



Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

9:30 am

(+) indicates when the congregation stands. If you have difficulty standing or kneeling, please feel free to remain seated throughout the worship service.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As we begin, all may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

A Amen.

L Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L God our comforter:

A like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

L All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

A Amen.

+ OPENING HYMN

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

ELW 876

+ GREETING

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

A And also with you.

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

L Let us pray, Sovereign God,

A you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: PSALM 8

¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

A Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: MARK 10:2-16

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

L The sermon text is from the book of Jeremiah, the first chapter.

SERMON TEXT: JEREMIAH 1:4-10, 17

(see also insert)

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." ¹⁷But you, gird up your loins; stand up and tell them everything that I command you. Do not break down before them, or I will break you before them.

L The Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Stewardship Call”

Pastor Dave Mesaros

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW 656

+ 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, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

L Lord, in your mercy,

A hear our prayer.

+ SHARING OF THE PEACE

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

L Generous God,

A you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the means of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ HOLY COMMUNION

+ LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

"In Christ Called to Baptize"

ELW 575

DISMISSAL

L Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

A Thanks be to God!

Welcome Guests & Visitors!

We hope you found the worship service meaningful.

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program offerings, perhaps looking for a church home or some other need:*

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