

SALEM CHURCH OF ROUGH & READY

Pastor: Mark E. Mantz  
Organist: Mindi Weikel  
Acolyte: Bailey Novinger

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
TRACTOR SUNDAY  
JULY 23, 2023

ORGAN PRELUDE

\*PROC. HYMN “Standing on the Promises” #147

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*SOLEMN DECLARATION

\*CHORAL AMEN

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

P: Sing to the LORD a new song;

C: **sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

P: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

C: **proclaim his salvation day after day.** —Psalm 96:1-2, NIV

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

P: The psalmist testifies: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

—from Psalm 32:1-6, NRSV

\*CONFESSION OF SIN (Unison)

(Silent Confession)

**Righteous Father, we who own more than we use, proclaim more than we experience, and request more than we need, come asking your forgiveness. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We experience your grace, then act defeated. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive our every defection. Bring us to an unbroken**

**commitment and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope, the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always. Amen.**

\*KYRIE, page 518, red hymnal

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. —Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8, NRSV

\*PRAISE

P: Praise the Lord.

**C. THE LORD'S NAME BE PRAISED!**

\*GLORIA PATRI, page 491, red hymnal

SPECIAL MUSIC: Salem Choir

MISSION MOMENTS

JOYS & CONCERNS

GENERAL & SILENT PRAYERS

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

\*APOSTLES CREED (Page 6, red hymnal -Unison)

\*SERMON HYMN "Soldiers of Christ, Arise" #265

SCRIPTURES: Ephesians 6: 10-12

SERMON: "Spiritual War"

OFFERING

\* OFFERATORY RESPONSE, page 506, and Prayer of Dedication

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*DOXOLOGY, page 551, red hymnal

\*CLOSING HYMN "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" #207

\*BENEDICTION

SILENT MEDITATION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

\*Congregation, please stand, if you are able.

All hymns are from BROWN HYMNAL.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – WELCOME TO ALL. Eighth Sunday after Pentecost and TRACTOR SUNDAY. Altar Flowers are to the Glory of God. There will be no Children's Church today. The Love Offering this month is for Brenda and Toby Tobias.

Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> will be the Salem Church Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 8 AM. The Pitman Carnival Parade will also be held at 5 PM that day.

Next Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> will be the Pitman Community Service with Community Sunday School @ 9 AM and Worship Service @ 10:15 AM. Beef Dinner will be served at 11:30 AM. There will be no service at Salem Church on this day.

Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – Salem Church Consistory Meeting at 7 PM

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – The acolyte will be Gavin Scheib.

There will be a confirmation class meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> right after church. Anyone planning to attend Confirmation class must attend, with one or both parents.

Please give names and addresses of children who would like to receive the extra Vacation Bible School Kits Brock Klinger, Jacob Masser, or one of the Sunday School Teachers.

The Janitor for July is Dean Dietrich

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pastor & Jeanne Mantz, Katie Madera, Family of Ruby Reitz, Missionaries in Alaska, Janice Deitz, Michael Troutman, May Keim, Jack Bensinger, Melissa Lenker, Toby Tobias, Russell Smith, Big Creek Missions, Larry Lucas, Larry Peifer, Marle Cox, Louise Rothermel, Diane Wehry, Carl Schaible, Jack Wilson, Nancy Warns, Angie Romberger, Mark Smith, Judy Grosser, Jeff Latsha, Nancy Rothermel, Karen Heim Wolf, Darwin Erdman, Kimberly Heim Curtis, Galen Spickler, Kathy Saltzman, Bud Deeter, Brian Mussolini, Mark Aungst, Sherry Erdman, Esther Stoltzfus, Janey Wehry, Kera Spickler, Marlene Updegrave, Frank Pollick, Andy Schreffler, Elaine Wolfgang.

## NURSING HOME

Doris Lucas – Nottingham Village, Northumberland  
Gerry Masser – Nottingham Village, Northumberland  
Darice Wehry – Polk Foundation, Millersburg  
Roberta Huntsinger—Polk Foundation, Millersburg  
Larry Lucas – Tremont Nursing Home, Tremont  
Joyce Masser –Schuylkill Center, Pottsville

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**CHURCH WEBSITES:** <http://www.salemchurchrr.org/> The Salem Church's email address is [secretary@salemchurchrr.org](mailto:secretary@salemchurchrr.org). You can also join the Salem Church group on Facebook for regular updates.

**NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL--**The Consistory has approved the sending of the RUMBLINGS via email. If you would like a digital, rather than a paper, copy of the newsletter, please send an email to Elaine Dietrich requesting such a change. Her email is [secretary@salemchurchrr.org](mailto:secretary@salemchurchrr.org) Thank you!

**PER CHURCH MUTUAL –** We would like to inform the congregation that Salem is a church that welcomes all sinners to worship and study the Word of the Lord. While we acknowledge that this may include registered sex offenders, we wish to assure the congregation that we do have policies and precautions in place to maintain the safety of all in attendance. We do also ask that if you are attending and have been convicted of a sexual offense, that you please inform either the Pastor or a member of the consistory so that we can ensure proper safety policies are followed while you worship with us.

**REDNER'S SAVE A TAPE PROGRAM--**Salem Church Sunday School is participating in this program. Please, bring your register receipts to the church.