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SUNDAY, September 13, 2020 - The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering + The Word + Community + Sending

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into one body all together (online and in person!) by God's grace.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LETTER FROM BISHOP BRIAN MAAS RECOGNIZING SALEM'S 160TH ANNIVERSARY

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: We confess these words in our hearts. Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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.

C: Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

+APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: *[Please motion "giving" hands out to pastor, or, quietly say these words:]* And also with you.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everybody free up your hands to pray with motions!

P: Dear God,

P: [do "the twist"] Thank you for today!

[make hands move like waves] For moving in Jonah's life, and moving in our lives

[link first fingers] Help us to trust you

[use fingers like a phone] As you call us and love us

[give yourself a hug] our whole life through.

P: Amen.

The Word

We listen to the Word.

FIRST LESSON: Jonah 1:1-3, 14-17, 2:1-2

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me. But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

Then they cried out to the LORD, "Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you." So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the LORD even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, saying, "I called to the LORD out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

+GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord. (Reading of Matthew 22:34-46.)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he? They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" '? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SERMON SONG/SPECIAL MUSIC *My God is Powerful*

Chorus:

My God is powerful. He stands invincible.
I will hold on to him. I will hold on to him.
Through God I will overcome. He's the rock that will never move.
I will hold on to him. I will hold on to him.

Verse:

His power moves the earth and sky, Takes me to the highest heights.
My God is powerful. His power will forgive and heal,
Crushes darkness, drives out fear. My God is powerful.

Chorus:

My God is powerful. He stands invincible.
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Chorus x2

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Community

God calls us to be united in God's love, one in Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

At the end of each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

Wave the peace to each other, share peace signs, or do a socially distanced "butterfly peace"

P: The peace of Christ be with you now and always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING REFLECTION - *Gratitude for God/Special Music*

Wade in the Water (Vs. 1, 3, 4)

Nancy Schroeder

Refrain: Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
the leader looks like the Israelite. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. **Refrain**

Look over yonder, what do I see? God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
the Holy Ghost a-coming on me. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. **Refrain**

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
just follow me down to Jordan's stream. God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. **Refrain**

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+OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have entrusted us with: ourselves; our time; our gifts, strengths, and passions; our things and possessions; and our very call from you to us as your baptized children to grow as your disciples and stewards of your love. Use us, and what we have gathered this day, in feeding your world with your love and serving our neighbors near and far, whom you call us into relationship with. All this we pray through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Sending

We are sent from the worship service, to our serving of God & our neighbors in the week ahead.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS *for in-person and online worshippers for departing and the week ahead*

BENEDICTION (please stay seated - ushers will dismiss by pew)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, to love, to CRAM THE VAN, and to serve the Lord!

C: Ok, we will!

POSTLUDE

Rev. Allison Siburg --- Pastor
Nancy Schroeder --- Musician
Carrie Flynn --- Lector
Nancy Schroeder --- Cantor
Chris and Lynne Walz --- Ushers
Jesse Baines, Caleb Nesson --- Sound Room

WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God.

Listen in reverence...it is God who had made us.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears us.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift to you.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13:	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:	Confirmation	6:30 pm
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:	Shalom deadline	
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:	Couple's Club	7:30 pm
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:	First Communion Class	9:15 am
	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship w/Holy Communion	10:30 am
	Worship and Music Mtg.	11:30 am

Sundays at 9:30 am - Worship and Service of the Word on Facebook live/in-person worship

Mondays - In the office - Jody, 9-5 & Pastor, 9-12, BYOCC (bring your own camping chair)

Tuesdays at 10:00am - Children's Message on Facebook

Wednesday Evening Worship W.E.W - 7:00-7:30 pm on Facebook

Wednesdays - In the office - Jody, 9-5 & Pastor 2-7:30, BYOCC

Thursdays - In the office - Jody, 9-1 & Pastor, 9-12, BYOCC

Pastor Allison is available anytime to provide pastoral care. You can reach her at (425) 301-9122.

How else can we support you in your faith life right now? Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Allison (425) 301-9122, Council President Koni Shallberg (402) 720-2847 or our secretary Jody Meier (402) 533-3175 . Your church family is here for you! God's blessings.

MANY THANKS TO Nancy Schroeder for serving as our organist/pianist today and for canting for us this morning.

CONGREGATIONAL SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Jerry and Barb Carson on the death of Jerry's sister Kay who passed away Wednesday evening, September 9. Please keep the Carson family in your prayers.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS:

- Rally Day: Salem kids and friends spent the morning learning about Jonah and the Whale. We played a game, watched a video, reenacted the story, and had a snack. What a great way to start the year.
- CRAM THE VAN: For this year's "God's Work, Our Hands" focus we will again CRAMMED THE VAN! With the help of Salem's Health Cabinet, we will be cramming the van (maybe 2?), with nonperishable items and toiletries to our local Faith Food Pantry, reaching families in need from 4+ counties around us. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this project.
- Salem's 160th Anniversary: Pictures were shared before worship started - great to see pictures of times past here at Salem. Mark your calendars for a full recognition and celebration come next summer on June 20, 2021!

THE HEALTH CABINET'S HIGHWAY CLEANUP will take place on Wednesday, September 23 beginning at 5:00 pm. Please be sure to check in at the church to get the supplies you need before starting. Thanks in advance for your help.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION SUNDAY. On Sunday, October 4, at 10:30am will be First Communion/Confirmation Sunday... Please keep the first communicants and young people affirming their baptism in your prayers as we approach this combined Sunday of First Communion and Confirmation.

Being confirmed:

Eliss Justice
Aislinn Miller
MayAnn Smith

First Communicants:

Iziah Justice
Ava Miller
Isabella Woods

The dates for First Communion are:

Sunday, September 20 during Sunday School
Sunday, September 27 during Sunday School, baking bread in the kitchen
Wednesday, September 30 5:00-6:00 pm
Sunday, October 4 during Sunday School, in the sanctuary

Please keep these kids, and their families, in prayer as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time!

CONFIRMATION 2020-2021 BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. Please keep our young people in prayer and as the Lutheran Heritage and Theology year of instruction begins with Pastor Allison Siburg on Wednesday, September 16, 6:30-7:30pm! As per the input and concerns of families and mentors with Pastor, it was decided at our informational meeting in August to have families find their own supper before arriving at church. Confirmation will gather at church for the 6:30-7:30pm lesson, and we'll re-evaluate as a Confirmation group in October if we want to keep supper separate, or add it back in. Wednesday, October 7 will be our first mentor night of the year! We're committed to a robust Confirmation year, as kids learn the lifelong muscle of being resilient, flexible, and trusting in God. We keep the goal in our mind's eye: to grow disciples, and building a foundation of a lifelong faith in Christ!

W.E.W. WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP continues at 7:00pm, on you guessed it... Wednesdays! Join us on Salem's Facebook page for this brief mid-week service as we hear the Word, pray, and sing a song of praise. All ages, Salem's flock and friends, are welcome to tune in thru Facebook, AND contribute prayers and sorrows and joys! Join us this Wednesday.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VIDEOS are posted each Tuesday around 10:30am on Facebook. You can also find them at SalemFontanelle.org by clicking the last item of the drop down menu under the "Education tab." Share and listen to God's invitation to grow in faith!

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN WORSHIP! Our congregation is blessed with people who serve with their God-given gifts - from age 1 to 101!! THANK YOU! If you are thinking about joining in or serving in a new way, please join your sisters and brothers in Christ as we greet, lector, steward the sacraments, usher, run the tech/sound room, move the camera phone to live-stream worship... the ways to help out in worship are (almost) endless, there's no one too young or too old to lead with a servant heart for Christ! Please sign up to serve in the narthex by the stairs or let our secretary Jody Meier or Pastor Allison know.

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Items needed are:

- One light weight bath towel - dark colors recommended
- One metal nail clipper (attached file is optional)
- Two bath-size bars (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand in original wrapping
- One adult-sized toothbrush (if bought in multipacks, leave in package and they will be separated at the time of packing)
- One sturdy comb

If you would like to bring your donations, please leave on table in the upper narthex; or if you would like to make a monetary donation please mark your envelopes accordingly. Supplies will then be purchased. Thanks in advance for your help. For questions, please contact Ruth Brown.

DIGITAL PHOTO ALBUM - Send in your pictures at home of worshipping online together! Full cups of coffee and bedheads are fully acceptable!! Join in the fun and email Jody a picture or two (salemfontanelle@yahoo.com) of you and/or your family during this time of COVID-10 as we are enriching our faith at home. We are the body of Christ, at church & when we need to worship at home on Facebook during this season! Thanks to those who have already sent in some great pictures. You can see them here at: <https://salemfontanelle.org/digital-photo-album>

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