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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."*

**OUTSIDE WORSHIP/SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**JUNE 2, 2024**

**June 2, 2024**

Outside Worship/Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Deuteronomy makes clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. God delivered the Israelites out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. No one should work seven days a week; even slaves and foreigners should be able to rest. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject sabbath-keeping, but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to restoration: the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.*

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✚ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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.  
Amen.**

God,  
who is rich in mercy, loved us  
even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God  
strengthen you with power  
through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts  
through faith.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Verse 1:      What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear,  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer.

O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer.

Verse 2:      Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior still our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do they friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

## **\*GREETING**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

*When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.*

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 2:23—3:6**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.”

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come forward.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** *Cracked Pots!*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY** *Amazing Grace*

Verse 1:     Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
                  That saved a wretch like me!  
                  I once was lost but now am found,  
                  Was blind, but now I see.

Verse 2:     ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
                  And grace my fears relieved;  
                  Precious did that grace appear,  
                  The hour I first believed.

Verse 3:     Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
                  I have already come;  
                  ‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
                  And grace will lead me home.

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (*Please respond.*)

*P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.*

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, 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.**

## **\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## **\*SENDING SONG**      *I Love to Tell the Story*

Verse 1:      I love to tell the story, of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus, and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, Because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

Chorus      I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

Verse 2:      I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat,  
What seems each time I tell it More wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard,  
The message of salvation From God's own holy word. (Chorus)

Verse 3:      I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting, To hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. (Chorus)

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Glimpses of Vibrancy**

This week we give thanks for the many gifts Solomons Lutheran continues to share into the surrounding community. Today we lift up the gift of **Relay for Life**. May this gift continue to be a significant **Glimpse of the Vibrancy** of the love of Jesus Christ!

**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:** *family & friends of Bobby Seilhamer, Matt Haas, Chuck Bedsworth, Lois Allwein, Andrea Marigroo, Millie Kulkusky, Becky Pecha, Linda Mumaugh, Ina Shreiner, Steve Eck, Bernie Harris, Katy Klutz, Lilly Chiado, Bonnie Hudson, Jane and Bill Brindle, Darrell Veilleux, Malvern Zimmerman, Bob Estep, Missy Moreui, Becky Ensinger, Sam Mull, and all the Homebound:.* If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.



**Please Be Aware:** *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

**Weekly Calendar Reminders:**

June 6 - Finance 6pm

**If you are in need of pastoral care,** please notify Pastor Mike Allwein at 717-357-3814.

**During the four weeks of June when Pastor Mike is away, Richard Graven will lead a Bible Study each Sunday beginning at 9:00am in the Sunday School room.** Thank you to Richard for stepping up in order to keep this Bible Study going each week. Everyone is most welcome!

**VBS – SCUBA diving into friendship with God: June 17-21, 2024; 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.** Ages: 3yrs – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. **Celebration Sunday: June 23 at 10:15 am.** Registration & Photo Agreement Forms are attached to the May Newsletter email, or available on Solomon's website.

**Offerings received during Vacation Bible School and Celebration Sunday will be donated to NETWork Ministry.** NETWork Ministry is an urban ministry for children and teens in Chambersburg. Since 1993, they have been committed to sharing the love of Christ with those who are most vulnerable in our community. Their desire is to minister to the whole person with the gospel of Jesus. They especially seek to equip children and young adults with skills necessary for these four areas of focus: Spiritual Growth, Academic Achievement, Life Management, and Christian Leadership. This is accomplished through a variety of after school and summer opportunities for youth.

**SUPER FUN fundraiser sponsored by Solomon's U.C.C** - The event will raise money for the power pack program that we support. It's a Harrisburg Senator's game at FNB Field in Harrisburg. The game is on Friday, June 21 at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 each (\$4 from every ticket sold will go toward our power pack program). Sign-up sheet is on the board in the Sunday School room. It's also a great opportunity to meet some neighbors and talk about our church. Any questions see Linda Berberich.

**The Flower sign-up and all sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday school room.** Please sign-up for as many as you can.

**Power Pack Meals:** Thank you to those who donated for this school year. We will start taking donations again in September for the 2024-2025 school year.

**If you are not taking your altar flowers home,** please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

**Copies of today's sermon can be found in the office room at the rear of the worship space.** Pick one up before service if this will be helpful in hearing the sermon; or, pick one up to take home if you wish to use it reflect on throughout this upcoming week.

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