



# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

9:30 am

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

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### 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

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

ELW 742

#### + 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

*pg. 184, refrain only*

#### 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 turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: PSALM 91:9-16**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, <sup>10</sup>no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. <sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. <sup>14</sup>Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. <sup>15</sup>When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. <sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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

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

## **SECOND READING: MARK 10:35-45**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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L The sermon text is from the book of Jeremiah.

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

**SERMON TEXT: JEREMIAH 31:15-17, 31-37**

<sup>15</sup>Thus says the LORD: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. <sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD: Keep your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for there is a reward for your work, says the LORD: they shall come back from the land of the enemy; <sup>17</sup>there is hope for your future, says the LORD: your children shall come back to their own country. <sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. <sup>35</sup>Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar — the LORD of hosts is his name: <sup>36</sup>If this fixed order were ever to cease from my presence, says the LORD, then also the offspring of Israel would cease to be a nation before me forever. <sup>37</sup>Thus says the LORD: If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will reject all the offspring of Israel because of all they have done, says the LORD.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

**A Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

“The Heart is the Heart of It”

Pastor Dave Mesaros

**+ HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

ELW 659

**+ 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 Hear us, O God.

**A Your mercy is great.**

**+ SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**A And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*Chancel Choir*

**+ HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.**

**+ 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**

*"O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us"*

*ELW 431*

**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. If you or someone you know would like information about Salem; program offerings, perhaps looking for a church home or some other need: Please contact the church office (651-457-6661) or Diane Hueller (651-451-0307)*