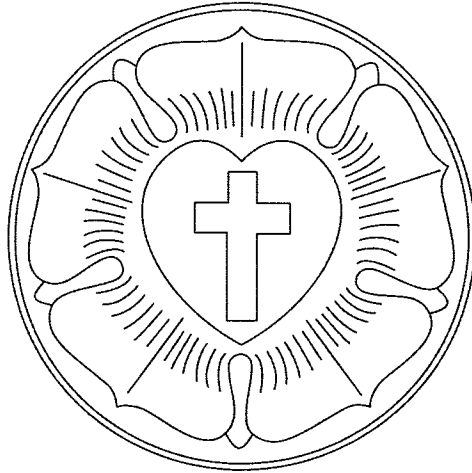


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission Statement

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



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Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024
10:00 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)

GATHERING

THE FIRST PRELUDE "Trumpet March" Frith

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "O Morning Star" Ritter

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** LBW P. 56

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** “Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory” **ELW # 561**
(see insert)

* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING** **LBW P. 57**

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.**

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray

Almighty God you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹ This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



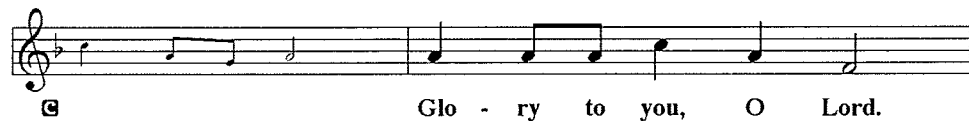
Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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* GOSPEL

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20



¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

WOV # 784

(Blue book)

* **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

LBW P. 65

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.

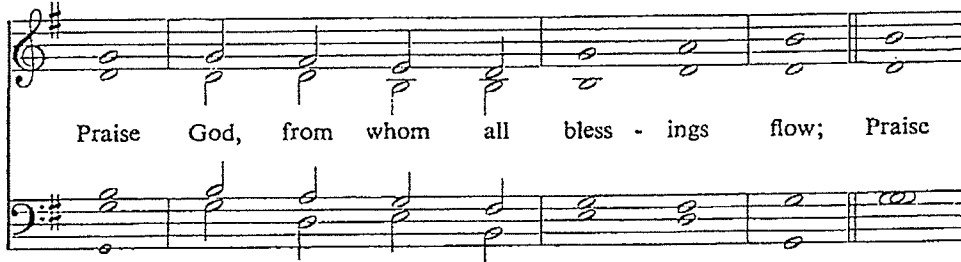
THE ORGAN OFFERTORY "Ever Faithful, Ever Near" Ritter

* THE OFFERTORY "Doxology"

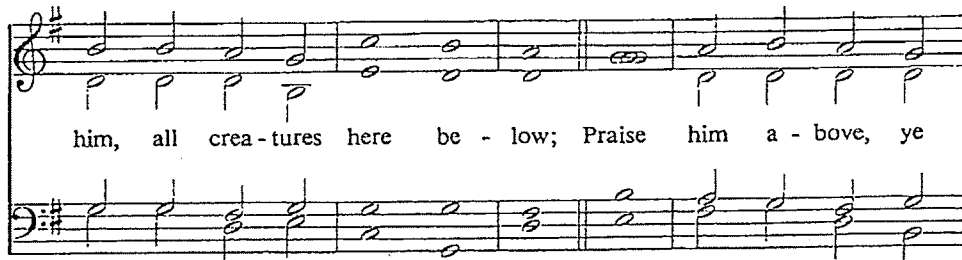
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LOUIS BOURGEOIS, *cir.* 1510-61
Geneva Psalter, 1551

With great dignity



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise



him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye

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

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

*** THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

LBW P. 67

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.

MEAL

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LBW P. 88

Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ 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 P. 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
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.

The musical score consists of five staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff includes a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some phrases being repeated.

*** HOLY COMMUNION**

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and
body, and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW P. 71

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 "Lamb of God" WOV P. 39

☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

WOV # 649

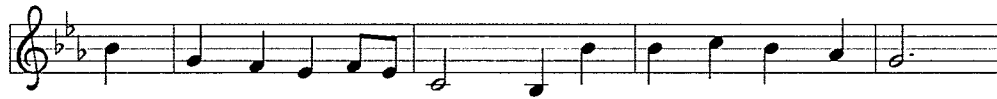
*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

LBW P. 72

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



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



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.

Text: Ernest E. Ryden, 1886-1981, alt., based on the Nunc dimittis

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW P. 74

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

SENDING

*** THE BENEDICTION**

LBW P. 74

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)*

*** THE CLOSING HYMN** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

LBW # 503
(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

LBW P. 74

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

*** POSTLUDE**

"Sing a New Song"

Broughton

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2023 Offering statements are available today in the lobby.

If you are cleaning out your Christmas cards (or any-occasion greeting cards, or cancelled stamps, or calendars) remember that you can put them in the nursery for Connie Kirby to use in making new cards. All proceeds from her ENCORE cards support the Managing Motherhood mission."

Keep in Your Prayers:

Joyce Doster, Cleo Frymyer, Marlene Haines, Judy Kreutzberger, David Linn, Diane Morris, Dale Stahl, Ash Steffy, Nancy Barton (cousin of Judy Kauffman), Roger Blantz (friend of Mark and Connie Ditzler), Jennifer Kuhfeldt (Laurel Kluck's niece), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger's brother), Decker Murphy (family friend of Ditzlers), Racheal Precise (friend of Diane Morris), Jerry Sheplock (nephew of Ginni DelPiano), Steve Sweigart (Edie's husband), Erin Viozzi (friend of Connie and Mark Ditzler), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), Sally Wise, (daughter-in-law of Earl and Shirley Wise)

Council members being installed today: Eddie Adams, Stephanie Frymyer (President), Mike Herr, Dan Jorgenson, John Keller, Dennis Kluck (Treasurer/Financial Secretary), Laurel Kluck, Nick Lombard, Diane Millhouse (Secretary), Peter Shiffer, Jim Sutton, Jerry Ulrich (Vice President), Perry Wechter

Ephrata Area Social Services needs:

- Paper towels
- Toilet tissue
- Tissues

Collection box is located in the basket in the east lobby. Thank you for your donations.

Due to a scheduling conflict the Divine Service on Friday 2 February 2024 for Candlemas is cancelled. The Divine Service will be held on Thursday 1 February and the following Sunday 4 February 2024 at 10:00 AM. Thank you for your understanding.

The proof for our new 2024 Directory will be in the lobby for your perusal. It is not bound, but is only a proof. Please take a look over it. If corrections are needed, please put your name and correction on the clipboard next to the directory proof. Thanks-Membership Care Committee

Winter Spaghetti/Game Night

Save the Date! Saturday March 23, 2024 will be the first annual "Salem ELC Spaghetti and Game Night." Come for dinner 5:30 to 7:00 and then stay for fun and games (everyone should bring games to share and enjoy) till 9:00. Some ride sharing will be available for those who can't drive at night. Singles, families, couples, all welcome. This fellowship activity will be open to all members and you are encouraged to invite guests and friends. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex: there will be no charge to anyone, but you must sign up.

Please call/text Rod Orth at 215-431-8437 or email me at rodorth@aol.com if you could help. Volunteers for cooking or serving are needed.

Greeter	John Keller
Acolyte	Noah Keller
Usher	Stephen Shiffer
Lector	Connie Kirby
Communion Assistant	Faith Shiffer
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Deb and Marianne Hansell

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
		Pipeline articles due
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS FH
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Knitters/Crocheters Rm. 7
	7:00 PM	Building Oversight Committee MP
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Zoom Bible study
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Pipeline Assembly Rm. 6

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