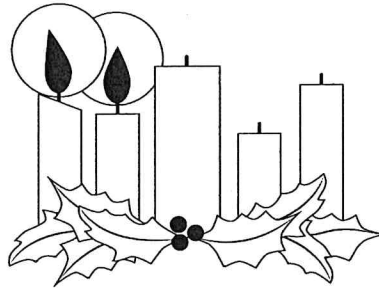


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission Statement

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



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent

1331 West Main Street
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December 8, 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 "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying" Chesterton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "Be Comforted, My People" Smith

*** 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** "Prepare the Royal Highway"
(Psalm 149:1-4)

LBW # 26
(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**

see insert

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; 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: Malachi 3:1-4

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND 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.
- 2 Light two can-dles 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.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.

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This will be read responsively

BENEDICTUS: LUKE 1:68-79

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets,
you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (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: Luke 3:1-6**
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,
"The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,

and the rough places shall become level ways,
6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” (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** “On Jordan’s Banks the Baptist’s Cry” **LBW # 36**
(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)

Response:

Lord, in your mercy,

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 "Improvisation on 'People Look East'" Lasky
(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

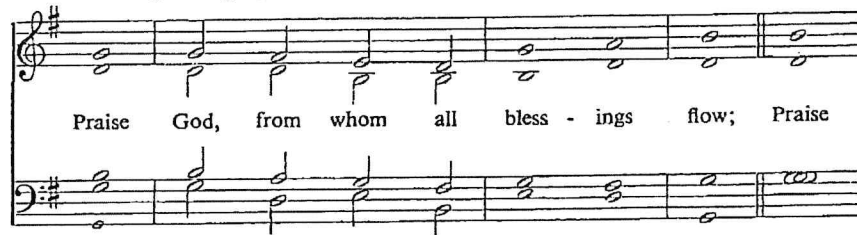
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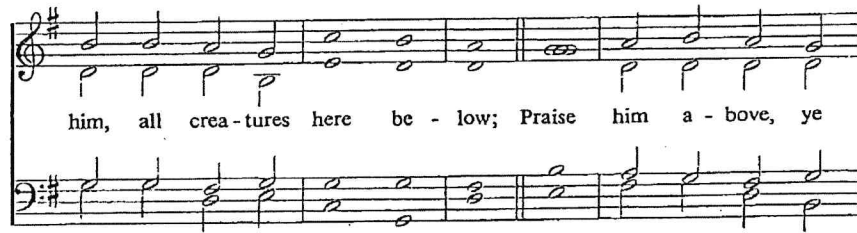
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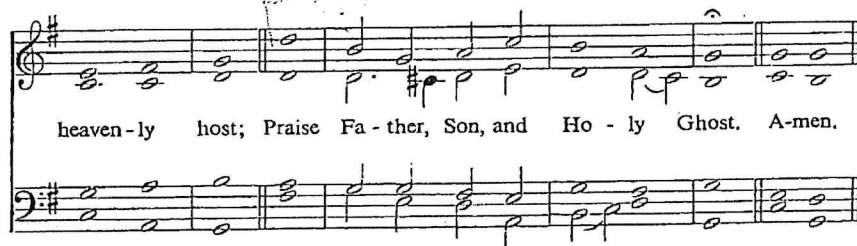
With great dignity



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

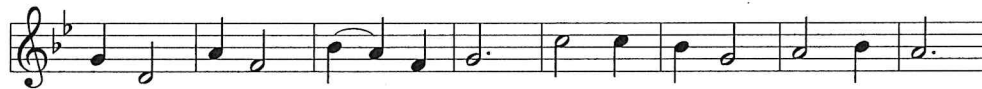
(Psalm 36:4)

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



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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

LBW # 34

* 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



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

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**
(Numbers 6:23-27)

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)*

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

*** THE DISMISSAL**

(Luke 7:50)

P Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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), Jaime Rank (family of Mark and Connie Ditzler), Tom and Joanna Ferguson (Judy Kauffman's cousins)

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

Class concludes by 9:45 AM.

A Tour of Revelation

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

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 are available for pickup on a table outside the altar care room. 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.

Engage in Mission

This December we have our Engage in Mission table in the lobby. On the table is information about each Committee at the church and their mission.

If you are on a committee and you would like to stay for another year, you do not need to take any action. If you would like to go off of a committee, cross your name out. If you have never served on a committee, please consider engaging in our mission here at Salem for a year.

In January and February committees will re-organize their leadership. For our newer members, this is a great way to get to know people and be a part of a team that makes a difference. Be engaged, Salem Church and lean into the mission our Lord has for us here at 1331 West Main Street.

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

Greeter	Charlie and Ruth Winters
Acolyte	Don Kiskaddon
Usher	Nathan Hansell
Lector	Laurel Kluck
Communion Assistant	Kristi Lech
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
clean up	Andrea Richard and Judy Kauffman

Today	11:15 AM	Congregational Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion

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 Michael Frymyer, Sexton
 Jean Wilhelm, Secretary

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