

<p style="text-align: center;">Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, May 25, 2025, 6th Sunday of Easter</p>
--

[illegible]

Prelude & Lighting of the candles
Pastoral Welcome

This Memorial Day, thoughts.
Let us recite the **Pledge to the Christian Flag** and then **to the American Flag**.

Prayer

Call to Worship Psalm 67 518

* <u>Hymn</u>	My Country, 'Tis of Thee	529
---------------	--------------------------	-----

Prayer of Confession: Lord, You know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. **We get bound up by chains of mistrust.** We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. **So, we sit here and wonder where You are.** We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. **Lord, come to us in our darkness.** Flood us with Your powerful light of love and mercy. **Help open our eyes to the good news of Your eternal glory.** Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. **Forgive our stubborn resistance to Your mercy and Your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Take a moment of silent confession)*

Assurance of Pardon
Response

Glory Be to the Father

Inside Front Cover

Graduate Recognition

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

<u>Prayer Response</u>	The Lord's Prayer
------------------------	-------------------

Scripture Readings	Acts 16:9-15	1009
	John 14:23-29	983
	*Revelation 21:10; [18-21] 21:22-22:5	1132

Time for Children

* <u>Hymn</u>	Battle Hymn of the Republic	530
---------------	-----------------------------	-----

Sermon “***Our Heavenly Home***” 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 Cover

*Hymn	God of Our Fathers	532
-------	--------------------	-----

*Taking the Light into the World

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Response	Three Fold Amen	Inside Back Cover
--------------------------	-----------------	-------------------

**Those who can are invited to stand.*

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,345.90	Needed to Date:	\$46,817.93
Rec'd 05-18-2025	\$1,334.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$50,512.86

Sunday:
9:30 AM
2025-05-25 6th Sunday of Easter
Worship (*nursery with Toby & Elizabeth Adkins*)
Memorial Day celebration.
Graduation recognition for **Makenna Kimmet, Dominic Adkins, Trace Klausing, and Ashlyn Price.**

Tuesday:
7:30 AM
2025-05-27
Men's Bible Study meets at the Global Methodist Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets.
7:00 PM
The Women's Bible Study meets downstairs (ending for summer).

Thursday:
Noon
2025-05-29
The Van Wert County Prayer Group meets in the Prayer Room at Salem Church.

Sunday:
9:30 AM
2025-06-01 7th Sunday of Easter
Worship (*nursery with Tyler & Morgan McConnell*)

Announcements:

The **Memorial Day** observations held on Monday, May 26th will be at 10:30 AM at Horeb Cemetery and 11:00 AM at Memorial Park.

The **Senior Luncheon** will be held this Wednesday, May 28, at noon.

Salem gives **Offerings from the Heart for the Salvation Army**. Each month, we collect different items; the food we collect for May is cereal and June is raman noodles.

Please take photos and contribute recipes, thoughts, and ideas for the **June Newsletter**. Submit them to: PastorTomEmery@live.com.

Pete McCollow's address before June 11 for cards or letters is: VA Medical Center, Building 410, Room 316, 4100 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45428.

Upcoming Birthdays

25 th Taylor Hoehn	29 th Wrigsby Breese	31 st Vincent Richards
June 2 Barb Owens	4 th Chad Pugh	6 th Cassy Yeboah Mantey



Revelation 21:10; 21:22-22:5

Salem Presbyterian Church

Venedocia, Ohio | May 25, 2025

P.O. Box 678, Venedocia, OH 45894 | 419-667-4142

Secretary: secretary@salemchurch.cc 419-303-2032 (call/text)

Website: www.SalemChurch.cc

Prayer Concerns:

David Burnett (hospice)
LaDonna Allenbaugh (shoulder & elbow surgery)
Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
Millie Fletcher
Ellen Friesner
Cecil Foust (heart surgery)
Alana Francis
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Charlie Good (prostate cancer)
Sheryl Hefner (cancer)
Carla Hillabrand (medical issues) sister to Nancy Breese
Elizabeth Holscher
Jim Lloyd (at Van Wert Manor for heart & foot issues)
Pete McCollow
Mary Lou Morgan (Eleanor Morgan’s daughter)
David Morris (Zeb)
Steve Muhlenkamp (cancer) Jen Pugh’s stepdad
Bev Place (cancer)
Patti Poling (pancreatic cancer/hospice)
Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)
Bianca Richards (leukemia)
Mark Zielke (prostate cancer)
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

Serving Our Country:

Dillon Ellerbrock (U.S. Marines)
Corbin Evans (U.S. Marine Corps)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Butch Eutsler (U.S. Army)
Madison Pugh (U.S. Coast Guard)

Condolences to the family of Jerry Holscher

Prayer Concerns:

David Burnett (hospice)
LaDonna Allenbaugh (shoulder & elbow surgery)
Tom Burnett (recovering from an accident)
Pastor Tom Emery (long COVID healing)
Marjorie Eutsler
Millie Fletcher
Ellen Friesner
Cecil Foust (heart surgery)
Alana Francis
Shana Fryer
Stephanie Gamble (eye issues)
Charlie Good (prostate cancer)
Sheryl Hefner (cancer)
Carla Hillabrand (medical issues) sister to Nancy Breese
Elizabeth Holscher
Jim Lloyd (at Van Wert Manor for heart & foot issues)
Pete McCollow
Mary Lou Morgan (Eleanor Morgan’s daughter)
David Morris (Zeb)
Steve Muhlenkamp (cancer) Jen Pugh’s stepdad
Bev Place (cancer)
Patti Poling (pancreatic cancer/hospice)
Ann Rees (in Van Wert Hearth & Home)
Bianca Richards (leukemia)
Mark Zielke (prostate cancer)
The area Nursing Homes and their residents

Serving Our Country:

Dillon Ellerbrock (U.S. Marines)
Corbin Evans (U.S. Marine Corps)
Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)
Butch Eutsler (U.S. Army)
Madison Pugh (U.S. Coast Guard)

Condolences to the family of Jerry Holscher

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Our Heavenly Home” Revelation 21:10; [18-21] 21:22-22:5
Salem Presbyterian Church
May 25, 2025

The Bible is a straightforward love story. It can be told in four words: Creation, Fall, Rescue, and Restoration. We were created by God to have a personal relationship with Him, but we disobeyed God and sinned. God’s number one item on His agenda then became to reconnect with us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to pay for the sins of those who want a relationship with God. God wasn’t finished with the Easter resurrection. The last part of the story of the Bible is the restoration. God intended for humans to live in a perfect world. That intention has never changed. God is going to restore believers to a perfect world where we are going to live forever.

TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – We are going to live in God’s place of perfection.

POINT TWO – We are going to live in God’s perfect presence.

POINT THREE – We will live in God’s perfect peace.

THIS WEEK’S MAIN VERSE

¹⁰ So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. (*Revelation 21:10 NLT*).

ACTION POINT

Heaven will be so dramatically different from anything we’ve ever experienced. John doesn’t tell us what is there, but he tells us about the fallenness that is not there. After you realize what will not be there, hopefully, it will make you want to ensure you don’t miss going there. If you go back to the first two chapters of Genesis, you will see what the first Adam lost, and then if you go to the last two chapters of Revelation, you will see what Jesus gained. You will soon find that you obtain a whole lot more in Jesus than you ever lost in Adam – a perfect place with God’s perfect presence along with an eternity of peace, not war, tears, or pain. Why not seek the God who has been seeking you through Christ, His Son?

Rev. Thomas Emery
“Our Heavenly Home” Revelation 21:10; [18-21] 21:22-22:5
Salem Presbyterian Church
May 25, 2025

The Bible is a straightforward love story. It can be told in four words: Creation, Fall, Rescue, and Restoration. We were created by God to have a personal relationship with Him, but we disobeyed God and sinned. God’s number one item on His agenda then became to reconnect with us by sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to pay for the sins of those who want a relationship with God. God wasn’t finished with the Easter resurrection. The last part of the story of the Bible is the restoration. God intended for humans to live in a perfect world. That intention has never changed. God is going to restore believers to a perfect world where we are going to live forever.

TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – We are going to live in God’s place of perfection.

POINT TWO – We are going to live in God’s perfect presence.

POINT THREE – We will live in God’s perfect peace.

THIS WEEK’S MAIN VERSE

¹⁰ So he took me in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and he showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. (*Revelation 21:10 NLT*).

ACTION POINT

Heaven will be so dramatically different from anything we’ve ever experienced. John doesn’t tell us what is there, but he tells us about the fallenness that is not there. After you realize what will not be there, hopefully, it will make you want to ensure you don’t miss going there. If you go back to the first two chapters of Genesis, you will see what the first Adam lost, and then if you go to the last two chapters of Revelation, you will see what Jesus gained. You will soon find that you obtain a whole lot more in Jesus than you ever lost in Adam – a perfect place with God’s perfect presence along with an eternity of peace, not war, tears, or pain. Why not seek the God who has been seeking you through Christ, His Son?