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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."

# June 9, 2024

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

#### Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

help us.

Amen.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

# \*GATHERING SONG Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (ELW 807)



- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
- 2 Here I raise my Eb en e zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love, Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove. he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood. Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

### \*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.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

A reading from Genesis.

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

<sup>8</sup>[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM: Psalm 130**

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

¹Out ¹ of the depths
I cry to ¹ you, O LORD;
²O LORD, ¹ hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my ¹ supplication.
³If you were to keep watch ¹ over sins,
O LORD, ¹ who could stand?
⁴Yet with you ¹ is forgiveness,
in order that you ¹ may be feared.

- <sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits; in your word | is my hope.
- <sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning, more than those who keep watch | for the morning.
- <sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love; with the LORD there is plen-| teous redemption.
- <sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall | redeem Israel from | all their sins.

# SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

# \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Music: Caribbean traditional

**GOSPEL:** Mark 3:20-35

The holy gospel according to Mark.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

# SERMON Rev. Herb Spomer

# \*Please stand as you are able for the final verse





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Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

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Music: PROSPECT, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

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### **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 THE CHURCH (Please respond.)

P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

# \*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 



# \*OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.** 

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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

# \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





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### \*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

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.

# **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### **COMMUNION**

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. 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.

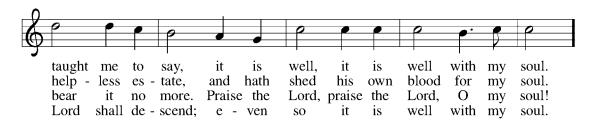
# COMMUNION HYMN When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul) (ELW 785)



- 1 When peace like a riv er at tend eth my way, when
- 2 Though Sa tan should buf fet, though tri als should come, let
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo ri ous thought; my
- 4 Lord, has ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev er my lot, thou hast that Christ hath re - gard - ed my this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I the clouds be rolled back as scroll, trum - pet shall sound and the





Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888 Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

# \*COMMUNION BLESSING

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

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

Amen.

# \*BLESSING

# \*SENDING SONG On Our Way Rejoicing (ELW 537)



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt. Music: HERMAS, Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

# \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

# Thanks be to God.

# EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLE/SILENT PRAYER

### **POSTLUDE**

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# **SERVING TODAY**

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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 *Supporting Lutheran World Relief/Lutheran Disaster Response*. May this gift continue to be a significant Glimpse of the Vibrancy of the love of Jesus Christ!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the Glory of God in loving memory of Ruth Baumbaugh given by Wayne and Marjorie Dale.

**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!

Today we welcome Rev. Herb Spomer with a big "thank you" for preaching today.

**Prayer requests for the following:** Matt Haas, Chuck Bedsworth, 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 10 - W&M 6pm Council 7pm 11 - Christian Ed 7pm

If you are in need of pastoral care, please notify Ron Coldsmith, congregation president.

# A Note about Summer Worship Music



During each summer month, we will be singing the same Gathering Hymn and Sending Hymn. The Gathering Hymn for June (other than VBS Celebration Sunday on June 23) is "Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing". The text for this hymn was written in 1758 by British Baptist Hymn writer, Robert Robinson (1735-1790). Robinson, a 16-year old

barber's apprentice and self-proclaimed "hoodlum", fell under the powerful influence of George Whitefield's preaching in London, 1752. In 1775, Robinson became a Christian and "found full and free forgiveness through the precious blood of Jesus Christ", and three years later, penned the words to this well-known hymn. In his early days as a Christian, Robinson struggled with faith, but the words he himself wrote would prove to re-kindle his faith and bring him home to Christ. Robinson served as the pastor of Stone Yard Baptist Church at Cambridge for nearly 30 years.

The July/August/September issue of Our Daily Bread is available in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule.

Next week Richard Graven will lead Bible study 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.

**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.