

His Wing Shelters You

- Max Lucado



“He will shield you with his wings. He will shelter you with his feathers.”

(Psalm 91:4)

My college friends and I barely escaped a West Texas storm before it pummeled the park where we were spending a Saturday afternoon. As we were leaving, my buddy brought the car to a sudden stop and gestured to a tender sight on the ground. A mother bird sat exposed to the rain; her wing extended over her baby who had fallen out of the nest. The fierce storm prohibited her from returning to the tree, so she covered her child until the wind passed.

From how many winds is God protecting you? His wing, at this moment, shields you. A slanderous critic heading toward your desk is interrupted by a phone call. A burglar enroute to your house has a flat tire. A drunk driver runs out of gas before your car passes his. God, your guardian, protects you from:

“every trap” (Ps. 91:3);

“the fatal plague” (Ps. 91:3);

“the plague that stalks in darkness” (Ps. 91:6);

“the terrors of the night...the dangers of the day” (Ps. 91:5).

Responsive Reading: Psalm 147:1-3, 6-7

ALL: Praise the LORD!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
He is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

M: The LORD builds up Jerusalem.
W: He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
M: He heals the brokenhearted.
W: He binds up their wounds.
M: The LORD lifts up the downtrodden.
W: He casts the wicked to the ground.

ALL: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
Praise the LORD!

Lesson: Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; BUT those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-29

As soon as they left the synagogue, [Jesus and his disciples] entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. [Jesus] came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, [the townspeople] brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons; the whole city was gathered around the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SALEM FAMILY EVENTS



Keep on reaching out to your fellow parishioners, especially those who have little to no contact otherwise!



The Parish Council will be meeting on 9 February in lieu of the normally held Annual Meeting. If you have concerns or questions about anything church-related, please contact a council member (see reverse of Prayer List).



Last Week

Family Pathways
Is having their annual
Holiday Food Drive
A person can stop by any of
the food shelves with
donations of foodstuffs or
money

Announcements....

- Please arrange to pick up your donation envelopes for 2021; they are available at the Church's building. Please keep Salem in mind as you can financially; this is one way to show your gratitude to God for the gifts/blessings you have received. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- More announcements... see insert! ☺



- I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?
- My husband cooks for me like I'm a god—by placing burnt offerings before me every night.
- A woman and her husband stop at a dentist's office. "I need a tooth pulled right away," she says. "Don't bother with the Novocain; we're in a hurry." "Which tooth do you want pulled?" asks the dentist. The woman shoves her husband toward the dentist. "Go ahead, dear. Show him your tooth."
- A Woman Shoots Her Husband For Stepping On The Clean Floor... A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station. "I have an interesting case here," he says. "A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped." "Have you arrested her?" asks the sergeant. "No, not yet. The floor's still wet."
- I got my first full-time job, but I could have sworn I was making more money in college, working for my parents as their daughter.
- Hanging up with my 90-year-old mother, I sighed, then said to my 96-year-old uncle, "She's so stubborn." He shook his head sympathetically and warned, "You're going to have trouble with her when she gets old."

