notation. The melody concludes in the treble staff, and the organ accompaniment concludes in the bass staff. The lyrics 'heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.' are written below the treble staff.

*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 HOLY COMMUNION

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”

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

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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**

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

**LBW # 200**

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

**LBW # 225**

\* THE COMMUNION BLESSING

**LBW P. 72**

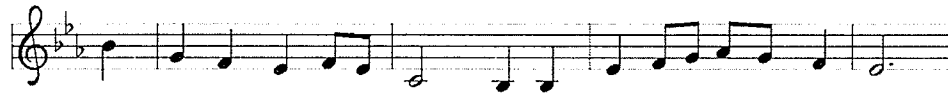
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine” **WOV # 780**  
(Blue book)

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

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

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

**\* POSTLUDE** “Postlude a la gigue” Lasky

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**Keep in Your Prayers:**

Sylvia Boyer, Cheryl Fritz, Dorie Gentzler, Diane Morris, Ruth Winters, Earl Wise, Todd Becker (friend of Mark Ditzler), Mark, David, Peg Fordney (Judy Kauffman’s nephews and niece), Deb Klopp (friend of Stephanie Frymyer), Mark Lerchen (friend of the Ditzlers), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger’s brother), Karen McCuiston (Diane Morris’ sister), Doris Minnich (family of Jerry Ulrich), Decker Murphy (family friend of Ditzlers), Dave Musser (friend of Mike Herr), Lexie Rosenau (friend of Amy Wilson), Katherine Calderon Smith (friend of Kreutzbergers), Erin Viozzi (friend of Connie and Mark Ditzler), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters’ brother)

Condolences to Wilma Eberly on the recent death of her mother Lucielle "Lucy" Dull on August 11th.

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

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

- SPAM
- Canned pasta
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Instant rice—all flavors
- Crackers

### **Managing Motherhood**

Items needed this month:

- pull-ups in 3T-4T, 4T-5T boys and girls
- shampoo
- deodorant
- body wash

**Ladies' Day Out Tuesday, September 17, 12:00 PM at Udder Choice, 1812 W. Main St., Ephrata.** Each person is responsible for the cost of their meal. Sign up in the narthex by September 15.

**Chili Cook off Sunday, October 6, following the worship service.** There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you want to cook your favorite pot of chili and bring it in a crockpot to share.

**Bus Trip to Cape May at Christmastime! Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

Free time on the Washington Street Mall, guided tour of 1879 Emlen Physick Estate decorated for a Victorian Christmas, dinner at The Lobster House Restaurant including a Christmas Traditions Presentation and Holiday Lights Trolley Tour.

**Reservations are due October 22, 2024.** Reservation forms are in the Pipeline and on the table in the lobby. Questions? See Stephanie Frymyer or Laurel Kluck.

### **Bible Study Fall 2024**

**9:00 AM**

22 September 2024 Who is St. Michael?

29 September 2024 St. Jerome and the how the Bible came to be

6 October 2024 No Class

13 October 2024 The Church and Politics

20 October 2024 The Church and Politics

27 October 2024 Reformation Discussion

**The Salem Choir will resume rehearsals on September 22.** This will not be a traditional choir where we sit up front and wear robes. Instead, the choir will gather and sing an anthem periodically. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday mornings at 8:30 beginning on September 22. There is no age restriction, and we welcome anyone who enjoys singing! If interested, please contact Jim Kimmel at 717-341-0426 or at [jimkimmel2021@gmail.com](mailto:jimkimmel2021@gmail.com) or simply talk with him in person.

**Acolyte**

We are looking for volunteers to help with acolyte, teenagers or adults. See John Keller if willing to help.

**Communion Assistant**

We are looking for new volunteer communion assistants to serve each Sunday morning. See John Keller or Pastor Goodman if willing to help.

**Holy Communion Assistant Training**

Pastor Goodman will be training new Communion Assistants on Sunday 6 October at 9:30 AM. We will meet in the Sanctuary. Please consider taking on this vital calling in our parish. Questions, please contact the Pastor.

**Harvest Home September 29** There will be a table in the choir loft area to place your food donations for Ephrata Area Social Services. If you want to help decorate the sanctuary, join us on Saturday September 28 at 9 AM.

**Lutheran World Relief Ingathering Sunday October 6.** Our knotted quilts will be on display. Envelopes are available in the narthex if you want to make a donation toward the cost of shipping. Donations may be placed in the offering plate.

Greeter	Carol Landis and Bev Stewart
Acolyte	Nicholas Keller
Usher	John Keller
Lector	Miriam Moore
Communion Assistant	Dennis Kluck
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Hillary and Nick Lombard

Today		Pipeline articles due
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Pipeline assembly Rm. 6
Saturday	9:00 AM	Managing Motherhood

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