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NOVEMBER 29, 2020 ~ 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT GATHERING

In our worship for today we will consider ways in which we can ponder the meaning of the birth of our Savior through the reading of Scripture and through reflection. Over the weeks of Advent the children and youth will guide our pondering using the symbol of the Jesse Tree.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Light One Candle for Messiah

ELW #240 verse 1

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: Yiddish folk tune

Text © 1984 Fortress Press

Tune Name: Tif in veldele

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us and to ponder the threatening dangers of our sins. Help us make room for the life you give us by stretching our hearts and see how our story connects with yours through the leaves of the Jesse Tree. Prepare our spirits for your coming, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Jesse Tree

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse...

New Shoots – Isaiah 11:1-10

Land, Sea and Sky – Genesis 1:1-2; 26-31

Apple and Serpent – Genesis 3:1-7

Ark and Rainbow – Genesis 6:11-22; Genesis 9:8-13

Tent and Camel – Genesis 12:1-7

The Ram – Genesis 22:1-14

The Ladder – Genesis 28:10-22

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1-2,

PSALM 48:9-14

⁹Within your temple, O God,
we meditate on your unfailing love.

¹⁰Like your name, O God,
your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with righteousness.

¹¹Mount Zion rejoices,
the villages of Judah are glad
because of your judgments.

¹²Walk about Zion, go around her,
count her towers,

¹³consider well her ramparts,
view her citadels,

that you may tell of them
to the next generation.

¹⁴For this God is our God for ever and ever;
he will be our guide even to the end.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 13th chapter. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] ²⁴"In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

P: The Gospel of the Lord given to you. **ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

ELW 436 verses 1 & 3

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia!
Rise and prepare the feast to share;
go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.

Gloria! Let heav'n adore you!
Let saints and angels sing before you,
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Gates of pearl, twelve portals gleaming,
Lead us to bliss beyond all dreaming,
with angel choirs around your throne.
No eye has caught the light,
no ear the thund'ring might
of such glory.
There we will go: what joy we'll know!
There sweet delight will ever flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. composite

Music: Philipp Nicolai

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Tune Name: Wachet auf (rhythmic)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. All: **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SENDING

BLESSING

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✚ now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

The King Shall Come

ELW 430 verses 1 & 4

The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills
and life to joy awakes.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn
shall dawn upon our race
the day when Christ in splendor comes,
and we shall see his face.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: A. Davison, Kentucky Harmony, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003

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Tune Name: Consolation

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER LIST+++++

A Special Thank you to Salem's choir for providing vocal accompaniment with our hymns today! And, thank you, to **Glenn Deuchler** as the lector for this day!

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of our congregation during these unprecedented times. As it becomes clear that we're in this phase for a longer haul, we want to say a particular thanks for your faith, your generosity, and your perseverance. Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of disciple-making and neighbor-loving.

OBD Casseroles for the month of November totaled 24. Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity.

Salem's Christmas Families – each year Salem adopts a few families to make their Christmas special and their wishes come true. The Christmas tree with it's wish gift's tags is being set up for wishes to be fulfilled.

Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up and located in the Narthex beginning today, November 15, 2020.

Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2020 starting at 11:30am.

Depending on the Positivity Rate for COVID-19 lowering, we will either host a synchronized meeting which means holding both an in-person and combined Zoom meeting or we will conduct the meeting solely via Zoom. The link for the Zoom Meeting is below. An email will also contain the link sent the week prior to December 6, 2020.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85739946205?pwd=ZXZEMjBZdHVGOUtpQ3hXWEMxSDhsdz09>

Meeting ID: 857 3994 6205

Passcode: 100212

One tap mobile (Depending on the telephone data plan the call may incur charges)

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Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Susan Bernowski, Family and friends of Laura Barthlome, Darlene Saffran & her daughter's family, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, Family and Friends of Dan Hess, Kimberley, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Barb Vogel, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Norma Knudsen, Anne Mills, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Capt'n Jim McMahan, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Phil Kulinski, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Sandy Barthel, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Steve Sussan, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret and Jerry Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Austin Phoebus, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Lennard Beecher, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Carolyn Lynch, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

Please contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates concerning the prayer list.

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