

# The Whole World Was Lost

*I am the light of the world . . . John 8:12*

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Philip P. Bliss, 1875

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1. The whole world was lost in the dark-ness of sin; The Light of the  
2. No dark-ness have we who in Je - sus a - bide, The Light of the  
3. Ye dwell - ers in dark-ness with sin-blind-ed eyes, The Light of the  
4. No need of the sun-light in heav - en, we're told, The Light of the

world is Je - sus; Like sun-shine at noon-day His glo - ry shone in,  
world is Je - sus; We walk in the Light when we fol - low our Guide,  
world is Je - sus; Go wash at His bid - ding and light will a - rise,  
world is Je - sus; The Lamb is the Light in the Cit - y of Gold,

*Refrain*  
The Light of the world is Je - sus. Come to the Light, 'tis  
shin - ing for thee; Sweet - ly the Light has dawned up - on me;  
Once I was blind, but now I can see; The Light of the world is Je - sus.

THE GOSPEL

# SALEM CHURCH

## this week's Announcements

September 6, 2020



### Prayer of Preparation

*God of the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work that you have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

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**WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE**—Is this your first time at Salem? If so, welcome. We're so glad to have you with us. If you'd like for us to get to know you better you can use a connection card located in the seat pocket in front of you and drop it in the offering plate later in the service. Also, be sure to stop at the Narthex on your way out for a gift from us. Thank you for coming!



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Table

**WELCOME TO COMMUNION**—Regardless of church affiliation, we welcome all baptized Christians who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation to receive Holy Communion with us. Pre-packaged communion is available in the Narthex.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.

**WE CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR INDOOR/OUTDOOR SERVICE** at 8:00am on Sunday mornings. We meet on the west end of the Fellowship Hall by the cemetery, and people bring lawn chairs to sit apart outside in the shade. The Fellowship Hall is also open for those who feel comfortable sitting inside. Pastor David conducts the service in the doorway between the two groups. Come join us!

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will be held online on Wednesday nights at 5:00pm.

**THE PRAYER GROUP** is meeting at church in the new Conference Room at 6:30pm on Wednesdays (in the old Jr Church room). Social distancing is practiced and wearing a face mask is encouraged. The prayer group welcomes anyone who would like to join us in prayer. They will also be continuing the Messenger Rooms group as well for those who are not comfortable meeting in person. If you would like to be added to the group meeting online, please email Pastor David at [salempastor@gmail.com](mailto:salempastor@gmail.com).

**THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE-STREAM BIBLE STUDY** will be held on Thursdays at 6:30pm. The study will be over the lectionary passage for that Sunday. The link is <https://www.facebook.com/SalemChurchDarmstadt/>.

**THERE WILL BE NO SENIOR CENTER OR WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.**

**THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** will meet on Sunday, September 13th at 12:45pm in the new Conference Room.

**THE CHOIR** will be having an outdoor gathering at Reed & Lori Schmitt's house on Sunday, September 13th at 6:00pm. It's not a pitch in, but they will be having some light snacks, desserts, and drinks. They'd love to invite anyone interested in choir to come also! :-)

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL** will meet on Monday, September 14th at 6:00pm.

**THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST** will be held **at the church** on Saturday, September 19th at 7:30am. They will meet in either the Fellowship Hall or the new Conference Room and will have snacks and coffee. They request that everyone bring a mask to ensure everyone is safe. All gentlemen (no matter what age) are invited.

**THE CONFIRMATION SERVICE** will be held as an outdoor service on Sunday, October 18th at 10:00am. An outdoor cake and punch reception will immediately follow.

**MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY**—We would like to schedule a Membership Sunday in the next few months. We invite all those considering church membership to contact the church office to set up an appointment with Pastor David or you may contact him directly. Pastor David's email address is [salempastor@gmail.com](mailto:salempastor@gmail.com).



**SALEM LIBRARY** — The library has been relocated to the hallway and has also been organized by categories. There is a wealth of knowledge there and resources to help in your studies. If you are interested in individual books of the bible many of those are available. There are also many commentaries and dictionaries. Some books are written with men, or women in mind, and there is an area for children through young adults. There are some novels and books by popular authors. If you would like to try a new devotional there are several to choose from. If you need a little laugh, and who doesn't, you can also find this. Please remember to put your name and the title of the book on the sign out sheet. If you have read something and feel it would be a good addition, please leave it in the office. Pastor David and the council will let us know if something needs to be added to the library. Thanks, Margi and Eldon

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEER** — The church council is looking for a volunteer(s) to continue to maintain this treasure, the library, that we have in our parish hall. The volunteer would review all donated books and organize on shelves in categories, periodically purge existing books if needed, organize periodic book drives as needed, and highlight via Echo/Bulletin articles the books we have available for anyone's use. If you love books and are interested in helping with the church library, please contact Elaine Daniels.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND JUNIOR CHURCH** were scheduled to begin in August. However, due to the virus, we are going to delay the start of these until later in the fall. We will let you know once a new start date has been set. Thank you for your understanding!

**SALEM CHURCH IS COLLECTING ITEMS** for the Christian Life Center. The items for September are canned fruit and toilet paper. There is a collection box at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall.

**WEEDING VOLUNTEERS**— Thank you to everyone who has taken time to do some weeding around the church. We now have a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall foyer. The three areas remaining are as follows: the patio area, Fellowship Hall entry and north side of Fellowship Hall, and the south side of Fellowship Hall & Parish Hall. You can sign up on the sheet or call the church office at 812-867-3142.

## **A math problem and a big THANK YOU.....**

In these days of the pandemic, sometimes we need to have some fun.

Here's a math problem : as it concerns Salem Church, what do these numbers have in common: 18990, 353, 69, 45, 316.5, 5.275, and 1?

Here's the answer:

353 – Number of headstones in the cemetery.

69 - Number of trees on the church property that have to be mowed around.

45 – approximate number of seconds it takes to get to and weed around a tree or stone.

18,990 – approx. number of SECONDS to do the weed eating at the church  $((353+69) * 45)$

316.5 – approx. number of MINUTES to do the weed eating at the church  $(18,990 / 60)$

5.275 – approx. number of HOURS to do the weed eating at the church  $(316.5)$

1 – Number of people doing the weed eating the last few weeks.

The BIG THANK YOU(s) – first of all, we should all say another thank you Bruce Balsdon who did the mowing and weeding here at the church for 17 years. 17!!! - For the past couple of years Butch Kuester and Wilbur Krohn have been weeding the stones in the cemetery and I can't thank them enough for doing this. I would never get everything done if I were trying to do the mowing and weeding by myself. However, a big, Big, BIG thank you goes out to Butch Kuester. Since I fell a couple of weeks ago and broke a bone in my leg, and Wilbur had a medical procedure, Butch has been doing ALL of the weeding around the church. When you throw in the three out buildings and the playground, this is at least a 6 hour job, and as you can see, Butch does a fantastic job. So please – next time you see Butch, tell him THANK YOU again for all he does around the church. Thanks – Rick Johnson