

Salem Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 2nd, 2017, 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery

Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

The flowers are given to the glory of God

The Evans Family



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flags - I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands. One Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship

Psalm 13

484

*Hymn:

The Star-Spangled Banner

528

Prayer of Confession: What does the Lord require of you? **To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.** What does God command of us? **To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.** God does not call us to ease or to comfort. **But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.** Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us. **Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.** (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession).

Assurance of Pardon

Response

Glory Be to the Father

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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Readings

Genesis 22:1-14

17

Matthew 10:40-42

887

Romans 6:12-23

1028

Time for Children

*Hymn:

God of Our Fathers

532

Sermon:

"On Passing the Test"

Rev. Thomas Emery

*Apostle's Creed: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

Offertory – *ushers will receive our tithes and offerings*

*Response

Praise God

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*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn:

America the Beautiful

531

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response

Three Fold Amen

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**Those who are able are invited to stand.*



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:

\$1,934.00

Needed to Date:

\$50,284.00

Rec'd 06-25-17:

\$2,619.80

Rec'd to Date:

\$51,819.74

Sunday:
9:30 AM
10:45 AM

07-02-17
Worship (*nursery-not staffed*)
Sunday School

Sunday:
9:30 AM

07-09-17
Worship (*nursery with Bill & Ruth Evans*)
Guest Speaker-*John Zerbe*
No Sunday School

Announcements:

Adult Sunday school will take place on right after the service.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the newsletter. Submit them to secretary@saalemchurch.cc.

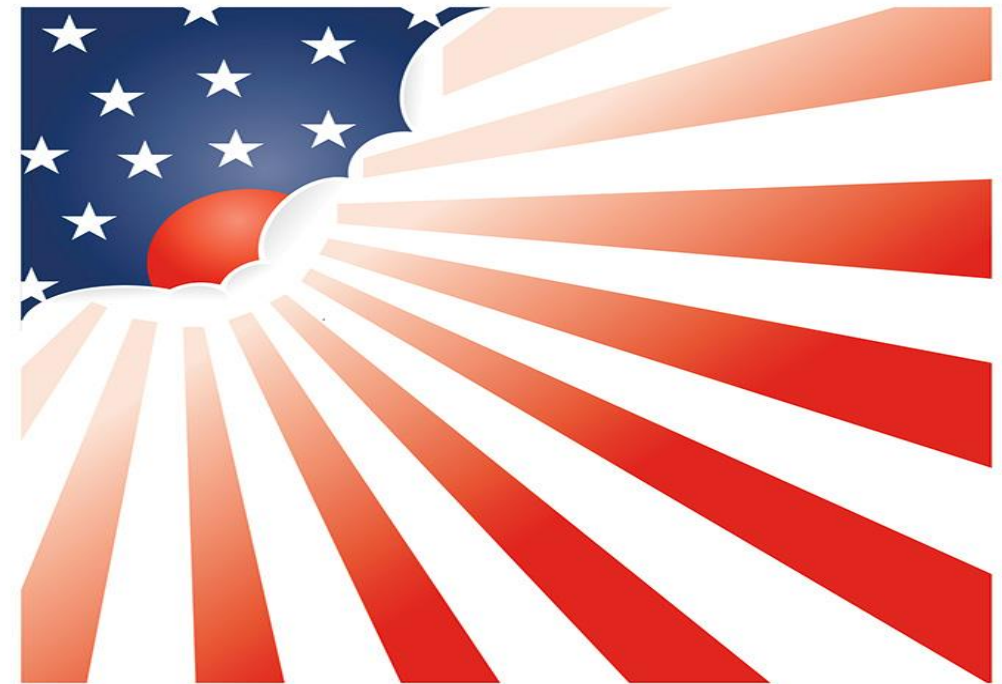
Upcoming Birthdays

2nd-Lynette Lloyd
6th-Herman Wienken

6th-Charles Boroff

Upcoming Anniversaries

4th-Toby & Elizabeth Adkins



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the Beautiful

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Norma Adam (liver issues)
Elizabeth Adkins (liver issue)
Violet Ashton (broken leg)
Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)
Natalie Ellerbrock (Stacia Profit's niece)
Doris Evans (cancer)
Colin Good (diagnosed with emphysema – son of Charlie Good)
Larry Howell
Melanie Huddleston (cancer – sister of Kim Coil)
Jeremy Hughes (recovering from MRSA)
Noell Hunter (Type 1 diabetes)
Sami Jones (shoulder surgery)
Nancy Lautzenheiser (colon cancer - friend of Evelyn Martz)
Betty Lloyd
John Lloyd (recovering at home)
Elizabeth Markus (depression & salvation)
Marian Morris (stage two cancer)
Ronnie Neate (throat cancer)
Dorthea Plikerd (Rehab at Roselawn)
Walter Poling (heart attack & possible kidney failure)
Lewis Price (bladder cancer, stones, Paul Price's brother)
Joyce Profit (heart issues)
George Siler (physical therapy)
Bill Stewart (brother of Kim Coil)
Keith Stoller (surgical complications)
Thad Summersett (malignant brain tumor – grandson of Warren S.)
Warren Summersett (cancer treatments)
Natalie Wilkins (90 years old and failing in health)
Noah Wyatt (son of Stuart Wyatt)

Serving our Country:

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Point One – All the faithful will be tested by God to know if we have idols more important than God.

Point Two –You must deny yourself to follow God. The relationship with God must be unconditional.

Point Three – The end of sorrow comes when you can trust God no matter what.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY PASSAGE

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ACTION POINT

How much do you trust God? Abraham learned his lesson living with the fog of uncertainty where God resides. Abraham placed his total trust in God even though he didn't comprehend fully what was to occur, and his trust was not misplaced. Yes, Abraham didn't understand the command by God to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. But Abraham placed his belief in God as a good God, and he fully surrendered his will to Him. Then having passed the test, he was blessed by God. You and I can be like Abraham. We can live the surrendered life by living an on-going simple prayer that will help us focus on our faith: *"Lord, today you're going to give me a lot of opportunities to choose. Direct me to choose well, putting Your will first in my life."*

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