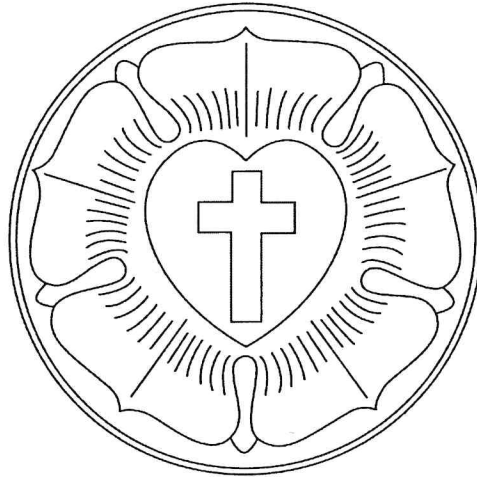


# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

## *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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**Epiphany of Our Lord**  
**January 5, 2025**  
**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** "Brightest and Best" Rasley

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SECOND PRELUDE** "O Wondrous Star" Rinck

**\* 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 "As with Gladness Men of Old"

LBW # 82  
(Green 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.

\* 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:



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



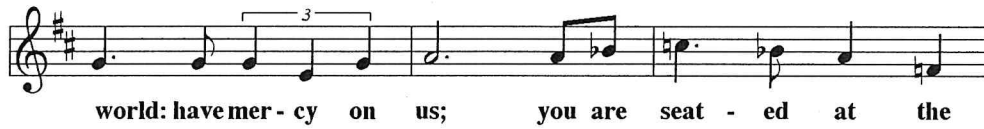
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



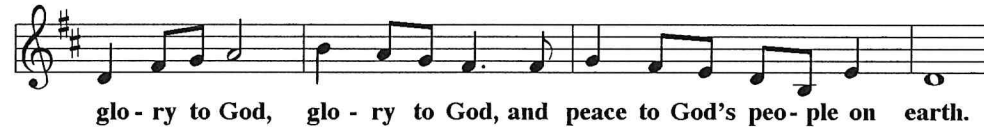
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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, A - men.

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

**\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray

Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, 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**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;

but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will be seen upon you.

<sup>3</sup>And nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes all around, and see;  
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from afar,  
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.  
<sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and exult,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
<sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD. (ESV)

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

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

**PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy among the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup> In his time may the righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
<sup>10</sup> **May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**  
<sup>11</sup> May all kings bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.  
<sup>12</sup> **For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,  
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

<sup>13</sup> He has compassion on the lowly and poor,  
and preserves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> **From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

### **SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:1-12**

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—  
<sup>2</sup> assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to  
me for you, <sup>3</sup> how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have  
written briefly. <sup>4</sup> When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery  
of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it  
has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> This mystery  
is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the  
promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which  
was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of all  
the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of  
Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for  
ages in God, who created all things, <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the  
manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in  
the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized  
in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence  
through our faith in him. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**





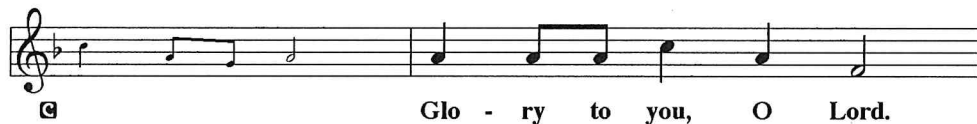
*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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\* GOSPEL

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Matthew 2:1-12**



Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search



**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 ORGAN OFFERTORY "Offertory in E Major"**

**Kuhnau**

\* THE OFFERTORY

“Doxology”

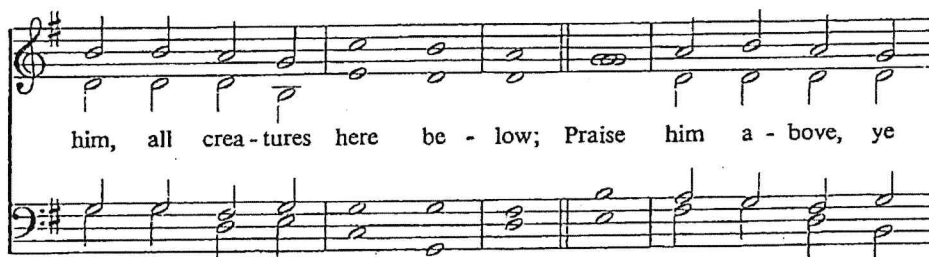
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LOUIS BOURGEOIS, *cir.* 1510–61  
*Geneva Psalter, 1551*

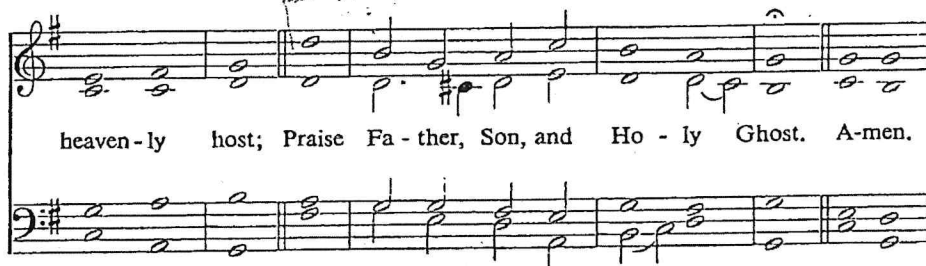
*With great dignity*



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**

**WOV P. 35**

**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**

**\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**


**LBW P. 88**




**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so 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:

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.

**\* 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**

**WOV P. 39**

**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.*

**\* 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 "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

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 “We Three Kings of Orient Are”

WOV # 646  
(Blue book)

### \* THE DISMISSAL

LBW P. 74

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### \* POSTLUDE

“March of the Three Kings”

Wilson

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**No First Sunday Fellowship today.**

### **Keep in Your Prayers:**

Sylvia Boyer, Joanne Martin, Diane Morris, Lorna Ravegum, Tom, Smith, Ruth Winters, Noretta Burke (family of Charles Kreutzberger), Keith Dussinger (friend of Mike Herr), Beverly Flickinger (friend of Judy Kauffman), Jeff Kratz (family of Nathan and Deb Hansell), Dale Manspeaker (Judy Kreutzberger's brother), Karen McCuiston (Diane Morris' sister), Dave Musser (friend of Mike Herr), Dennis Rowe (friend of Phil Kauffman), Katherine Calderon Smith (friend of Kreutzbergers), Jaime Rank (family of Mark and Connie Ditzler), Tom and Joanna Ferguson (Judy Kauffman's cousins)

**On Sunday, January 19, 2025, a planning meeting for the 25<sup>th</sup> trip of the Lower Susquehanna Synod Disaster Response team** will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Luther Acres, 250 St. Luke Drive, Lititz. This is also the deadline to sign up for the trip. Registration for the trip is only \$150/person. The trip will be taking place, April 6-12, 2025, and will be to western North Carolina. More details will be shared at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but hope to make the trip, please contact Pastor Glenn Beard at [gbeard@luthercare.org](mailto:gbeard@luthercare.org).

**Bible study at 9 AM on Sundays and Sunday Lessons Preview on Zoom at 7 PM on Wednesdays**

5 January 2025 9:00 AM The Biblical Lessons of Epiphany

8 January 2025 7:00 PM Sunday Lessons Preview (Zoom)

12 January 2025 No Bible Study

15 January 2025 No Sunday Preview

19 January 2025 The Life of Saint Paul the Apostle (Paul Miller, leader)

22 January 2025 7:00 PM Sunday Lessons Preview (Zoom)

26 January 2025 The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle (Paul Miller, leader)

29 January 2025 7:00 PM Sunday Lessons Preview (Zoom)

**Managing Motherhood**

Body wash

Deodorant

Shampoo/conditioner

Babywash/shampoo

Sanitary napkins regular and super

Diapers size 1

Pull ups 4T-5T and 5T-6T for boys and girls

**Bridge Youth Center Meals**

Salem will be preparing a meal and a lesson for the Bridge Youth Center on Tuesday, January 28th. The group will be boys and girls in grades 7-12. Help is needed to purchase items, make food and volunteer as servers the evening of each event. A sign-up sheet for the meal is in the Narthex. Please call Dina Keller at 717-989-4609 with questions. Thanks!

Acolyte	Madison Kimmel
Usher	Faith Shiffer
Lector	Connie Kirby
Communion Assistant	Stephen Shiffer
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Deb and Marianne Hansell

Tuesday	7:00 PM	Council MP
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Comforter knotting MP
	7:00 PM	Zoom Sunday lessons preview
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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