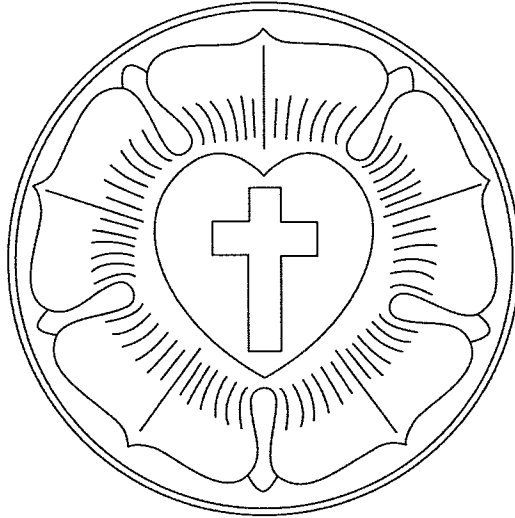


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *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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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 23, 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** "Duo sur les Tierces" Couperin

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "Amazing Grace" Virginia Harmony  
Miah Wilson, Cello

\* **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**      “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

**LBW # 459**  
(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  
Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8**

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup> Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.” (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

**PSALM: Psalm 86:11-17**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

<sup>12</sup>**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name for evermore.**

<sup>13</sup>For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

<sup>14</sup>**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks  
my life;  
they have not set you before their eyes.**

<sup>15</sup>But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

<sup>16</sup>**Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

<sup>17</sup>**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put  
to shame;  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:12-25**

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

<sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in

the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. (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 13:24-30, 36-43**

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

<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' <sup>28</sup> He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I

will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **THE SERMON**

\* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "Children of the Heavenly Father" **LBW # 474**  
(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** "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

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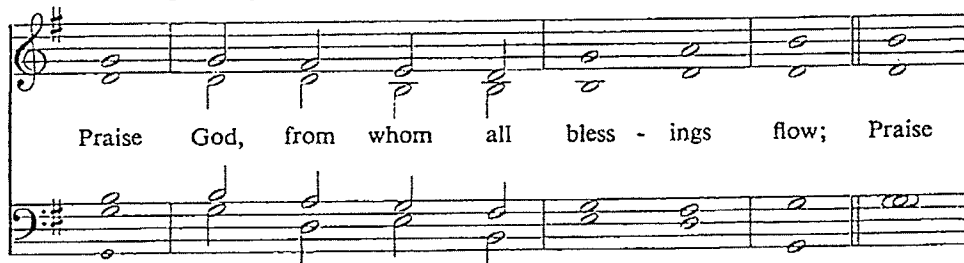
**\* THE OFFERTORY**

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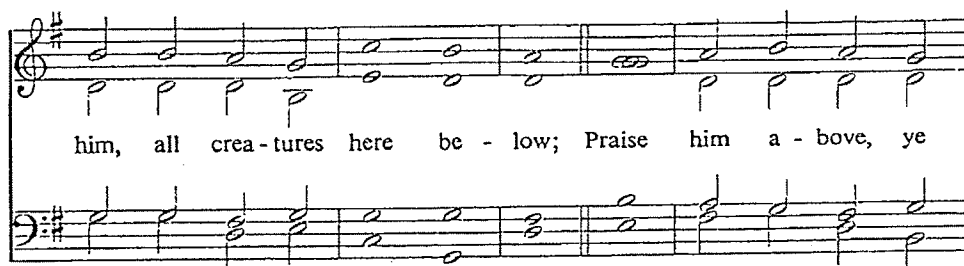
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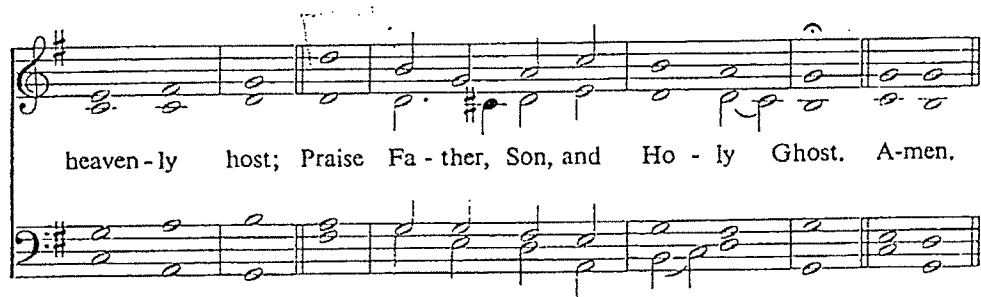
*With great dignity*



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise



him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, 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.**



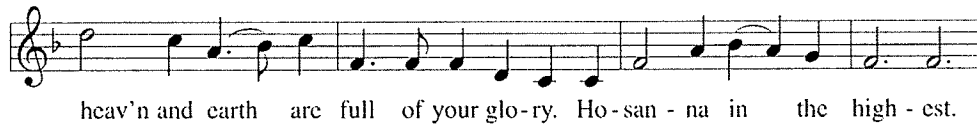
\* THE PREFACE

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** "As the Grains of Wheat"  
"Grains of Wheat"

**WOV # 705**  
**WOV # 708**

\* THE COMMUNION BLESSING

**LBW P. 72**

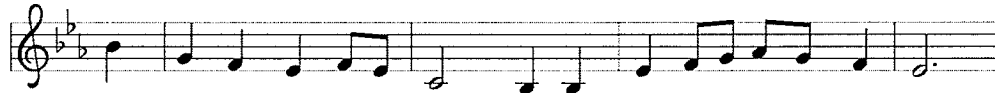
**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**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** “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!”

**LBW # 520**  
(Green book)

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

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

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

**\* POSTLUDE**

“March in D”

Bach/Blake

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**Keep in Your Prayers:**

Betty Alexander, Mike Carpenter, Del Gentzler, Diane Millhouse, Diane Morris, Dale Stahl, Ray Forry (Nancy Forry's brother), Sam Graci (Connie Ditzler's brother), Steve Sweigart (Edie Sweigart's husband), 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**

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

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.

### **New Photo Directory**

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](mailto: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	Bev Stewart and Judy Kauffman
Acolyte	Noah Keller
Usher	Chuck Rapp
Lector	Connie Kirby
Communion Assistant	Faith Shiffer
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Sharon Goodman

Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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