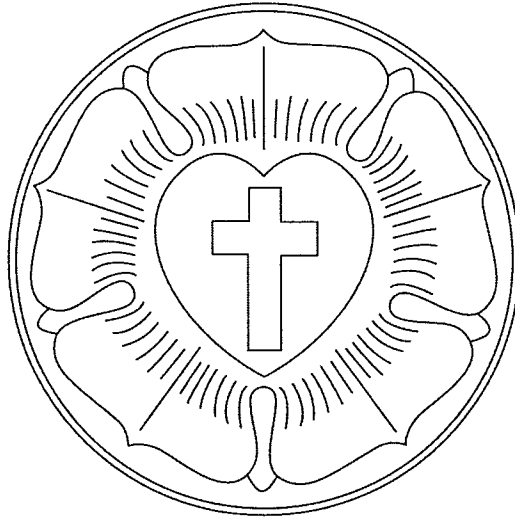


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

*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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**Christ the King**  
**November 26, 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** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Prentiss

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "Ave Verum" Mozart/Simon

**\* 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** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" **LBW # 170**  
(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 HYMN OF PRAISE** "Glory to God" **WOV P. 14**


*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: have mer - cy, have mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed  
 at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. *Refrain*

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. *Refrain* A - men.

**\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup>"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>20</sup>"Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

**PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a**

- <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep of God's hand.

**SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- 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: **Matthew 25:31-46**

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

<sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not





**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)

**\* 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**    My Jesus, I Love Thee”  
(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

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\* THE OFFERTORY

"Let the vineyards"

LBW P. 66

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. 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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

\* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

LBW P. 68

P Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave 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

LBW P. 68

(Psalm 36:4)

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord”

LBW P. 69

(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)

☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

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.

**\* THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**LBW P. 89**

(1 Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20)

**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.

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

**LBW P. 72**

☩ 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.

**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 HYMN** (after the Communion Prelude)  
"By Your Hand, You Feed Your People"



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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**\* THE COMMUNION BLESSING**  
(John 6:53-54)

**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** "Thank the Lord" **LBW P. 72**



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. 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 form*



\* **THE CLOSING HYMN**      “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

**LBW # 171**  
(Green book)

\* **THE DISMISSAL**

(Luke 7:50)

**P**    Go in peace, Christ is with you.

**C**    **Thanks be to God.**

\* **POSTLUDE**                      “Hosanna to the King”

Clarke

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**Keep in Your Prayers:**

Joyce Doster, David Linn, Diane Morris, Dale Stahl, Ash Steffy, Mary Jane Wechter, Nancy Barton (cousin of Judy Kauffman), Roger Blantz (friend of Mark and Connie Ditzler), Kevin Freeman (Dennis Kluck’s brother-in-law), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger’s brother), Racheal Precise (friend of Diane Morris), Jerry Sheplock (nephew of Ginni DelPiano), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters’ brother), Sally Wise, (daughter-in-law of Earl and Shirley Wise)

**City Gate needs:**

- Men’s and Women’s waterproof gloves
- Women’s socks (NOT fluffy slipper socks)
- Paper towels
- Kitchen size trash bags
- Individually wrapped snacks—ex. Granola bars, chips, cookies, Little Debbie, etc.
- Hot chocolate packets

There is a box in the narthex for your donations. If you wish to donate to EASS, that basket is located in the east lobby. Thank you for your donations.

**Building Oversight Committee will meet Tuesday, November 28 at 7 PM in the multi-purpose room.**

**Christmas Kickoff Friday, December 1, 5:30-8 PM at Salem for children ages 3-10 (11 and up are welcome to help as assistants).** There will be supper, singing, crafts, games, stories and a movie! Call the church office at 717-733-6646 or email [office@salemephrata.org](mailto:office@salemephrata.org) to register. Contact Sharon Goodman, Dina Keller, Deb Hansell, Connie Kirby, Judy Kauffman or Edie Sweigart if you are able to help.

**Ladies Day Out on Tuesday, December 12 at noon at Udder Choice, 1812 W. Main St., Ephrata.** Each person is responsible for the cost of their meal. Sign up in the narthex by December 10. Contact Carol Landis if you have any questions, 717-606-6797.

**Managing Motherhood:** Items needed this month:

- Diapers in sizes 3, 4, 6
- Pull-ups 2T-3T, 4T-5T
- Baby wipes and baby wash
- Sanitary napkins
- Tampons—regular and super

**Salem's Annual Meeting will be December 10, 2023 following worship:**

- The following nominees to the Congregation Council of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church for 2024 will be considered: Stephanie Frymyer, Mike Herr, Laurel Kluck, Peter Shiffer.
- The proposed budget for 2024 is in the December Pipeline and copies are available in the narthex.
- There will be a vote to amend the Congregational By-Law CBL 2.02 for the Duty of the Treasurer.

**Advent Bible Study Sundays at 9 AM in the multi-purpose room**

<b>December 3</b>	<b>Romans 5</b>	<b>Death</b>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Revelation 20</b>	<b>Judgement</b>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Revelation 4, 7</b>	<b>Heaven and Hell</b>

**No Classes December 24, 31**

## **Christmas Card Shower**

We will be having a Christmas card shower the month of December for our members who are unable to worship with us. This will begin on November 26 and end Sunday, December 17.

A table will be set up in the lobby with bags for the cards.

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

For more information, or if you are able to help deliver the cards, please contact Betty Zimmerman, 717-733-3453 or Judy Kauffman, 717-733-1161.

The following members will be receiving the cards.

Pat Dagen  
Joyce Doster  
Cleo Frymyer  
Doris Hocking  
Gwen Lehman  
Helen Lutz  
Jean Miller  
Diane Morris  
Norine Myer  
Lynn Plantholt  
Jackie Roth  
Ruth Rudy  
Joyce Seiverling  
Mary Jane Wechter

Greeter	Jim and Cindy Sutton
Acolyte	Madison Kimmel
Usher	Reg Doster
Lector	Stephanie Frymyer
Communion Assistant	Miriam Moore
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
	Deb and Marianne Hansell

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
	9:00 AM	Bible study
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Knitters/Crocheters Rm. 7
	7:00 PM	Building Oversight MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	5:30 PM	Christmas Kickoff FH

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