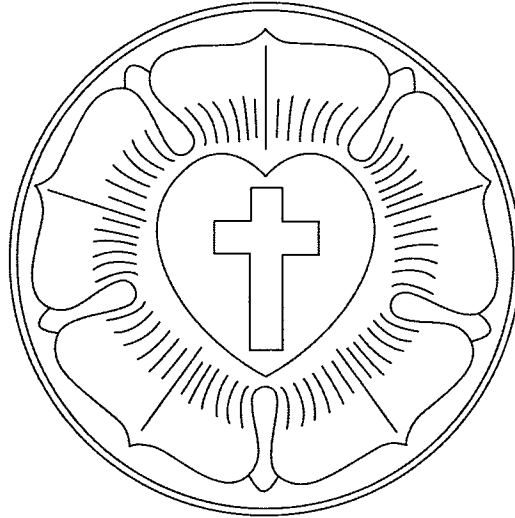


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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**13th Sunday after Pentecost
September 4, 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 "Praise the Lord of Lords" Williams

FIVE MINUTES IN CATECHISM

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Aria on 'Jewels'" Wood

* **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**
(Psalm 149:1-4)

“Earth and All Stars!”

LBW #558
(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 and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, 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 30:15-20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.” (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND LESSON: Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our
fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of
your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints,
⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full
knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have
derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the
saints have been refreshed through you.

⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is
required, ⁹ yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now
a prisoner also for Christ Jesus—¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose
father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he
is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very
heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve
me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do
nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by
compulsion but of your own accord. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from
you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a bondservant
but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much
more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he
has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul,
write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even
your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my
heart in Christ.

²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more
than I say. (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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

* **GOSPEL**

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Luke 14:25-33**

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

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. (ESV)

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** “America the Beautiful”

ELW # 888
(see insert)

* **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

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

*** THE OFFERTORY**

“Doxology”

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

*** 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

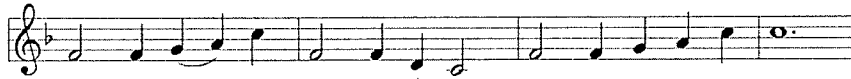
(Psalm 36:4)

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

ELW P. 207

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



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.



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

(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** "O Lamb of God"
(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)

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

(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)

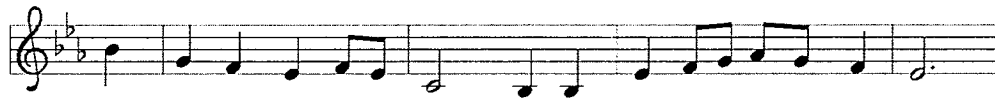
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

* THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "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

(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** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” **LBW # 259**
(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

(Luke 7:50)

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

*** POSTLUDE**

“Triumphant Finale”

Bliss

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Daisy Kuhfeldt, Carol Landis, Diane Morris, Betty Stemplinger, Susan Bergner (aunt of Steve and Peter Shiffer), Cheryl Burns, Fay Kilheffer, Andrew Lauer, Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother)

Managing Motherhood: Items needed this month:

Diapers- 3,4,5,6; Pull-ups- 2T-3T, 3T-4T, 4T-5T; Baby wash, Baby wipes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Body wash, Sanitary napkins- regular & super

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.

Ladies Day Out Tuesday, September 13 at noon at Udder Choice. Please sign up on the table in the narthex by September 11.

Cookies, Coffee and Conversation Join us for the opening of our newly created coffee and conversation area in the multi-purpose room on Sunday, September 4. Treats will be provided the first Sunday of every month after the Divine Service, but the area will be opened for use before and after the Divine Service every Sunday for you to enjoy.

Harvest Home September 25

We are looking to collect canned food and boxed food in order to restock the shelves at Ephrata Area Social Services. **Needed:** canned carrots, mixed vegetables, peas, tuna, chicken, spam, pasta in a can, fruit. Also, instant potatoes, syrup, flour, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste, body wash, bars of soap, **Not needed:** cereal, pasta noodles, spaghetti sauce.

You may drop off your donations at the Divine Service on **Thursday 22 September**. On **Friday 23 September**, you may drop off from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Harvest Home Sunday will be on **Sunday 25 September** at 9:30 a.m. You may bring your donations to the Divine Service.

**“Catch up with a Covered Dish”
Sunday, September 18
Following worship**

Want to say “goodbye” to summer in a fun way? Want to get reacquainted with old friends and meet new friends? Then plan on attending a covered dish following the Divine Service on Sunday, September 18 in the Fellowship Hall. **Drinks and dessert will be provided.**

Last name A-K: please bring an entrée or casserole to share.

Last name L-Z: please bring a salad/side dish to share.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Borry (717-824-7951) or talk with any Fellowship Member.

Thursday worship

Following a survey conducted of our regular attenders of our Thursday Divine Service, the Worship Committee has decided to move the Thursday Divine Service back to the chapel. Services will be held in the chapel starting on St. Michael and All Angels Day 29 September 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Usher	Perry Wechter
Acolyte	Madison Kimmel
Lector	Steve Shiffer
Communion Assistant	Deb Hansell
Altar care	Andrea Richard

Today	10:45 AM	Fellowship time
	11:45 AM	Teleconference service
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday-Friday		Preschool
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Sewing
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Membership Care Committee MP

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