Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 13, 2016 5th Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles MaKenna Kimmet

Welcome & Prayer

Call to Worship **Psalm 126** 561

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 3 *Hvmn

Prayer of Confession: We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves from reaching out to those who need Your care. We take Your words - that there will always be unmet needs – as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can. Forgive us, and help us to change. Renew our determination to live as faithful followers, faithful disciples, and faithful Christians. Help us to work with You for the wellbeing of Your creation, that the fortunes of all Your peoples may be restored. Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen. (Let us now have a moment of silence to offer our personal prayers of confession.)

Assurance of Pardon

Glory Be to the Father **Inside Front Cover** Response

Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response The Lord's Prayer

Philippians 3:4b-14 Scripture Readings 1070

John 12:1-8 980

Time with the Children

Welsh Hymnal, 6 *Hymn Milwaukee

"Set Free" Sermon

*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.

Rev. Thomas Emery

Offertory: Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings.

Praise God **Inside Front Cover** *Response

*Prayer of Dedication

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty *Hymn 13

*Congregational Response Three Fold Amen Inside Back Cover

^{*}Those who are able are invited to stand.



Sunday:	<u>03-13-16</u>
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Carol & Christina Emery)
10:45 AM	Sunday School
6:30 PM	Trustee Meeting
7:00 PM	Lenten Service at Spencerville Trinity UMC (Pastor Tom

Saturday:	<u>03-19-16</u>
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Lion's Club Pancake & Sausage Day 6AM-2PM

Sunday:	<u>03-20-16</u>
9:30 AM	Worship (nursery with Ross & Alyssa Evans)
10:45 AM	Sunday School
11:30 AM	Session Meeting

^{*}Taking the Light into the World

^{*}Charge and Benediction

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly: \$2,067.00 Needed to Date: \$20,670.00 Rec'd 03-06-16: \$2,372.75 Rec'd to Date: \$17,848.71

Announcements:

The Venedocia Lions Club will be hosting their annual **Pancake & Sausage Day** on Saturday, March 19, 6:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Session will meet next Sunday at 11:30 am.

Please join in singing with the **choir** on Easter Sunday! Directed by Jan Jones, practices will be held on Sundays, <u>March 13</u> and <u>March 20 at 8:45 am</u>.

Community Lenten Services:

March 13 – Trinity UMC in Spencerville (Speaker, Pastor Tom)

March 20 – Kossuth UM Church

LENT March 25 – Nazarene Church in Spencerville (Good Friday)

Each service begins at 7:00 pm and will be followed by food and fellowship.

Easter Schedule at a Glance:



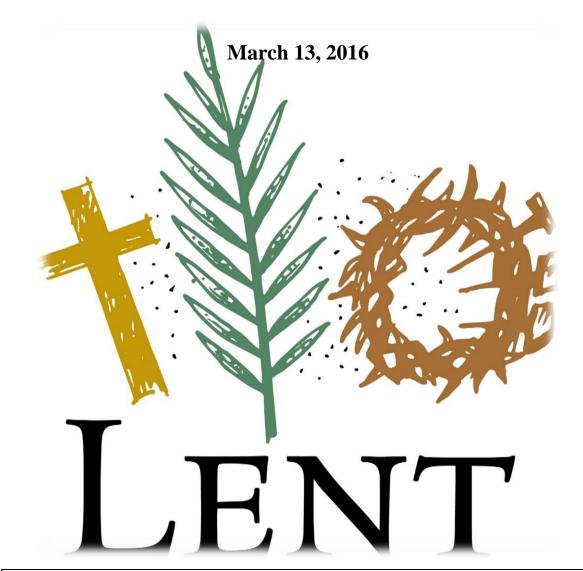
Palm Sunday – March 20: service at 9:30 am

<u>Maundy Thursday</u> – March 24: supper at 6:00 pm, service at 7:00 pm. <u>Easter</u> – March 27: Sunrise Service by the youth at 7:30 am, breakfast at 8:30 am, Easter Service at 9:30 am.

The new Christian movies for Easter are coming out. Pastor Tom recommends that we see "**Risen**," playing at the Van Wert Cinema. In the year 33 AD, a Roman Tribune in Judea is tasked to find the body of an executed Jew that is rumored to have risen from the dead.

Please consider to sign up for **flowers** on the bulletin board chart.

Senior Luncheons are back! The first luncheon of the year will be on Wednesday, March 23 at 12:00pm in the Lion's Club building.



Rooted in our heritage and called into God's future, we proclaim in new ways the unchanging Good News of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

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Brendan Daily (friend of Morgan Pugh)

Aiden Ellerbrock (serious injuries from a fall)

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John Stutz

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Noah Wyatt (recovering from surgery – son of Stuart Wyatt)

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Micah Linger (U.S. Marine Corps)

Cory McCollow (U.S. Coast Guard)

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- 14 Larry Caffro
- 16 Pastor Tom Emery
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