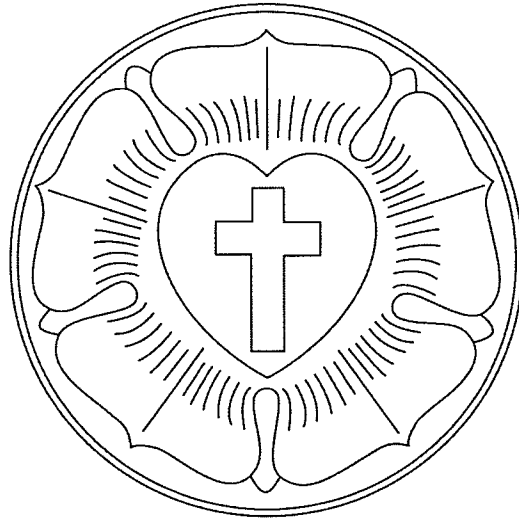


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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**Baptism of Our Lord
January 8, 2023
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

(Joel 2:15-17, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:1-13)

THE FIRST PRELUDE "Angels Ever Bright and Fair" Handel/Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Infant's Prayer" Mansfield

*** 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.

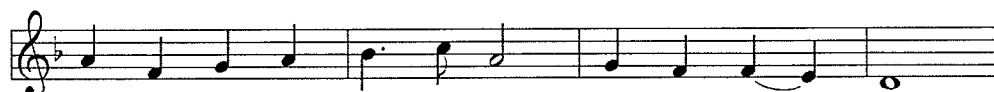
* **THE GATHERING HYMN** "Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God" **LBW # 191**
(Psalm 149:1-4) (Green book)

* **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.

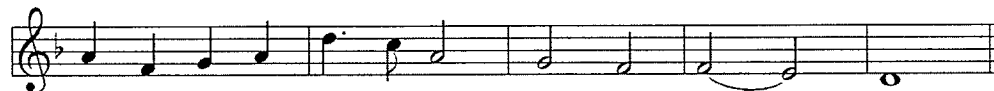
* **THE KYRIE** **WOV P. 28**



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.
Christ, have mer - cy:



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

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

THE WORD

(1 Peter 1:25, Isaiah 55:10-11, Col. 3:16, Jere. 2:14, 1 Tim. 4:13)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
⁵ Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
⁶ "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.

⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.” (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

* **THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** “Celtic Alleluia” **WOV # 613**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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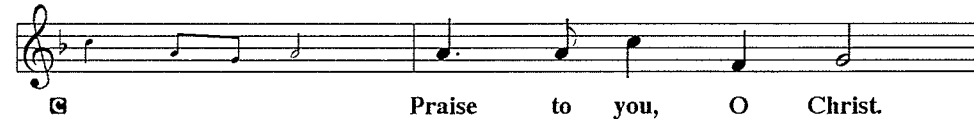
*** GOSPEL**

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 3:13-17**



¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

(Isa. 55:10-11, John 6:68, Psalm 119:41-42)

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

WOV # 697
(Blue book)

**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**

(1 Tim. 2:1-2)

P Lord, in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer**

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

(Matt. 5:23-24, John 14:27, John 20:19, Romans 16:16)

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

THE ORGAN OFFERTORY "Little Jesus, Sweetly Sleep" Ritter

(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

(offering plates are available at the back of the sanctuary and narthex)

*** THE OFFERTORY** "Let the vineyards" **WOV P. 35**



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u-nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*** 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.

MEAL

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LBW P. 88

(Lamentations 3:41, 2 Thess. 1:3)



☐ 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**
(Psalm 36:4)

LBW P. 68

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)

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 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

(Matt. 6:9-13)

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**

(1 Cor. 10:16-17)

*** THE COMMUNION CANTICLE "Lamb of God"**

WOV P. 39

(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)



☩ 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

(1 Cor. 11:27-34)

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

LBW P. 72

(John 6:53-54)

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

C Amen

* THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thankful hearts" WOV P. 40

☪ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks-
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW P. 74

(Ps. 107:1, Ps. 118:1)

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

(Numbers 6:23-27)

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

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

*** THE CLOSING HYMN**

“We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus” **WOV # 698**
 (Blue book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

(Luke 7:50)

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Cleo Frymyer, Joyce Imhoff, Diane Morris, Betty Stemplinger, Greta Stork, Edie Sweigart, Deb Andrews (Miriam Moore’s daughter), Kathy Freese (Gary Horner’s daughter-in-law), Sam Graci (Connie Ditzler’s brother), Michael Linn (David Linn’s son), Susan Moore (Miriam Moore’s daughter-in-law), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters’ brother), Bruder Family, family and friends of Bonnie Frey (Gwen Lehman’s sister)

Dutch Apple Dinner Theater on Saturday, March 18 to see Sister Act. Form with more information is available in the narthex and lobby. See Jim Kimmel with any questions.

Managing Motherhood: Items needed this month:

Diapers- size 6, pull ups 3T/4T, baby wash, baby wipes, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, sanitary napkins regular and light, tampons super

Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS) January needs:

- **Canned peas**
- **Syrup**
- **Shampoo**

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

Upcoming Bible Studies starting 8 January 2023. Class meets at 9:00 AM and concludes by 9:45 AM. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room.

8 January 2023 Baptism and Christian Identity

15 January 2023 The Confession of the Faith: The Confession of St. Peter

22 January 2023 Upcoming Commemorations for the week

29 January 2023 Looking forward to Candlemas

5 February 2023 History of North American Lutheran Hymnals/Worship Books

12 February 2023 Transfiguration Lessons

19 February 2023 Why Ash Wednesday?

26 February 2023 A history of Lent and its Biblical basis

First Sunday in March Fellowship Event

Chili with beans or chili with no beans? That is the question! The Fellowship and Membership Care Committees are joining forces to have a chili cook-off on Sunday, March 5. This will coincide with our Fellowship Sunday for March.

We are hoping members of the congregation will volunteer to cook their favorite pots of chili and bring it in a crockpot to share. During Fellowship time after the service, we will taste-test the chili and cast our votes for the best tasting chili.

As part of this event, the Membership Care Committee will offer pottery bowls to be purchased for \$10. All proceeds from this event will be given to "Mountaineer's Table" which is a program to help our school district's families help feed their children. After taste-testing, the pottery bowls can be used to enjoy more of your favorite chili along with corn bread and salad (both are compliments of the Fellowship Committee). Disposable bowls will be available to use if you do not wish to purchase a pottery bowl.

A sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex if you are interested in making chili AND/OR purchasing a bowl. To plan accordingly, the deadline for ordering a bowl will be Sunday, January 29, 2023. Please pay Stephanie Frymyer or Lisa Borry on Sunday, March 5 (cash or checks made payable to Salem Lutheran Church).

We look forward to another fun fellowship event.

Engaged in Mission

Last year we reorganized our mission committees at Salem Church. Each Committee has an assigned mission to carry out in order for our entire church to be in mission on the west end of Ephrata. Remember, God has placed us at this address for a purpose.

In order for us to carry out that mission, we need each member who is able to be engaged. The Engaged in Mission sign up table will be located in the lobby in January 2023. Current members for each committee will be listed. If you do not want to serve another year, simply cross your name off (and hopefully sign up for another committee). If you are interested in serving and did not serve last year, this is your chance to get onboard!

Each committee's mission profile is on the sign up sheet. Read it over and sign up. Committees will begin meeting regularly in February 2023.

Greeter	Carol Landis and Bev Stewart
Usher	Stephen Shiffer
Acolyte	Madison Kimmel
Lector	Dennis Kluck
Communion Assistant	Faith Shiffer
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Deb Hansell

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
	11:45 AM	Teleconference service
Monday	1:00 PM	Social Ministry Rm. 6
	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Fellowship Committee Rm. 6
	7:00 PM	Worship Committee MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Membership Care Committee MP

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