

<p style="text-align: center;">Salem Presbyterian Church Sunday, June 8, 2025 – Day of Pentecost</p>

Pianist: Ronnie Miller



Prelude
Lighting of the Candles
Welcome & Prayer

* <u>Hymn</u>	Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus	204
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<u>Call to Worship</u>	Psalm 104:24-35	544
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Prayer of Confession: Holy God, hear our prayer: **For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;** For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; **For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;** For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; **We pray for the courage to admit our fault,** The strength to amend our actions, **And the hope that your grace awaits us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.** *(Take a moment of silent confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

<u>Response</u>	Glory Be to the Father	Inside Front Cover
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Joys & Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Prayer Response

Scripture Readings	Genesis 11:1-9	8
	John 14:8-17 (25-27)	983
	*Acts 2:1-21	992

Time for Children

<u>*Hymn</u>	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	84
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Sermon “Our Understanding Problem “ Rev. Thomas Emery

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-28

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Congregational Prayer **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Christ the Bread of Life: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until You come in glory.** The Lord's Prayer

Invitation, Distribution, and Prayer

*Prayer of Dedication of the Offering		
*Response	Praise God	Inside Front Cover

<u>*Hymn</u>	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God	36
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*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:	\$2,345.90	Needed to Date:	\$51,609.72
Rec'd 06-01-2025:	\$2,070.00	Rec'd to Date:	\$54,892.86

Sunday: 06-08-25 8th Sunday of Easter
9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery.
Pentecost Offering and Communion
(nursery with Bob & Kathy McCollow).

Tuesday: 06-10-25
7:30 AM Men's Bible Study meets in the Global Methodist
Church at Crawford and Walnut Streets.

Thursday: 06-12-25
Noon Van Wert County Prayer meeting is at the Pentecostal
Way Church.

Sunday: 06-15-25 Day of Pentecost
9:30 AM Worship with Pastor Tom Emery.
(nursery with Bob & Denise Pugh).

Announcements:

Today, we have the **Pentecost** Offering and Communion.

The **Ice Cream Social** is scheduled for Friday, June 20th, 4:30-7:00. Please see the volunteer and food sheets on the table at the entrance. Consider a donation (give to Kathy McCollow) if you are not able to volunteer or bring desserts.

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

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

Upcoming Birthdays

8 th Tammy Wells	10 th Dillon Ellerbrock	11 th Doris Evans
13 th Kevin Price	14 th Sandra Caffro	17 th Katey Lloyd

Upcoming Anniversaries

14 th Jeff & Kim Coil	17 th Bill & Elgarda McGee
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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
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TEACHING POINTS

POINT ONE – *Mankind cannot solve its sin problem on its own.*

POINT TWO – *During Pentecost, the divisions of Babel mended, but Babel still impedes the witness of the Gospel message.*

POINT THREE – *We cannot solve our problems on our own; we need God.* Selfishness and pride always result in confusion and chaos.

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Unfortunately, the problem is just as bad in the church. There are communication gaps everywhere, including the variances between denominations, chasms between the pulpit and the pew, differences between young and old, gaps between the rich and the poor, and splits between liberals and conservatives. If anyone wonders why, in almost 2,000 years, we have not won the world for Jesus Christ, the answer is that we have not communicated the Good News of the Gospel with much proficiency. We need the Holy Spirit to guide us and to open doors, enabling us to express the Gospel to a hopeless world. Why not pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you to communicate the Good News of the Gospel to those around you?

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