

Salem Presbyterian Church

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Pianist: Cindy Bowsher

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Gloria Leiter



Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 33:12-22** 497

*Hymn **Milwaukee** *Welsh Hymnal*, 6

Prayer of Confession: *God is ready to satisfy those who thirst for goodness. Those who are hungry for grace will be filled with good things. Let us in prayer make our confession... "If we were self-sufficient, and had all the answers, we would not be here, all-wise God.* If our achievements matched our aims, and if our deeds perfectly reflected our holy vows, we would not be so spiritually hungry. **If we had cared for our neighbors with the love of Jesus Christ, and cherished our loved ones without selfishness or impatience, we would not be seeking Your mercy.** We pray that You will transform us. **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** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People
Prayer Response **The Lord's Prayer**

Scripture Readings	Genesis 15:1-6	11
	Luke 13:10-17	950
	Hebrews 12:18-29	1098

Time for Children

*Hymn **Ebenezer** *Welsh Hymnal*, 11

Sermon **"Always Ready"** 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.**

*Prayer of Dedication for the Offering
*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cove

*Hymn **Diadem** *Welsh Hymnal*, 13

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction
*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.



Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,126.78	Needed to Date:	\$65,930.05
Rec'd 07-29-2022:	\$2,561.50	Rec'd to Date:	\$74,802.54

Sunday: 08-07-2022 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Liz Hobbs)

Tuesday: 08-09-2022
 7:30 AM Men's Bible study in the Van Wert Hospital Cafeteria led by the Gideons.

Thursday: 08-11-2022
 Noon Van Wert County noon Prayer Meeting at the Trinity Friends in Van Wert.
 7:00 PM Music Committee meeting

Sunday: 08-14-2022 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost
 9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery (nursery with Kim Coil)
 10:45 AM Session Meeting
 5:00 PM Trustee Meeting

Announcements:

Van Wert County Prayer Meeting is at noon at the Trinity Friends Church in Van Wert for the month of August.

The **Music Committee** will be meeting on Thursday, August 11, at 7:00 pm.

We would like to extend a big **THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the **Carillon project**. We met our financial goal and we signed a contract for the new system.

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

Upcoming Birthdays:

9 th Denise Pugh	10 th Lindsay Richards	11 th David Hobbs
19 th Melia Richards	20 th Auston Kimmet	22 nd Jan Jones

Upcoming Anniversaries

10 th Tyler & Morgan McConnell	12 th David & Carla Breese
17 th Kory & Tamara Mullenhour	27 th Tom & Carol Emery



Luke 12:34-40

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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – We, the disciples of Christ, have been told what is coming at the end of time and the end of our age. The world may live in fear because the people of the world don't know what is happening.

POINT TWO –Jesus promised a kind of banquet for those servants who are ready for His return, at which He would serve them in the Kingdom. Jesus predicted that the world would come to an end, time would stop, and this episode on earth would conclude in failure or success.

POINT THREE – Death sometimes comes unexpectedly. Therefore, we should be awake and ready to meet Christ with faith and hope in our hearts at any time.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.”
(Luke 12:40 NLT)

ACTION POINT

We live between the lightning and the thunder. The First Coming of Christ is like the lightning. We wait, then comes the thunder. When we see the one, we know the other will follow. Between the lightning and the thunder, we are called to wait with patience and faith and act with faithfulness and obedience to the master's teaching. This means to awaken from our selfishness, and to live for Christ. The countdown has begun for the Second Coming. Also, the countdown has started for our death. At death, as well as at the Second Coming of Christ, we must be ready to meet the Lord face-to-face. We don't know when we will die. We are called to wait patiently and act faithfully in this in-between time. Before the Second Coming of Christ and before we die, the servants of God are called to wait with faith. That means that we believe what the master said, we trust him, and we trust his Word. Are you awake, alert and ready for Christ to come at any moment?

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