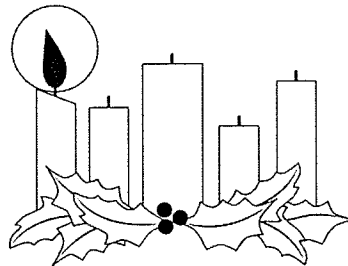


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission Statement

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



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

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November 27, 2022
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)

GATHERING

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

THE FIRST PRELUDE "Sleepers Wake! A Voice is Calling" J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Hark! The Glad Sound" setting by Michael Burkhardt

*** 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** "The King Shall Come"
(Psalm 149:1-4)

LBW # 33
(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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father 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 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;

and all the nations shall flow to it,
³ and many peoples shall come, and say:

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST 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.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 122

- ¹I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
²**Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
³Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;
⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**
⁵For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.
⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**
"May they prosper who love you."
⁷Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.
⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**
⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good."

SECOND LESSON: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. (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 24:36-44**

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

³⁶ “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷ For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will

be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

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

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel” **LBW # 34**
(Green book)

* **THE NICENE CREED** **LBW P. 64**

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.**

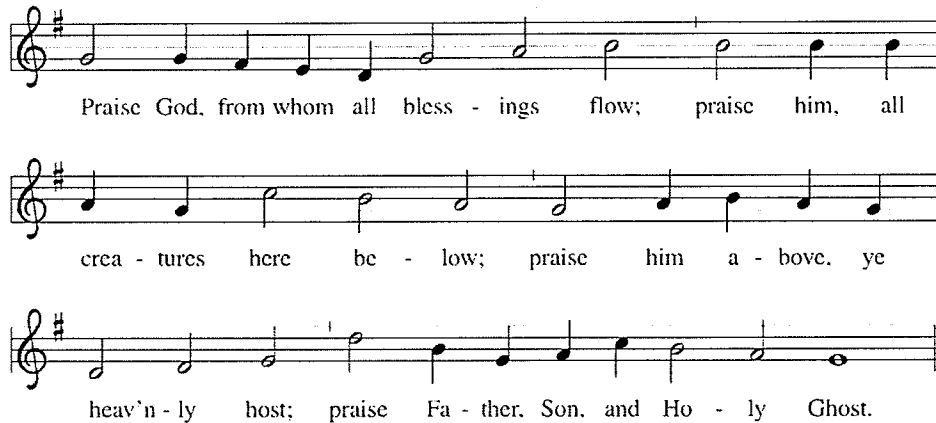
THE ORGAN OFFERTORY “Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People”
setting by Flor Peeters

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

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

*** THE OFFERTORY**

“Doxology”



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH. Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

*** 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)

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.

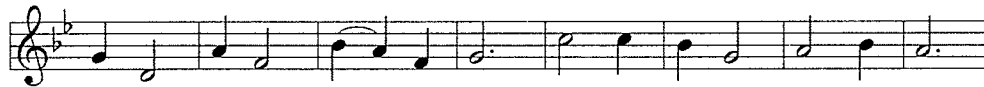
*** THE PREFACE**
(Psalm 36:4)

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 # 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.

Text: "Sanctus." tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation
Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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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. 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)

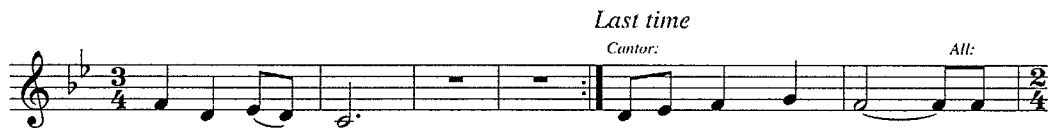
*** THE COMMUNION CANTICLE “Jesus, Lamb of God”**
 (John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)



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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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.

COMMUNION MUSIC: “First Sunday in Advent” Alexis Chauvet

*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

LBW P. 72

(John 6:53-54)

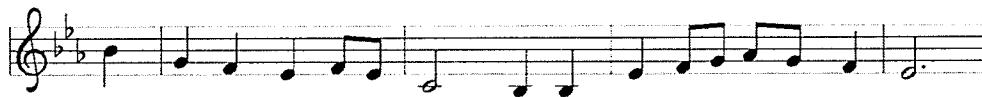
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

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



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.

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*** 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 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** “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

LBW # 25
(Green book)

*** THE DISMISSAL**

(Luke 7:50)

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

*** POSTLUDE** “Trio from Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

Setting by Kevin Sadowski

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We welcome Donna Burkholder as our guest organist this morning.

Keep in Your Prayers:

Cleo Frymyer, Marlene Haines, Joyce Imhoff, Daisy Kuhfeldt, Diane Morris, Betty Stemplinger, Greta Stork, Edie Sweigart, Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother)

The following nominees to the Congregation Council of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church for 2023 will be considered at Salem's Annual Meeting on December 11, 2022: Eddie Adams, Dan Jorgenson, Jim Sutton, Jerry Ulrich

Managing Motherhood: Items needed this month:

Diapers- size 5,6
Baby wash/shampoo
Baby wipes
Shampoo
Conditioner

Ephrata Area Social Services (EASS) December needs:

- **Canned corn**
- **Instant potatoes**
- **Bars of soap**

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

**Beginning January 1, 2023
Worship will begin at 10:00 AM**

**Beginning January 8, 2023
Sunday School will begin at 9:00 AM**

Advent Event Saturday, December 3, 10-12:30 for children ages 3-10 with singing, crafts, games, stories, and lunch. Volunteer to be an Adventure Guide to help the children. Contact Sharon Goodman, Dina Keller, Deb Hansell, Connie Kirby or Judy Kauffman to let them know if you can help.

Ladies Day Out at Udder Choice on Tuesday, December 13 at noon. As before, each person is responsible for the cost of their meal. Sign up in the narthex by December 11.

EASS Holiday Exchange Program A table is in the lobby with tags on the tree with a child's name and gift they would like. Take a tag and sign your name on the list next to the name of the child and gift you have chosen to help us keep track of the gifts.

Greeter	The Goodmans
Usher	John Keller
Acolyte	Madison Kimmel
Lector	Jim Kimmel
Communion Assistant	Jackie Roth
Altar care set up	Diane and Justine Millhouse
clean up	Deb and Marianne Hansell

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
	10:45 AM	Bible study
	11:45 AM	Teleconference service
Monday-Friday	9:00 AM	Preschool
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Membership Care Committee MP
Saturday	10:00 AM	Advent event

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