

## **Salem August 30 2020**

13th Sunday after Pentecost

ELW Holy Communion Setting Three

### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### **RADIO WELCOME**

Good Morning. Welcome to Salem Lutheran Church. We welcome all of you to worship today, especially those of you who are visiting or are worshipping with us on Big Dog radio 98.9, KHUB 1340, or viewing on Spectrum cable or watching on Facebook Live.

If you are visiting with us today, we want you to know that you are welcome and we are glad you are here. There are several places where you can find a copy of our bulletin to follow along with today's service. If you are part of our email list, you received one earlier this week. It is also found on our Facebook page and our website at salemfremont.org under bulletin board. On our website under sermons, you will also find a recording of the sermon each week.

This morning we welcome Greg Johnson the organ and thank him for sharing his musical talents with us today.

During this season of Pentecost, we celebrate the inbreaking of the Holy Spirit into the world so long ago, and we pause to give witness to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We hope and pray that your time here this morning fills you with new breath for your week to come.

This morning we also have the special privilege of welcoming a new member into the family of God through the waters of Holy Baptism. At this time I invite the parents and sponsors of Jerzey Dre Veskerna to come forward.

# BAPTISM OF JERZEY DRE VESKERNA

## HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

**Parents:** We present Jerzey Dre Veskerna for baptism. Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Jerzey* baptized into Christ?

**Parents:** We do.

As you bring *Jerzey* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people,  
bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in *her* hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture *her* in faith and prayer,  
so that *she* may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *Jerzey* grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents:** We do.

**Sponsors,** do you promise to nurture Jerzey in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Sponsors:** I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Jerzey and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**Parents:**

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into Jerzey who is here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

*(Parent brings Jerzey to the font)*

Jerzey Dre Veskerna, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Blessed be God, the source of all life,  
the word of salvation,  
the spirit of mercy.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children a new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Jerzey with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Jerzey Dre Veskerna, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## WELCOME

*(Assisting minister presents candle to Sponsor)*

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

*(Congregational representative presents the gifts)*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God**

**and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*(Pastor Shari takes Jerzey to walk up and down the aisle while everyone else returns to their seats for the hymn)*

## GATHERING SONG *Borning Cry* (ELW 732)



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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## 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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Assisting minister  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



All  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



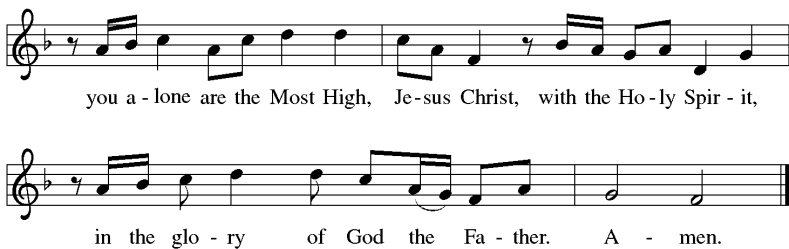
you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## FIRST READING: Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from Exodus.

*Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God's name, God revealed his personal name, Yahweh (I AM WHO I AM), or the LORD. Israel discovered God's true identity when God took them out of Egypt.*

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the

sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, " I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ' I AM has sent me to you.'" <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45 (Tone 6)**



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<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD and call up- | on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD a- | mong the  
peoples.

**<sup>2</sup>Sing to the | LORD, sing praises,  
and speak of all God's | marvelous works.**

<sup>3</sup>Glory in God's | holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice.

**4 Search for the strength | of the LORD;  
continually | seek God's face.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember the marvels | God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,

**6 O offspring of Abra- | ham, God's servant,  
O children of Jacob, God's | chosen ones.**

<sup>23</sup>Israel came | into Egypt,  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the | land of Ham.

**24The LORD made the people of Israel | very fruitful,  
more numerous | than their enemies,**

<sup>25</sup> whose hearts God turned, so that they hat- | ed God's  
people,  
and dealt unjustly with the ser- | vants of God.

**26 O LORD, you sent Mo-** | **ses your servant,**  
**and Aaron, your** | **chosen one.**

45 | Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21**

A reading from Romans.

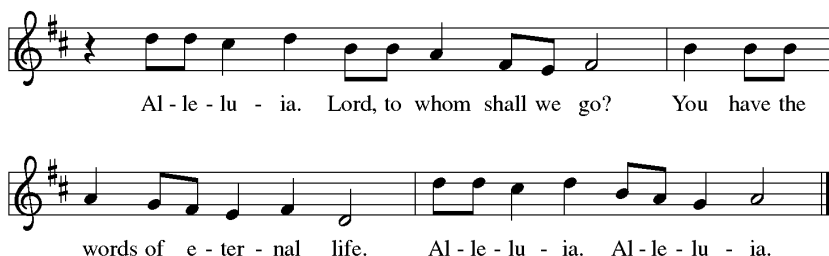
*Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.*

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."*

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (ELW 802)*



1	Let us	ev - er	walk with	Je - sus,	fol - low	his ex -	am - ple	pure,
2	Let us	suf - fer	here with	Je - sus,	and with	pa - tience	bear our	cross.
3	Let us	glad - ly	die with	Je - sus.	Since by	death he	con - quered	death,
4	Let us	al - so	live with	Je - sus.	He has	ris - en	from the	dead



through a world that would de-ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad-ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de-struc-tion, give to us im-mor-tal breath.  
that to life we may a-wak-en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to-day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas-sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid-ding.  
all dis-com-forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav-en.  
in your pres-ence con-stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of faithfulness, you bid your people to follow Jesus. Set the mind of your church on divine things. Grant us trust in you, that we lose our lives for the sake of Christ and thereby discover joy in life through him. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of wonder, the earth is yours and all that is in it. Heal your creation and give us eyes to see the world as you do.

As the seasons change, pattern the rhythm of our lives in harmony with all creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, you call us to live peaceably with all. Give us ears to hear one another, even those we name as enemies. Fill all leaders with mercy and understanding, that they advocate and genuinely care for those who are poor and most vulnerable in their communities. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of salvation, you promise to deliver us. Give those who suffer a strong sense of your presence and love. Accompany those who are uncertain, raise the spirits of those who are despairing, and heal the sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of community, you call us to rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer. Make our congregation a workshop of your love. When we quarrel, bring reconciliation. Help us overcome evil with good. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, you give us everlasting life. In love we recall your holy ones who now live in your undying light (*especially*). In our remembering, give us a foretaste of the feast to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

For your many blessings Lord,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

For all these things and those unspoken,

We are thankful Lord. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

## **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy  
Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

### *Go, My Children, with My Blessing (ELW 543)*



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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