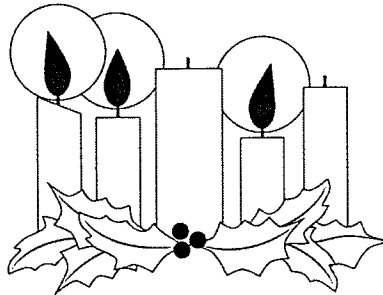


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission Statement

*“A Fellowship of Believers in Jesus Christ dedicated to
proclaiming God’s Love to ALL through Word and Deed.”*



THIRD SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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December 12, 2021
9:30 AM

- P for Pastor's part of the Liturgy
C for Congregation's part of the Liturgy
* Those who are able, are asked to stand.
+ A time one may use the sign of the cross.

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Book)
WOV = With One Voice (Blue Book)

*If you are unable to come forward to the altar rail for communion,
please notify the usher upon your arrival.*

THE FIRST PRELUDE "What Star is This?" Ritter

FIVE MINUTES IN THE CATECHISM

The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

THE SECOND PRELUDE "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" Cherwein

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **WOV P. 10**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

WOV # 633
(Blue book)

* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

WOV P. 28

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

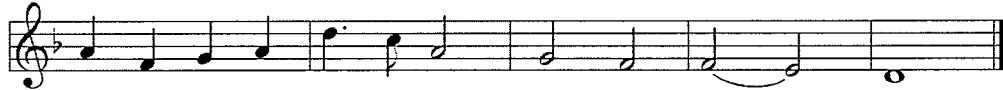
C And also with you.



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ⓐ Christ, have mer - cy.
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* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the LORD. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

WOV # 630



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.

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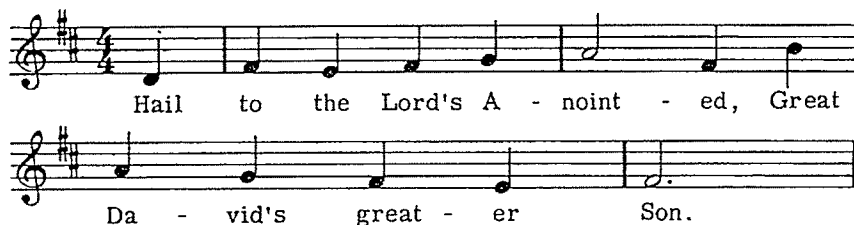
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Isaiah 12:2-6

Melchior Vulpius
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN



Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great
David's greater Son.

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Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

Refrain

With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation. **Refrain**

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this
name is exalted. **Refrain**

Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth. **Refrain**

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **Refrain**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. ⁵ Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶ do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "Celtic Alleluia" **WOV # 613**



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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* **GOSPEL**

P **THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18**

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁷ He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹ And he answered them,

“Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.”¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.”¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** “People, Look East”

WOV # 626
(Blue book)

* **THE NICENE CREED**

C **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

THE OFFERING

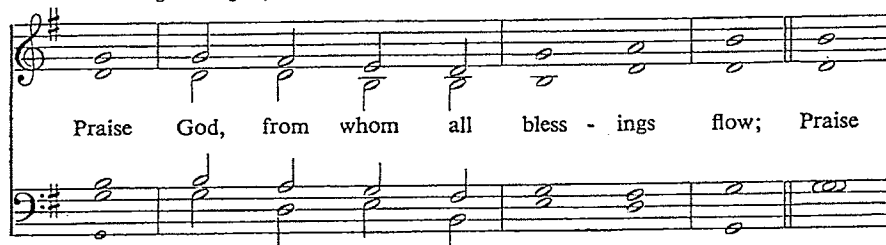
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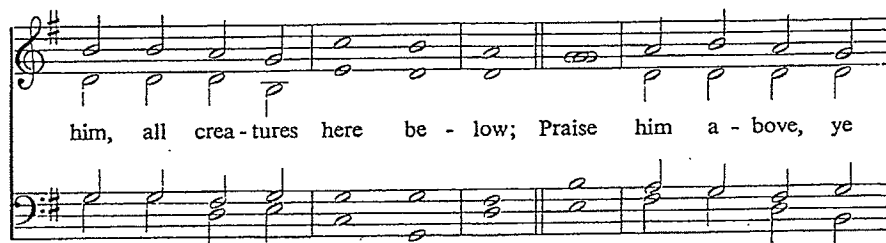
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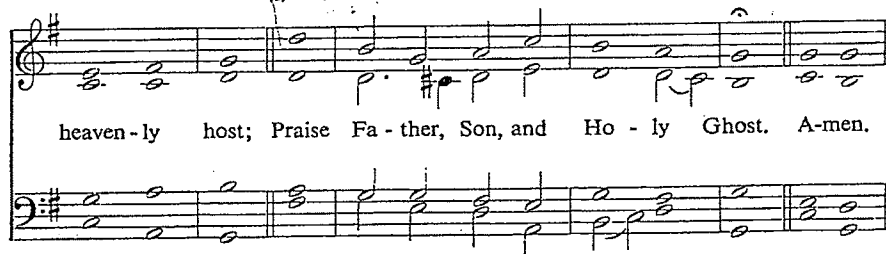
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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise



him, all crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye



heaven - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

LBW P. 87

P Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LBW P. 88

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*** THE PREFACE**

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

WOV # 619a

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW P. 91

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

*** FRACTION**

* THE COMMUNION CANTICLE “Jesus, Lamb of God”



1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of



God,
Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
Peace,



mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you



take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

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All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please note: receiving in one kind (only the body or only the blood) is a full Holy Communion.

*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

WOV P. 40

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

*** THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"**
ELW # 313



O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peacc,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

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*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW P. 94

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*** THE BENEDICTION**

LBW P. 95

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen *(Sing in a three fold Amen)*

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

*** THE DISMISSAL**

LBW P. 74

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

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The Social Ministry Committee will again be having a Christmas card shower for members unable to worship with us. This will begin on Sunday, November 28 and continue until Sunday, December 19.

Please do not seal the envelopes as this is difficult for some of our members to open.

Any members who would like to help deliver the cards, please call Carol Landis, 717-733-1803 or 717-606-6797.

The following members will be receiving the cards.

Betty Alexander, Pat Dagen, Cleo Frymyer, Doris Hocking
Daisy Kuhfeldt, Gwen Lehman, Helen Lutz, Elizabeth Matthews
Diane Morris, Norine Myer, Carmen Reddig, Ruth Rudy
Joyce Seiverling, Mary Jane Wechter

New address:

**Daisy Kuhfeldt
300 St. Mark Ave., Apt. 607
Lititz, PA 17543**

New Members and Enquirers Class will be held on Sunday 19 December 2021 at 2:00PM in the Narthex. All are welcome to attend. We will be going over the church's history, constitution, a walking tour and membership expectations. Even if you have been a member for a long time, you are most welcome to join us.

Congregational Meeting today following the 9:30 AM worship service. The agenda includes nominations and elections to the Church Council, adoption of the 2022 church budget (included in the December Pipeline), adoption of the revised standing committees (included in the December Pipeline), and other business (as needed).

Ladies' Day Out on Tuesday, December 14, noon at Udder Choice. Please sign up on the table in the narthex today.

Altar Care We are in need of volunteers to assist in setting up the altar on Sundays and cleaning up after the service. Each task takes about 30 minutes or so. Please speak to Edie Sweigart or call 717.733.0273. We need help especially setting up the altar in December and January.

Prayer list

Betty Alexander, Jerry Fleischmann, Daisy Kuhfeldt, Diane Morris, Chris Barton, Fran Beck, Jane Gensemer (Ruth Winters' sister), Ella Mae Ibach, Katie, Wendy

Divine services will be held at Salem on Sunday at 9:30 AM and Thursday at 7 PM. Teleconference service will be held Sunday at 11:45 AM. Conference number is 717-510-9819, when you get an answer, enter the conference code 820676.

The following items are needed for managing motherhood.

Pull ups- size 2T-3T and 4T-5T

Diapers- size 4 and 3

Sanitary napkins

Tampons

Wipes

Conditioner

Body wash

We would like to continue Fellowship Time after Worship on the first Sunday of each month throughout 2022. Please consider signing up on the sheet in the Narthex to provide the refreshments for one Sunday. Sign up can be by a Salem Committee, group, family or individual. It does not need to be an elaborate lunch; simple light refreshments would be fine. If you have any questions or if you would like Salem to provide the paper goods, please contact Stephanie Frymyer.

The Lancaster Liederkrantz 722 South Chiques Rd Manheim PA**Christkindlmarkt**

Sun, Dec 12, 11am to 5pm

Celebrate the season at our traditional German Christmas Market

Open to the public - rain, snow or shine!

Craft & gift vendors and delicious fest food & traditional beverages outside under the pavilion & tents. Inside, seated dining available

Christmas services

We will have the following services on Christmas Eve.

Friday 24 Dec 2021 Christmas Eve
4:00PM Nine Lessons and Carols
10:30PM Divine Service

Saturday 25 Dec 2021 Christmas Day Divine Service 9:30AM

Sunday 26 Dec 2021 St. Stephen's Day Divine Service 9:30AM

Saturday 1 Jan 2022 The Holy Name of Jesus Divine Service 9:30AM

Sunday 2 Jan 2022 Second Sunday of Christmas Nine Lessons and Carols 9:30AM

Thursday 6 Jan 2022 Epiphany Day Divine Service 7:00PM

Usher: John Keller
Acolyte: Sebastien Francois
Lighting the Advent Wreath: Marianne Hansell
Lector: Stephanie Frymyer
Communion Assistant: Dennis Kluck
Altar Clean Up: Mary Binder and Connie Ditzler

Today	10:30 AM	Congregational Meeting
Monday—Friday		Preschool
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Worship and Music
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:30 AM	Pipeline Assembly Rm. 6
Saturday	9:00 AM	Managing Motherhood

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