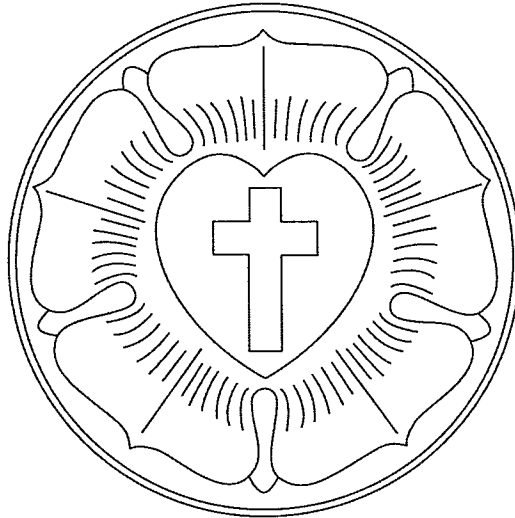


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 30, 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 "All Glory Be to God on High" Johann Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" setting by Charles W. Ore

*** 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** "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" **LBW # 424**
(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

Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹ Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of

your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,
¹² behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning
mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after
you. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
¹³⁰**When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
¹³¹I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
¹³²**Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**
¹³³Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
¹³⁴**Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
¹³⁵Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
¹³⁶**My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for
as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for
words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because
the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that
for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called
according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be
conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among
many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he
called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.
³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus 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 13:31-33, 44-52

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "Be Thou My Vision"

WOV # 776
(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 "Father, We Praise You" setting by Kevin Sadowski

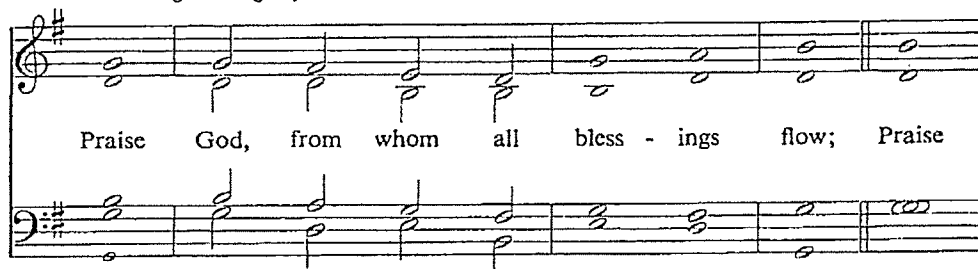
* THE OFFERTORY

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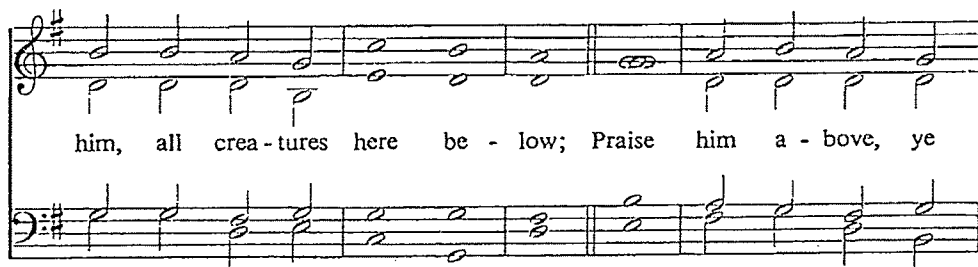
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LOUIS BOURGEOIS, *cir.* 1510-61
Geneva Psalter, 1551

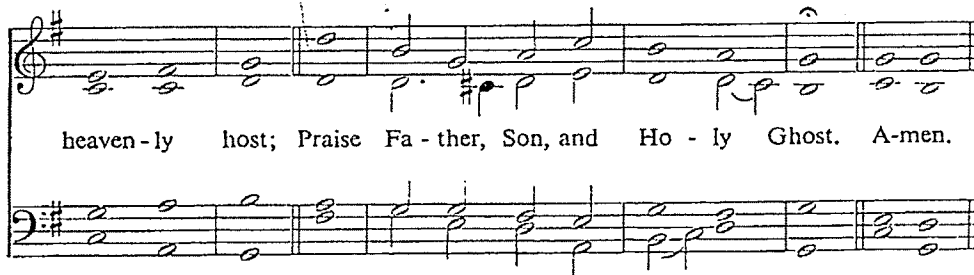
With great dignity



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”

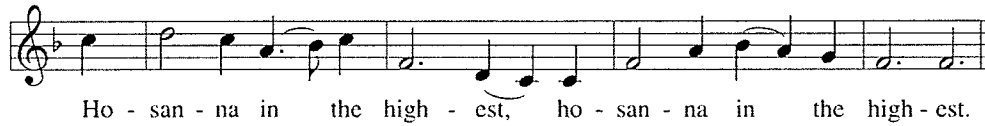
ELW P. 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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

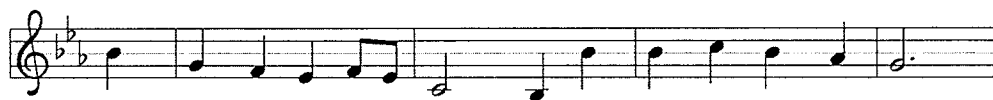
All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please note: receiving in one kind (only the body or only the blood) is a full Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
German hymn, setting by Hugo Gehrke

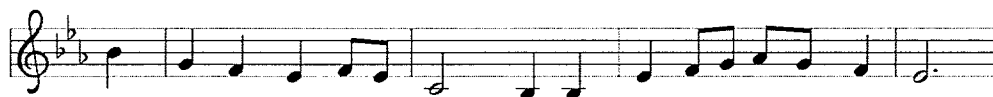
* **THE COMMUNION BLESSING** **LBW P. 72**

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** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

LBW # 221
(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE**

“Toccata in e minor”

Johann Pachelbel

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Welcome to Donna Burkholder as our organist today.

Keep in Your Prayers:

Mike Carpenter, Dale Stahl, Steve Sweigart (Edie Sweigart's husband), 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), 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 3, 4, 5, 6
- pull-ups in 2T-3T, 3T-4T, 4T-5T
- shampoo
- conditioner
- body wash

Bible study Sundays at 9 AM in the multi-purpose room

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

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.

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.

Greeter	The Goodmans
Acolyte	Abby Goodman
Usher	Jeff Metzger
Lector	Connie Kirby
Communion Assistant	Peter Shiffer
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Sharon Goodman

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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