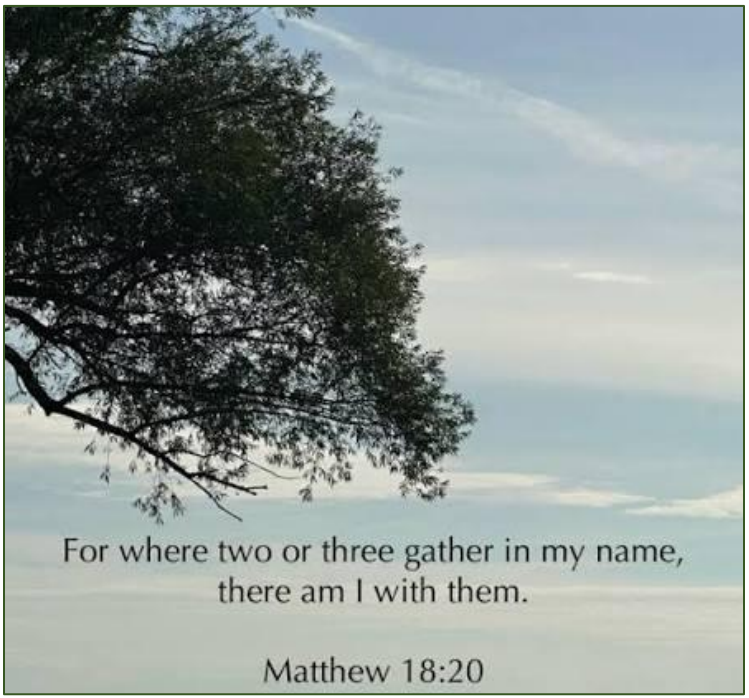


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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026

WORSHIP GUIDE
You may remain seated as is comfortable
P = Pastor **C = Congregation/People** L = Leader

Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER –
because the Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude ***"Prelude on IN BABILONE"*** **Paul Manz**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God, . . .

C: . . . we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us share the gift of Christ's peace with those around us,
by saying ***"Peace be with you!"*** *and respond with* ***"And also with you."***

Gathering Hymn ***"As We Gather at Yor Table"*** **ELW 522**



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932
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Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. Creator God, . . .

C: . . . in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD –
because God speaks to us through the words of scripture, preaching, and singing of songs.

First Reading **Ezekiel 33:7-11**

L: The first reading is from the Old Testament book of Ezekiel chapter 33, beginning with verse seven.

L: *God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

L: 7 So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. 8 If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. 9 But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

[10] Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" [11] Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40 Responsive Reading

L: The psalm reading is from Psalm 119, beginning with verse 33. Please join in reading it responsively by whole verse.

L: [33] Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

C: [34] Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

L: [35] Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

C: [36] Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

L: [37] Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

C: [38] Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.

L: [39] Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

C: [40] Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

Second Reading Romans 13:8-14

L: The second reading for today is from the book of Romans, chapter 13 beginning with verse eight.

L: *The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

L: [8] Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. [9] The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [10] Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

[11] Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; [12] the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; [13] let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. [14] Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel **Matthew 18:15-20**

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Matthew chapter 18 beginning with verse 15.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus said to the disciples:] [15] "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. [16] But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. [17] If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. [18] Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. [19] Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. [20] For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

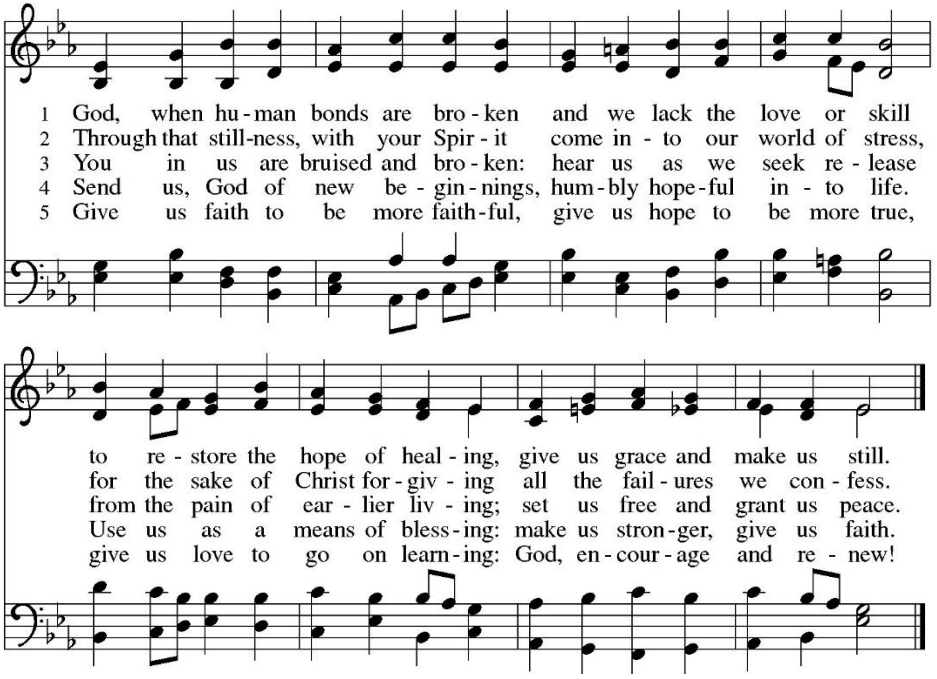
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message **Pastor Ed Robbins**

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Hymn of the Day ***"God When Human Bonds Are Broken"*** **ELW 603**



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Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889
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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD –
We shower God with our thanks and praise because God is compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Affirmation of Faith **Canadian Creed**

L: Let us confess our faith . . .

P: We are not alone. We live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God!

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" **ELW 752**



Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943
Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema
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Prayers of the People

L: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

L: Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Gracious Lord, . . .

C: . . . listen to your children praying.

L: Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster. Gracious Lord, . . .

C: . . . listen to your children praying.

L: Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Gracious Lord, . . .

C: . . . listen to your children praying.

L: Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. Mercifully grant strength to the weak and comfort to those who suffer, that their sickness and pain may be turned into health, especially . . . *(names are read from the prayer list)* . . . and those we lift aloud with our voices or hold in the silence of our hearts . . . *(pause).* Send *us as* your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Gracious Lord, . . .

C: . . . listen to your children praying.

L: Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Gracious Lord,

C: . . . listen to your children praying.

L: Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Gracious Lord, . . .

C: . . . listen to your children praying.

L: Grant the prayers we have offered, those we hold in the silence of our hearts, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Offering

We give God thanks and praise for the continued support of the people of God to the ministries at Salem. If you are joining us via Facebook and would like to make a financial donation, you may mail it directly to . . . Salem Lutheran Church at 99 York Rd., Jacobus, PA 17407 or visit our website: https://salemlutheranjacobus.org *On Salem's Home Page in the top left-hand corner click on the* icon and follow the directions.

Offertory **"*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"** **ELW 186**



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Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. God of creation . . .

C: . . . you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

WE SHARE THE MEAL –
because God our loving heavenly Father feeds us
with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: 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, Jesus 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."

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

C: 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

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Distribution of Communion

P/L: This is the body of Christ given for you. **C: Amen.**

P/L: This is the blood of Christ shed for you. **C: Amen.**

Communion Hymn ***"Let Us Break Bread Together"*** **ELW 471**



Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray. Sustaining God, . . .

C: . . . with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT –
to do God's work, serving as God's hands, feet, and voice and sharing the Good News of God's grace-filled love.

God's Purpose for Salem Lutheran

L: God's purpose for Salem Lutheran Church is . . .

C: . . . to share God's love with our neighbors, through God's word, our witness, and our actions.

Blessing

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn (pg. 14) ***"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*** **ELW 543**

Dismissal

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God! AMEN!

Postlude ***"Postlude on IN BABILONE"*** ***Gordon Young***

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Sending Hymn ***"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*** **ELW 543**



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Readings for the 16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 13, 2026

First Reading	-	Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm	-	Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13
Second Reading	-	Romans 14:1-12
Gospel	-	Matthew 18:21-35

Upcoming Commemoration

Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654, Wednesday, September 9, 2026



Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the enslaved people who arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

On behalf of the Loganville-Springfield Weekend Backpack Program, I would like to thank the congregation of Salem Lutheran Church for the generous donations of food and money. Your generosity is a testament to helping our community and the children in the community who suffer from food insecurity. . . Anita Beck (9/1/26)



Sunday September 13th

Baptism.

Grandparent's Day.

God's work our hands.

Worship in the Woods.

Troop 69 Popcorn and Nut Sales - Orders and payment are due October 4th. Order forms are located in the Fellowship Room.

Sunday September 20th
Following the 10:15 Worship Hour
Salem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

_____ will attend the Pulled Pork Fellowship Meal on Sunday September 20th – following Worship in the Salem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

There will be _____ (#) attending and we will bring:

_____

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Due to Scheduling Conflict

Please Note

the Change of Dates!!

This is a Wednesday NOT Thursday!

Sandwich Sale to benefit House of Hope York & Mr. Sandy's Veteran's Shelter

Jeff's Subs



September 2026 Order Form

Order By **Wednesday, September 9**
Pickup On **Wednesday, September 16**

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

# of Sandwiches			Total
Subs *For Subs only – Hot peppers (HP) & onions(O) available upon request. Please mark choice.*			
_____ Cold Cut	__ (HP)	__ (O) $6.00	_____
_____ Turkey	__ (HP)	__ (O) $6.00	_____
Pretzel Sandwiches			
_____ Ham & Provolone		$6.00	_____
_____ Turkey & Provolone		$6.00	_____
Regular Sandwich Roll			
_____ Ham & Provolone		$4.00	_____
_____ Turkey & Provolone		$4.00	_____
Pretzel Sliders			
_____ Ham & American		$3.50	_____
_____ Turkey & American		$3.50	_____
_____ Total # of Sandwiches		Total $	_____
_____ Donation to Mr. Sandy's Vets			
_____ Donation to House of Hope			
_____ Total order due with Donations			

~ To order sandwiches please call 717-428-2811

~ Make checks payable to:
"Salem Lutheran Church"

~ We extend a sincere thank you to JEFF'S SUBS for providing such tasty sandwiches!



The Power of Prayer

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Servants of The Lord at Salem

	Sept 6	Sept 13
Lay Reader – 8:00	Heather Swank	Brenda Klawitter
Comm. Assists. – 8:00	Heather Swank	Brenda Klawitter
Lay Reader – 10:15	J.R. Rudisill	Pearl Kessler
Assist. Minister –10:15	J.R. Rudisill	Deb Hare
Acolyte – 10:15	Jamie Trimmer	Delaney Fisher
Nursery – 10:15		
Usher Team – 10:15	Tom Kessler	Randy Brown
Fellowship Hour	Klinger and Glatfelter Team	Gingerich Team

Calendar of Events at Salem Lutheran

HC = Holy Communion SS = Sunday School

Sun. Sept 6	Mon. Sept 7	Tues. Sept 8	Wed. Sept 9	Thur. Sept 10	Fri. Sept 11	Sat. Sept 12
15th Sunday after Pentecost ***Pastor Ed Robbins*** **8:00 am** Worship w/HC **10:15 am** Worship /HC **12:30 pm** NA Comm Mtg	**Labor Day Holiday**	Office Hrs. By appt **12 noon** Bulletin Deadline **6:30 pm** Cub Scouts	Office Hrs. **9:00-1:00 7:00 pm** NA Meeting **HOH Sub/Sand orders due.**	Office Hrs. **9:00-1:00 12:30 pm** Cover Girls	Office Hrs. **9:00-1:00 7:00 pm** NA Meeting	
Sun. Sept 13	Mon. Sept 14	Tues. Sept 15	Wed. Sept 16	Thur. Sept 17	Fri. Sept 18	Sat. Sept 19
16th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Worship w/HC **10:15 am** Worship /HC "God's Work Our Hands" "Grand-parent's Sunday" **11:45 am** Council Mtg. **5:00pm** Worship in the Woods	Office Hrs. By appt **7:00 pm** Worship and Music Mtg. **7:00 pm** Boy Scouts	Office Hrs. By appt **12 noon** Bulletin Deadline **6:30 pm** Cub Scouts	Office Hrs. **9:00-1:00 7:00 pm** NA Meeting **HOH sub/sand order pickup In the Grove**	Office Hrs. **9:00-1:00 10:30 am** Preschool Grand-parent's Day Brunch **12:30 pm** Cover Girls	Office Hrs. **9:00-1:00 10:30 am** Preschool Grand-parent's Day Brunch **7:00 pm** NA Meeting	

What's Happening at Salem

Month of September Designated Giving:
DASD CAT PACKS (Financial Giving)



First Day of Preschool Sept. 8 for 3-year-old and Sept. 9 for 4-year-old.



Sept. 9 HOH sub/sand orders due.
Sept. 16 HOH sub/sand order pick up in The Grove



Worship in the Woods, Sept 13.
Sept 27 with the Blessing of the Pets.



Sept. 17 and 18 Preschool Grandparent's Luncheon @ 10:30 in the Fellowship Room.



Sept. 20 Fall Luncheon following 10:15 service.



Sept. 26 Community Breakfast.



Reminder: check the information table in the Fellowship Room for upcoming event sign-ups, thank you letters, volunteer sign-up sheets, and much more. Lay readers are needed for 10:15.



Reminder – Salem's Partner ID # 20117 with Community Aid.



Save Those Coins Over the Summer!!! For ELCA World Hunger "Feed the World". Noisy Sunday October 18.