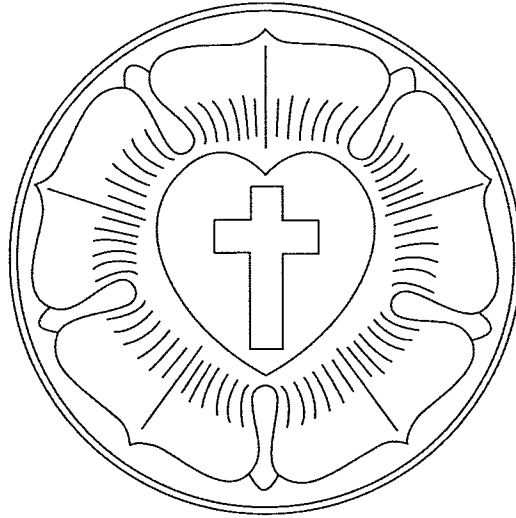


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *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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**Harvest Sunday**  
**September 25, 2022**  
**9:30 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)

## GATHERING

(Joel 2:15-17, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:1-13)

**THE FIRST PRELUDE** "Simple Gifts" Birchwood

### FIVE MINUTES IN CATECHISM

#### What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "A Grateful Heart" Ritter

**\* 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** "Come, You Thankful People, Come" **LBW #407**  
(Psalm 149:1-4) (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 Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield her increase; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## THE WORD

(1 Peter 1:25, Isaiah 55:10-11, Col. 3:16, Jere. 2:14, 1 Tim. 4:13)

### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

### PSALM: Psalm 65

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>**To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,  
because of their transgressions.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you will blot them out.

**<sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of  
your temple.**

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

**<sup>6</sup>You make fast the mountains by your power;  
they are girded about with might.**

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;  
the river of God is full of water.

**<sup>10</sup>You prepare the grain,  
for so you provide for the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

**<sup>12</sup>You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths over flow with plenty.**

<sup>13</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

**<sup>14</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them-  
selves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.**

#### **SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one  
who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have  
made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful  
giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by  
always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

<sup>9</sup>As it is written,

"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply  
your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be  
enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to  
God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of

the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

\* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Celtic Alleluia" **WOV # 613**



*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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\* **GOSPEL**

P **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

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

<sup>24</sup>He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup>He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup>But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along

with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect 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 approached 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 are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children 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 collected and burned up 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 collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where 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. Let anyone with ears listen!

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **THE SERMON**

(Isa. 55:10-11, John 6:68, Psalm 119:41-42)

\* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

**LBW # 412**  
(Green book)

\* **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

(1 Cor. 15:1, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 Tim. 3:16)

**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**

(1 Tim. 2:1-2)

**P** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer**

**\* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(Matt. 5:23-24, John 14:27, John 20:19, Romans 16:16)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **And also with you.**

**THE OFFERING**

“The Abundant Life”

Parker

(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

*(offering plates are available at the back of the sanctuary and narthex)*

**\* THE OFFERTORY**

“Let the vineyards”

**WOV P. 21**

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, fill to the brim our  
cup of bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed, we may be fed with the bread of life.





Gath-er the hopes and the dreams of all; u-nite them with the  
 prayers we of-fer now. Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence,  
 and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**\* 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.**

**MEAL**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**LBW P. 88**

(Lamentations 3:41, 2 Thess. 1:3)

**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**

(Psalm 36:4)

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

**WOV P. 22**

(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The second staff contains "Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are". The third staff contains "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The fourth staff contains "Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the". The fifth staff contains "Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." There are various musical notations including quarter notes, eighth notes, and a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\* THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**LBW P. 69**

(1 Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20)

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**

(Matt. 6:9-13)

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**

(1 Cor. 10:16-17)

\* THE COMMUNION CANTICLE "Lamb of God"  
(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)

WOV P. 25

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear emphasis on the words "Lamb of God" and "have mercy on us".

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**  
(1 Cor. 11:27-34)

*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.*

**\* THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**LBW P. 72**

(John 6:53-54)

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

**C** Amen

**\* THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thankful hearts" WOV P. 40**



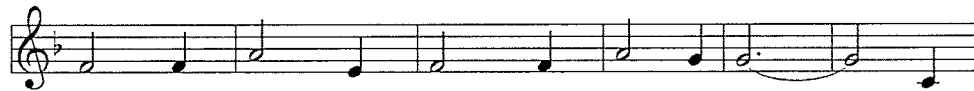
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one what God has done. Let all who seek the



Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and



lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**LBW P. 74**

(Ps. 107:1, Ps. 118:1)

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**

**SENDING**

**\* THE BENEDICTION**

**LBW P. 74**

(Numbers 6:23-27)

P Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen. Sing in a three fold form**

**\* THE CLOSING HYMN** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

**WOV # 760**  
(Blue book)

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

(Luke 7:50)

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\* POSTLUDE**

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

Hughes

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**Keep in Your Prayers:**

Daisy Kuhfeldt, Carol Landis, Diane Morris, Betty Stemplinger, Edie Sweigart, Cheryl Burns, Fay Kilheffer, Andrew Lauer, Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), family and friends of Bruce Frymyer

Our condolences to Michael Frymyer on the death of his father, Bruce Frymyer.

**Managing Motherhood:** Items needed this month:

Diapers- size 6

Pull ups- size 2T-3T, 3T-4T and 4T-5T

Shampoo

Conditioner

Body wash

Sanitary napkins- regular

**Volunteer Opportunity**

The Christian Education Committee will be serving lunch at City Gate in downtown Ephrata on Saturday 29 October 11:30AM to 1:00PM. City Gate serves lunch each Saturday and has been serving free lunch to approximately 160 persons each week. We will need volunteers to help put lunches together at the church from 8:00AM to 10:30AM. If you are interested in helping prepare and serve lunch on Saturday 29 October 2022, please sign up in the Narthex or talk with Sharon Goodman, Christian Ed chair. There will also be an opportunity to donate food for this event with more information forthcoming in September.

The Worship Committee at their regular meeting on Tuesday 13 September has decided to post pone moving the Thursday Divine Service to the chapel. As such, services will be held on Thursdays in the church and the committee will re-visit movement to the chapel at a later date. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

**Choir rehearsal will be Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM. Contact Jim Kimmel for more information.**

**Ephrata Area Social Services is in need of the following food items. They may be placed in the box in the narthex during the month of October: canned carrots, canned meats—tuna, chicken, spam, canned fruit.**

**LWR Ingathering October 2.** Our Mission Quilts will be displayed that were made throughout the year. Donations to help with shipping costs may be placed in an envelope marked Quilt Shipping Fund.

Usher	John Keller
Acolyte	Justine Millhouse
Lector	Deb Hansell
Communion Assistant	Dale Martin
Altar care	Andrea Richard

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
	11:45 AM	Teleconference service
Monday-Friday	9:00 AM	Preschool
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Knitters/Crocheters Rm. 7
	7:00 PM	Building Oversight Committee MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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