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"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
VBS CELEBRATION
JUNE 26, 2022

June 26, 2022
Third Sunday after Pentecost
VBS Celebration

This morning we celebrate the time children and adult volunteers spent learning about God's word through Vacation Bible School. This isn't a program to watch but a worship service where the children and youth are the worship leaders. Please join in the service with a spirit of prayer and wonder. "And a little child shall lead them."

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

PRELUDE *VBS children and youth*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We know we haven't lived as Jesus would want us to live. Let us tell God all about us leaving nothing out. When you heard the words "hear our prayer" answer "Lord, I'm sorry!"

Loving God, we've forgotten that we are your children and that you love us. We've forgotten to trust you with all that's going on in our lives. Hear our prayer. **Lord, I'm sorry!**

Loving God, we get busy with all our activities and forget to make time for you. Hear our prayer. **Lord, I'm sorry!**

Loving God, you ask us to love as you love us. Sometimes, we don't notice when someone is hungry or needs love. Sometimes, we don't want to share our money, our stuff, or our time to serve your people. Sometimes we're unkind to our family, friends, and neighbors. Hear our prayer. **Lord, I'm sorry!**

Hear this good news! Our God is a God who loves and forgives. Even when you try again and again and fail, God loves you! There is nothing that will separate you from God's love.

GATHERING SONG *Awesome God*

GREETING

We gather in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt. to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Text: Rick Founds, b. 1954

Music: Rick Founds

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LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Repeat after the Pastor

God, you are awesome!

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Your love, power and wisdom are always there for us.

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Thank you for helping us make right choices and live in love.

Thank you for helping us make right choices and live in love.

FIRST READING: Romans 8: 31-39 from The Message translation

31-39 So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us! —is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think

anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture:

None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely *nothing* can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

PSALM: Psalm 66

Repeat after the lector

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

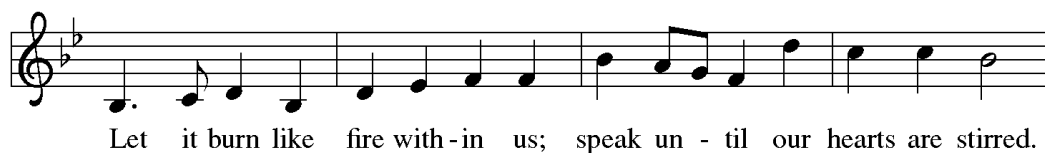
³ Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds!
Say to God, How awesome are your deeds!

⁴ All the earth worships you;
All the earth worships you;

⁵ Come and see what God has done:
Come and see what God has done:

²⁰ Because of God's great love!
Because of God's great love!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 24: 1-12 from The Message translation

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

24 ¹⁻³ At the crack of dawn on Sunday, the women came to the tomb carrying the burial spices they had prepared. They found the entrance stone rolled back from the tomb, so they walked in. But once inside, they couldn't find the body of the Master Jesus.

⁴⁻⁸ They were puzzled, wondering what to make of this. Then, out of nowhere it seemed, two men, light cascading over them, stood there. The women were awestruck and bowed down in worship. The men said, "Why are you looking for the Living One in a cemetery? He is not here, but raised up. Remember how he told you when you were still back in Galilee that he had to be handed over to sinners, be killed on a cross, and in three days rise up?" Then they remembered Jesus' words.

⁹⁻¹¹ They left the tomb and broke the news of all this to the Eleven and the rest. Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them kept telling these things to the apostles, but the apostles didn't believe a word of it, thought they were making it all up.

¹² But Peter jumped to his feet and ran to the tomb. He stooped to look in and saw a few grave clothes, that's all. He walked away puzzled, shaking his head.

RESPONSE TO THE READINGS: Children and Youth from VBS

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great is Thy Faithfulness

CREED

Repeat after the Pastor

I believe in God the Father Almighty.

I believe in God the Father Almighty.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's Son.

Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

And life everlasting. Amen

And life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING PRAYER

Repeat after the Pastor

Loving Jesus,
Loving Jesus,

Thank you
Thank you

for all you've given us.
for all you've given us.

Help us share
Help us share

with those who are in need. Amen
with those who are in need. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is right to give thanks and praise to you, loving and awesome God. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise you and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

We're all brothers and sisters in God's family. Let us pray the prayer 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is present here in the bread and cup. You are all invited to the table. There is enough for everyone!

COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher, maintaining your distance. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Return to your seat. Please notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar. The Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

We Rejoice in the Grace of God

The musical notation is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are as follows:

We re - joice in the grace of God poured up - on our lives;
lov - ing - kind - ness has come to us be -
cause of Je - sus Christ. We re - joice in the
grace of God, our hearts o - ver - flow.
What a joy to know the grace of God!

Text: Steve Cook and Vicki Cook

Music: WE REJOICE IN THE GRACE, Steve Cook and Vicki Cook

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, we gathered around your table to receive Jesus. Thank you for blessing us with these gifts of bread and cup. Thank you for encouraging us with love, strength, and courage so we might live as you want us to live. When we feel overwhelmed or scared remind us that you love us. Send us out to love others around us. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God loves you! May you sense God's love in your heart and live that love with the people around you. May you feel God walking with you no matter what's happening in your life. May you find hope and freedom in God's peace. And may God bless you in the name of the Father, the Son (+) and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

SENDING SONG

How Great Is Our God!

SENDING FOR MISSION

Our God IS great! Go and share the good news!
Thanks be to God. We will!

SILENT PRAYER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Prayer requests for the following *Nancy Marshall, Milissa Fogle, Marie Dovey, Christian Carman, Beth Floyd, Bernard Harris, Jean Jackson, Annamarie Schwartz, David Johnson, Joe and Karen Wolfinger, Jennie Matthews, Kristen Hardman, Becky Pecha, Patricia Yetter, Baby Warren Baker, Ukrainian Nation, Peace for the World, Carol Locke, Aurora Shultz and her parents David & Brittany, Linda Wepking, Frances Kramer, Connie Bikle, Darrell Veilleux.* If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire. **Note:** At the beginning of each month, the Prayer Request List will start anew. If you would like to remain listed on the next month's list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list before the end of the month, please call the office.

For now, the offering plate will continue to be placed in the back of the church in front of the Baptismal Font. Thank you for your continuing support of the ministries of Solomon's as we join God in the work of sharing Christ's love.

Office Hours for Pastor Barb are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon or call for an appointment.

Volunteers are needed for nursery duties during the summer months. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Sunday School Room.

Power Pack Meals: We will not be collecting food during June or July. The program will resume in August for the 2022-2023 school year. Please place the items you donate in the gray tote in the Sunday School room. Monetary donations are also accepted, write your check to Solomon's, and put Power Pack in the memo line.

Social Ministry: Social Ministry will be collecting items through August for Personal Care Kits as we have done in past years. Items needed are: One light-weight dark color bath size towel (20" x 40" to 52" x 27"); Two - three bath size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand in original wrapping; One adult size toothbrush in original packaging; One sturdy comb; One metal nail clippers attached file optional. We are not asking that you donate an entire kit, just the items you feel you can give. Please place the items in the gray tote under the coat rack. The kits will be assembled during **God's Work Our Hands** on Rally Day Sunday in September.

The council is forming a media ministry team where all things computer will be cared for under one umbrella. This includes the worship services, office computers, Facebook account, etc. The more people who help, the less work for everyone. Is God calling you to learn new ways of preaching the Good News boldly following the example of Jesus Christ? Wayne Norman has agreed to lead this group. Call him if you feel called to this ministry.

Sign-up Sheets for worship assistants for the rest of the year will be on the side table in the Sunday School room. Communion: bread, set-up, clean-up, and assistant will be on a monthly basis. If you can't commit to the entire month, please see if you can share the month with someone else. Acolytes and Lectors are on a weekly basis. If you find you can't fulfill a chosen date, please call someone to take your place. Let Kimberly in the office know so the bulletin and newsletter info stays up to date. Thank you for your commitment to help provide opportunities for meaningful worship at Solomons. Kimberly will publish the schedule for each month in the newsletter.

Bulletin Announcement Forms are located in both pamphlet racks. Please submit all bulletin announcements to the office by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday for inclusion in the bulletin.

Council Minutes, Monthly Financial Statement and Committee Minutes are available in the library for anyone to read.

Don't forget to sign up for altar flowers. The following Sundays in July and August are still available: 7/3, 7/10, 7/24, 7/31, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28.

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We are set free to love our neighbor.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus
Monday	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Elijah meets God at Horeb
Tuesday	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Fruit of the Spirit
Wednesday	Philippians 2:1-11	Christ shows us true humility
Thursday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Friday	1 John 3:11-24	Love one another
Saturday	Psalm 16	Trust and security in God
Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Loving God, thank you for setting us free to love all of creation, our neighbors, and those we have not yet met, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may this food remind us that you give us joy and that you hold in your hand true pleasures for us, now and always. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of true joy and peace free you to love.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When have you used your free will in a way that did not help you or others?
- Give an example or think about how you used your freedom to help or be kind to someone.

HYMN OF THE WEEK

I Love to Tell the Story



DEVOTIONS

Read: Galatians 5:1, 13-25.

We like the idea of personal freedom; we are just not sure what to do with it. Should we take art classes to become an accomplished artist? Should we use our freedom to explore the world and delight in all of God's creation? Freedom gives us options that can make us dizzy. Paul has been telling the Galatians what it means to be justified (made right with God) by grace through faith. Here's the answer: it is to be set free. Contrary to many cultural and whimsical ideas of freedom, Christian freedom is quite simple: love your neighbor. You can't do that by feeding your own desires while being insensitive to others. You love your neighbor with the fruit of the Spirit that is *"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."* That is what being made right with God looks like. It is the freedom to be a slave of—to be captive to—love, and only to love.

Discuss: How does self-indulgence get in the way of loving one another?

Pray: **Liberating God, fill our lives with the fruit of the Spirit, that we may love others with joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, who is someone to whom you could show kindness and generosity?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Make a tree shape out of cardboard or colored paper and cut-out nine fruit shapes. Write one of the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23 on each of the cut-out fruit. Take time each day this week to talk about and pray for one or two fruit in your life. As you do, place the fruit shapes on your tree. Display it in a visible place in your home as a reminder of the fruits of the Spirit.