

9:00 am Worship Service

Prelude		
Welcome and Announcements		
*Call to Worship		
*Hymn	He Lives	#310
Prayers for the People & Lord’s Prayer		
Hymn	He is Lord	#177
Children’s Time		
Hymn	Step by Step	
Impact of Your Generosity		
Offering Prayer		
*Doxology		#95
*Song of Praise	Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)	
Scripture	John 20:19-31	Joan Aberts
Special Music		Jeryl Metzler
Sermon	Learning to Walk with God	Pastor John
*Hymn	His Eye is on the Sparrow	
*Blessing		
Postlude		
*Please stand if you are able.		

Thomas responded, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus told him, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” This reminds us that Jesus meets us in our doubts and calls us to trust in Him..

Our Salem Church Family Prayer List

Makenna Phouthone	Family of David Faus
Dave Stehman	Family of Anna Mae Enck
Richard Wagner	Linda Hart
Dennis Shenenberger	Shannon Gornick
Jean Daniels	Theresa Engle
Clint Frontz	Family of Jim Yohn

Welcome!

We hope our time together is a source of hope and peace.

Nursery Care is provided during worship for infants to age 4.

Friendship Pads are in the pews. Please take the time to fill them out and pass them down the row. The information you provide helps us with attendance and to follow up with guests.

Prayer Requests can be written on the cards located in the lobby. Place your request in the prayer quilt near the sanctuary entrance.

Sunday School at 10:15 am

- Children (K - 4th grades) – Room 204
- Youth (5th - 12th grades) – Room 403
- Wrestling with Grace (Adult Class) – Room 406
- Ages & Stages (Adult Class) – Room 404

Coffee Time - There will be Coffee Time today after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

E-Giving Use the QR code to make a one-time gift or to set up recurring giving. Salem’s e-giving provider is Nucleus Giving. If you want to support with a special offering just make a note on the memo line.



Building Community One Question at a Time

A good conversation comes down to being a good listener. Listen carefully and ask follow-up questions: Try asking:

If you could meet any historical figure, who would it be and why?

Let the other person ask you the same questions back and answer them joyfully. Have fun while getting to know others a little better.

An assisted listening system is available from a smartphone application to help people to hear the service better. Download the WaveCAST Audio Receiver app and log in to the SalemGuest Wi-Fi – the password is MINISTRY. If you need assistance, please see the sound booth.



Electronic Newsletter Sign Up! Each Friday we distribute an electronic newsletter called The Friday Friendly. Please use this QR code to sign up or notify the Office Manager to be included.

Vacation Bible School – Sign up for “Road Trip: On the Go With God” July 13-16 for Grades Pre-K to 4th and Food Trucks on July 17. Your children will want to be here every night for the fun and faith.

Special Offering Envelope for April Is Native American Ministries. When you support Native American Ministries with a special gift, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries, and you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

Gretna Glen Summer Camp. The Salem Missions Committee will cover the cost for youth attending GG Summer Camp. The costs will be covered at 100% up to \$350 for members. Non-members will be covered 50% up to \$175. Information is available in the youth room.

Hospital Visitation Team

While Pastor John is away for a few weeks this May, we’re forming a team to visit hospitalized members. Offer a prayer, a kind word, and the gift of presence. Orientation provided. Interested? Contact Pastor John. No seminary degree required—just a heart and maybe some hand sanitizer.



- 1. You’re Invited: Open House this Tuesday - You are invited to check out their new office space, enjoy some refreshments, and to hear more about their vision. Refreshments begin at 6:30 pm and there will be a gathering and prayer at 7:00 pm. Come and learn about Love INC.
- 2. Life Navigators Wanted! Love INC of Lancaster is hoping to offer “Faith & Finance” classes this fall for community members who are struggling to manage their finances. Would you be willing to help a neighbor to navigate life and faith better? Please speak with Pastor John.
- 3. 2025 Mini-Golf Open at our local The Shack Restaurant and Mini Golf, Manheim. Saturday, August 2nd – Scramble starts at 9:30 am Register at <https://forms.office.com/r/YLQWA8Tn14>
- 4. Manheim Project – We have good things to do this summer! Project Campaign (pray, repair, fellowship, volunteer, mulch and more) If you would like to participate with Love INC with the Project Campaign, reach out to Steve Styer 717-725-7540 Ext. 7

National Day of Prayer – May 1st at Lancaster Bible College, 6:15pm
Details available at LancasterNDP.com or call 717-284-4123



Salem Softball – A big thank you to our congregation for supporting Salem’s Softball team at our annual Spaghetti Lunch. We raised \$1600 to pay for Salem Softball Team’s expenses. Come watch our Salem softball team’s opening game against Manheim BIC on Tuesday at 8:15pm. Pick up a softball schedule at the Welcome Center.

This Week at Salem

Today, April 27

9 am – Worship service
10:15 am – Sunday School

Tuesday, April 29

6:30 pm – Finance Meeting (room 209)
6:30 pm – Love INC Open House
8:15 pm – First Softball Game at the Pool Field

Thursday, May 1

7:15 pm – Softball game at the Pool Field

Friday, May 2

6:30 pm – Youth First Friday in the Youth Room.
Call Emily with questions, 717-304-7829.

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Going Deeper in “Learning to Walk with God”

Read the following a few times:

John 20:19-31; Mark 9:24; 1 Cor 15:45; Gen 2:7

Reflect on the following:

1. Why do you think the disciples locked themselves in a room? What fears or pressures might have driven that?
2. Thomas gets a bad rap for doubting. Have you ever had doubts? How do you handle them?
3. What do you notice about how Jesus treats Thomas’ doubt? What does that tell us about Jesus’ character?
4. Why do you think Jesus showed them His scars? What do His scars tell us about who He is?
5. What kind of transformation do you think Thomas experienced in this moment?
6. Jesus says people are *blessed* when they believe without seeing. How do you relate to that kind of faith?
7. What helps you keep walking with Jesus when life doesn’t make sense? What would you say to a friend who wants to believe?
8. In what ways are we like Thomas—needing something real, something we can *touch* or *feel* in our faith?
9. How does this story challenge the way you think about walking with Jesus daily—even when you don’t “see” Him? What helps *you* feel close to Jesus—music, nature, friends, church, something else?
10. Jesus says, “*I am sending you.*” What might that look like in your everyday life—school, work, or relationships?
11. Do you think Jesus understands your questions and struggles? Why or why not? What’s one thing you want to ask or tell Jesus right now?

Challenges

1. Send a message to a friend and share one question or doubt you have about faith. Ask them what they think too.
2. Find something that reminds you of God’s love—a cross necklace, a Bible verse on your wall, a song lyric. Keep it close all week.
3. Each night before bed, pray one sentence to Jesus. Like: “*Help me believe, even when I don’t see you.*”

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United Methodist Church

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