



**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 21, 2024**

**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:** *Morning Has Broken* (page 10)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

The First Reading is from the 23<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Jeremiah.

<sup>1</sup> Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. <sup>5</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

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

**PSALM: Psalm 23** *(Please read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along the right  
pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and  
your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 2: 11-22**

The Second Reading is from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Ephesians.

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the  
uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a  
physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—

<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens  
from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants  
of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But  
now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought  
near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he  
has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing  
wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law  
with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in  
himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,  
<sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the  
cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came  
and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those  
who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one  
Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and  
aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the  
household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and

prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

**GOSPEL: Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.   **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDRENS' SERMON**

**THE SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***  
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**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*

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## **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. All Church Services held in the picnic grove **beginning at 10:30 am.**

**Hymns** – Hymns are found at the back of the bulletin. They are 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 first picnic table.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Margaret Berge, given by Melinda Berge and Donna & Jerry Berge.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who attended the “Ribbon-Cutting and Open House” yesterday and those who wore their Salem t-shirts! We **especially THANK** Harry Kuster, Shirley Musser and Virginia Krouse for serving as our “ribbon-cutters”! **Special Thanks** to those who helped serve refreshments, donated cookies & punch, helped at the “sales table”, or helped in any way. And more **Special Thanks** to those who were willing to be available to share some of Salem’s history by answering visitors’ questions!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who cooked, served, or helped in any way at “Wings & Fries Night” last night, as well as to those who purchased meals. All proceeds will benefit Salem Church.

**TABLES & CHAIRS AVAILABLE!** If you are interested in any metal tables and/or metal folding chairs that had been in Salem’s basement, please contact Wayne Musser, Art Gill, Dick Kuster or Linda Carl. These are **FREE**, but we **MUST KNOW** you want them **BY NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 28<sup>th</sup>**! Thank you!

**SUMMER PROJECT - FILL MY CUP!** This summer, we will be counting our blessings and raising money for Camp Mt. Luther at the same time. The Camp is currently raising money to build a new bathhouse and update the retreat facilities in the Maple Village (where the cabin we adopt as a conference is located). During July and early August, each week, you will receive a slip of paper with a few opportunities to reflect on your blessings, based on the theme for the week. For every blessing, you are invited to put an offering into the cup - the amount is up to you! A quarter a blessing? A penny a blessing? A dollar a blessing? At the end of the project, we will combine all our cups and see how our blessings multiply! If you did not receive a cup last week, please see Pastor Stina! Thank you!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Zion in Kratzerville begins TONIGHT from 6:00 – 8:30 pm** and continues nightly through Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. This year’s theme is **SCUBA**, “Diving Into Friendship with God”! **All are welcome!** Please see Pam Beaver or Laurie Hockenbrock **TODAY** if you are still interested!



**Bible Study** will be held this week on **Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>** at **11:00 am** at Zion.

**Prayer Meeting** will be held **this Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00 pm** in the Salem Church basement.

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

**ATTENTION! EMAIL SCAMS!** It has unfortunately become a common and frequent thing for church members to receive emails posing as the Pastor asking for urgent help. **Pastor Stina will never text or email asking for money, gift cards, or help. She has not left the country or been arrested.** Chances are good, if it looks like a scam, it IS a scam. If you receive such an email, please **do not respond and please contact the church**, so we are aware.

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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, July 21 – Outdoor Worship in the Grove – 10:30 am  
Vacation Bible School at Zion – 6:00 – 8:30 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

Monday, August 12 – Salem Council Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 14 – Prayer Meeting – 7:00 pm

Sunday, August 18 – INDOOR Worship – 10:30 am

## Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass,  
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith - er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise,  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home,  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove,  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood,  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

The musical score consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are placed between the vocal and bass lines of each system.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.  
Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

## 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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