



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the
God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our
sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough
to share. We question your ways when they differ from the
ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own
understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at
your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where
else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and
feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are
fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is

always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Shall We Gather At The River*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2: 1-5

The First Reading is from the 2nd chapter of Ezekiel.

¹ [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

PSALM: Psalm 123 *(Please read responsively)*

¹ To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

² **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴ **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

The Second Reading is from the 12th chapter of 2 Corinthians.

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 6: 1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' SERMON

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Love To Tell The Story* (page 11)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate the presence of God in bread and wine. All are welcome to receive this gift.

BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (page 12)

SENDING

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. We hope you will join us each Sunday to worship outside in God’s creation. All Church Services will be held in the picnic grove **beginning at 10:30 am.** **Hymns** – Hymns can be found at the back of the bulletin. They will be arranged as a “mini-hymnal”, in first-to-last order with the page number. **Offerings** - Offering containers, marked “Salem” and “Zion”, are located on the picnic table as you enter the picnic table area.

Special Thanks to our brothers & sisters at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church for the beautiful floral centerpiece they provided for our first indoor service last Sunday. It was beautiful and very much appreciated by everyone at Salem!

We hope you all enjoyed our annual **Pancake & Sausage Breakfast** this morning! **Special Thanks** to all the men who came out extra early to prepare and cook breakfast! Please stay after Worship for an **ice cream and dessert/snack buffet!** Our Thanks to all who brought desserts or snacks to share and also to those who are helping to clean-up.

Bible Study will be held this week on **Tuesday, July 16th at 11:00 am** at Zion.

Salem Newsletter – The deadline to submit articles for the August newsletter is **Sunday, July 28th**. Please give all items to Linda Maurer (lmaurer56@outlook.com or 570-374-0339) by the deadline. Thank you!

The **CHURCH RIBBON-CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE** will be held **THIS Saturday, July 20th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm**. We hope to see you all there! Invite family and friends to come with you to see our beautifully restored church!

SALEM MEMBERS! We will be serving cookies & punch at the Church Open House. We need donations of cookies – home-baked or store-bought. Please contact Linda Carl if you can donate. Please bring your cookies to the church basement by **12:00 noon this coming Saturday, July 20th**.

Everyone is encouraged to wear your “Salem On The Hill” or “Salem Strong” t-shirt to the Open House! If you don’t have a Salem t-shirt, but would like one, there are some “Salem Strong” shirts available for purchase today. The price is \$15 (sizes S – L) and \$20 size XL. Please see Donna Moyer if you’d like to purchase a shirt. Thank you!

“Wings & Fries” will be available in the Grove **this Saturday, July 20th from 2:00 – 6:00 pm**. Suggested donation is \$1 per wing and \$2 for fries. Drinks are available to purchase at \$1 per soda/bottled water. Come for the ribbon-cutting, tour the church and then stop by for an evening meal!

HELP IS NEEDED! If you can help **in any way** during “**Wings & Fries**” **NEXT Saturday**, please let Joe Bogetti know ASAP. We need everything from cooks, those taking orders, those filling the orders and cashiers. We’re serving from 2:00 – 6:00 pm. **All help will be greatly appreciated**, even if you can only help for an hour or two. Thank you to everyone who comes out to help.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Zion in Kratzerville!
Bible School begins **NEXT Sunday, July 21st** from 6:00 – 8:00 pm and continues nightly through Thursday, July 25th. This year’s theme is **SCUBA**, “Diving Into Friendship with God”! **All are welcome!** Please see Pam Beaver or Laurie Hockenbrock **TODAY** to register!

The next Worship Service inside Salem Church will be held on Sunday, August 18th at 10:30 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, July 20 – Ribbon-Cutting & Open House – 1:00 – 4:00
“Wings & Fries” in the Grove – 2:00 – 6:00
- Sunday, July 21 – Outdoor Worship in the Grove – 10:30 am
Vacation Bible School at Zion – 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 24 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Sunday, July 28 - Outdoor Worship in the Grove – 10:30 am

- Sunday, August 4 – Outdoor Worship in the Grove – 10:30 am
- Wednesday, August 7 – Salem’s WELCA Meeting – 2:00 pm
- Sunday, August 11 – Ham & Egg Breakfast in the Grove
Breakfast – 9:00 am Outdoor Worship – 10:30 am

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

I Love to Tell the Story

1 | love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 | love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 | love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love,
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

1 love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do,
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word,
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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