
The Worship of God

Salem Church, Sunday, August 9, 2026

Greeting and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship: Psalms 104:19-24 *LSB*

He made the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting.

You appoint darkness so that it becomes night, In which all the beasts of the forest creep about. The young lions roar to go after their prey And to seek their food from God. When the sun rises they gather together And lie down in their dens.

Man goes forth to his work And to his labor until evening.

How numerous are Your works, O Yahweh! In wisdom You have made them all; The earth is full of Your possessions.

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God” 119

Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism (1647), Questions 32, 36

How is the grace of God manifested in the second covenant?

The grace of God is manifested in the second covenant, in that he freely provides and offers to sinners a Mediator,[1] and life and salvation by him;[2] and requiring faith as the condition to interest them[3] in him, promises and gives his Holy Spirit [4] to all his elect, to work in them that faith,[5] with all other saving graces;[6] and to enable them unto all holy obedience,[7] as the evidence of the truth of their faith [8] and thankfulness to God,[9] and as the way which he has appointed them to salvation.[10]

1. Gen. 3:15; Isa. 42:6; John 6:27 2. I John 5:11-12 3. John 1:12; 3:16 4. Prov. 1:23 5. II Cor. 4:13 6. Gal. 5:22-23 7. Ezek. 36:27 8. James 2:18, 22 9. II Cor. 5:14-15 10. Eph. 2:18

Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?

The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ,[1] who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father,[2] in the fulness of time became man,[3] and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.[4]

1. I Tim. 2:5 2. John 1:1, 14; 10:30; Phil. 2:6 3. Gal. 4:4 4. Luke 1:35; Rom. 9:5; Col. 2:9; Heb. 7:24-25

The Pastoral and Congregational Prayer

Prayer taken from King Solomon's Prayer in 1 Kings 8

O Yahweh, the God of Israel, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing lovingkindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You. Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servants and to our supplication, O Yahweh my God, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Your servants pray before You today.

Psalter - Psalm 59B "I Wait for You"

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 34:1-8

Gloria Patria 735

Scripture Reading and Message: James 2:5-13 "Fulfilling the Royal Law"

"O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing" 164

The Lord's Supper

Benediction

Doxology 731

Announcements

- Today we have our Second Sunday Lunch following worship. Please join us.
- Salem will help with the Heard County Food Pantry on Friday, September 4th, 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., 1191 Franklin Pkwy, Franklin GA 30217. Please let Bill know if you plan to take part.
- Men's Prayer Meeting is at 2:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the Buis residence, 1701 Mandeville Road, Bremen, GA 30110.
- The Fall Fundraising dinner for Ascend (the pregnancy center) is September 10th at Roopville Road Baptist Church. Tickets are on sale at www.ascendwga.com/fallfundraiser2026.