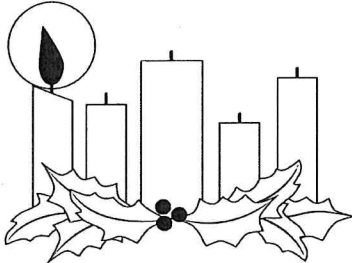


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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December 1, 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

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

THE FIRST PRELUDE "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Lasky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" Cherwien

*** 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** Salem Choir

* **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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’ (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.

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Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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The Psalm will be read responsively

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10

- ¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
- ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- ³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
- ⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**
- ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
- ¹⁰**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

(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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, folk-like tune. The first staff is followed by the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The second staff is followed by the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music ends with a double bar line.

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

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* GOSPEL

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: **Luke 21:25-36**

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

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” (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** "My Lord, What a Morning"

WOV # 627
(Blue 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)

*** 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 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Broughton
(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

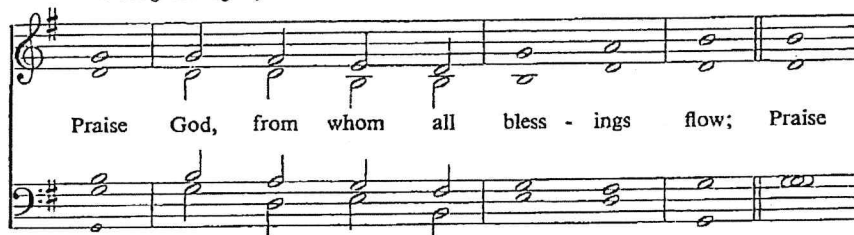
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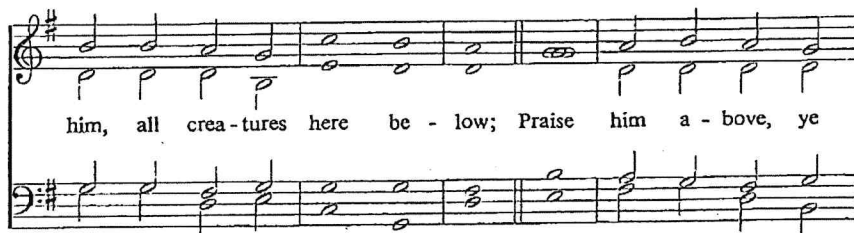
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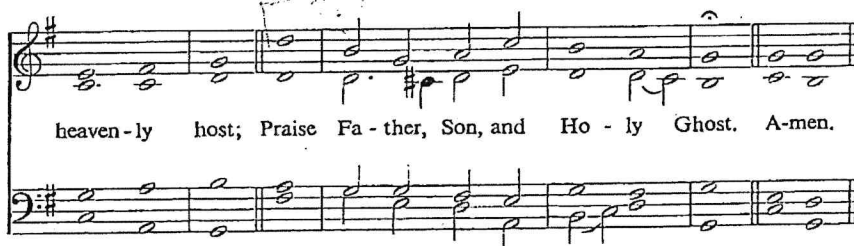
With great dignity



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

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 HOLY COMMUNION**

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**

LBW P. 68

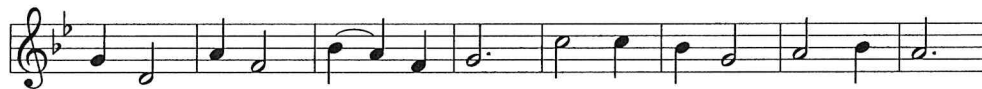
(Psalm 36:4)

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

WOV # 619a

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



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.

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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)

Cantor:



1. Je-sus, Lamb of
 2. Je-sus, Bread of
 3. Je-sus, Prince of

All:



God,
 Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
 Peace,

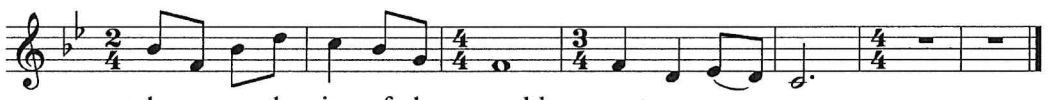
Last time

Cantor:

All:



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.

* 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



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.

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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** “Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending” Powell

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Sylvia Boyer, Diane Morris, Lorna Ravegum, 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), Katherine Calderon Smith (friend of Kreutzbergers)

Bible study is Sunday morning at 9 AM in the multi-purpose room.

Class concludes by 9:45 AM.

A Tour of Revelation

8 Dec (Read Chapters 4-5 before class-The heavenly Sanctuary and Divine Throne)

15 Dec (Read chapters 6-20 before class-Scenes of End Time Judgement)

22 Dec (Read chapters 20-22 before class-New Jerusalem as the Bride)

29 December No Class

Salem will be hosting the Ephrata Community Meal on Thursday, December 19, 2024. The Meal will be served at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 167 East Main Street, Ephrata, PA. Fruit, individual meat loaves, potatoes and carrots are on the menu. Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up, prepare and serve the meal and to make desserts. Sign up sheets are on the table in the narthex. Doors for guests open at 5:30 pm. Serving time is 6:00 pm. For additional information, please contact Ruth Ulrich at 717-799-1130 or jerryulrich@windstream.net.

Managing Motherhood

Items needed this month:

- Body wash
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Baby wash/shampoo
- Baby wipes
- Sanitary napkins—regular and super
- Diapers size 5
- Pull ups 4T-5T for girls and boys

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ephrata will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, December 8 following the 10:00 AM worship service. We will worship and then conduct our business at about 11:00 AM.

You are invited to join us this Advent Season on Sunday, December 15, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the church for our Open House. Come and hear special music selections, take a stroll through the church and appreciate the season's decor, sing carols together and enjoy some grilled “brats” and refreshments while sharing warm greetings with one another.

Ladies, we will be meeting at Udder Choice, 1812 West Main St., Ephrata on Tuesday, December 17th at noon. As before, each person is responsible for the cost of their meal. A sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex until Sunday, December 15th. Please join us for this fellowship!

2024 Offering Statements

2024 Offering Statements will only be printed upon request. If you wish to have your Offering Statement, please contact Dennis Kluck at treasurersalem@yahoo.com before December 31, 2024.

2025 Offering Envelopes

The 2025 Offering Envelopes will be available for pickup on December 8, 2024. Please note that the envelopes are being renumbered this year, and that your envelope number may change from that of previous years.

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.

Book and Puzzle Exchange

The "Take One, Leave One," book and puzzle exchange will start January 12th. We are asking for some donations in order to have a beginning inventory. All sizes of puzzles, and all genres of books are welcome. Two bins will be placed in the library for easy drop off. Questions? Please see Laurel Kluck or Edie Sweigart.

Christmas Card Shower

The Social Ministry Committee will be having a Christmas card shower for members unable to worship with us. This will begin on Sunday, November 24 and continue until Sunday, December 15. Bags for your cards will be on a table outside the office.

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

Any members who would like to help deliver the cards, please call Carol Landis, 717-606-6797.

The following members will be receiving the cards.

Pat Dagen
Joyce Doster
Cleo Frymyer
Doris Hocking
Gwen Lehman
Helen Lutz
Diane Morris
Norine Myer
Lynn Plantholt
Jackie Roth
Joyce Seiverling
Paul Wechter
Earl Wise
Betty Zimmerman



Presented by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

_____ Poinsettias @ \$8.50 \$ _____

If you would like to place a poinsettia in church in celebration of the birth of the Christ Child, please fill out this form by December 8. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. Place the form and payment in an envelope and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

Greeter	Mark and Connie Ditzler
Acolyte	Madison Kimmel
Usher	Stephen Shiffer
Lector	Faith Shiffer
Communion Assistant	Deb Hansell
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Andrea Richard and Judy Kauffman

Today	11:15 AM	Fellowship time
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Church Council MP
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Comforter knotting MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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