# Salem Lutheran Church

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# DECEMBER 13, 2020 ~ 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ CHRISTMAS CANTATA

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Light One Candle for Messiah

ELW #240 verse 1 & 3

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

Light three candles to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

Lift your heads and lift high the gateway

for the King of glory.

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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 the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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...

Candle ~ Isaiah 42:5-9

Burning Altar ~ 1 Kings 18:17-24, 36-39

Sword and Plow ~ Isaiah 2:4, 9:6-7

Heart and Scripture ~ Jeremiah 23:5-6

Lion ~ Daniel 6:10-23

Trowel and Spear ~ Nehemiah 4:15-23

Praying Hands ~ Luke 1:5-17

Holy Night of Miracles ~ A cantata of hope for Christmas

#### **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.

## **DISMISSAL**

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

# A PRAYER AS WE ENTER INTO THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT:

Grant, O Lord Jesus, that the ears which have heard the voice of your songs may be closed to the voice of dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth in love; that the feet which have walked in your courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which have received your living body may be restored in newness of life. Glory to you for your inexpressible gift; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God Now and forever. Amen

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

A Special Thank you to Salem's Choir Director, Cathy Hoefler, the choir, Salem's youth and children, and the readers for providing the gift of a Christmas Cantata. Special thank you to parents and to Lynn and Nick Cox who worked behind the scenes to make things happen!

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 December will be picked up this Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon. 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 ready. Dates and times for picking up the tags and dropping off gifts at the church are:

Tuesdays: December 15 Hours 9am – 4pm Thursdays: December 17(this is the last day) Hours 9am-4pm

Offering Envelopes are ready for pick up and located in the Narthex.

**Christmas Poinsettias** are available by emailing or calling pastor to sign up for either a red or white plants. We have 20 red and 7 white. Each plant is \$7.00. We have 19 red poinsettias and 7 white ones remaining. Please consider purchasing a plant in remembrance, in memory of, in thanksgiving for and/or to the Glory of God.

**Christmas Eve Services** ~ Join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas Eve. The 30-minute Drive-in services with Holy Communion will be outdoors. You are invited to listen from the comfort of your vehicle on the FM radio station 107.1 or gathering around Nativity to sing and celebrate the Christ Child on this Holy Day. Dress warm and wear masks. Two services will be held and more information is coming.

First Service ~ 1:00pm (arrive by 12:45pm)

Candlelight Service ~ 5:00pm (arrive by 4:45pm)

<u>Ongoing Prayer Concerns</u>: Family and Friends of David (friend of the Temples), Family and Friends of Jerry Shank, Faith LeBrun, Susan Bernowski, Family and friends of Laura Barthlome, Darlene Saffran & her daughter's family, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, 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 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, 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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