

Salem Lutheran Church

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DECEMBER 5th, 2021 ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sage and wise voices, messengers, advance the advent of our God. All the baptized are called to participate in the sharing of the gospel. In so doing we prepare the way for the coming of Jesus and assist all people in embracing a vision of the "salvation of God."

GATHERING & WELCOME

ADVENT WREATH

Light One Candle for Messiah

ELW 240 vs 2

The Wise Sage

Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: Yiddish folk tune

Tune Name: Tif in veldele

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P In darkness enshrouded, the world waits for light
To shatter the shadowy darkness of night.
To greenery circled, the faithful draw near
And longingly listen, God's message to hear.

R *A voice cries, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord."*

C **The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.**

R *Be ready always, with your lamps lit and your hearts prepared.*

C **From Bethlehem shall he come forth who shall feed his flock in the strength of the Lord.**

R *Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you.*

C **Two flames, soft and yellow like straw, light as down,
Prepared in a manger in Bethlehem town,
Now wait for a baby, the King of the earth.
Our Savior is coming! Prepare for his birth!**

R The Grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C **And also with you.**

THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

C **Oh, keep us, Lord Jesus, in your mighty care
As for your arrival your people prepare.
The flames for the faithful, Lord, let them burn bright,
That hearts of all people in faith may ignite.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and 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. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive 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

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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. **Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

From Bethlehem shall Israel's ruler come.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

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

PSALM 24:7-10

*L Lift up your heads, O ancient gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits!*

L Who is the King of glory?

**C The Lord who comes in victory
The King of glory, it is he!**

L The Lord of hosts is the King of glory!

**C Lift up your heads, O ancient gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits!**

L Who is the King of glory?

**C The Lord who comes in victory--
The King of glory, it is he!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

One of us, where we live.

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:67-79

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the first chapter
Glory to you, O Lord

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed
them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of
old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the
hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he
swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being
rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him
without fear, in holiness and righteousness, before him all our
days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give

knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The Holy Gospel given to you. **Praise to you, O Christ**

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW 264 1&4

Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain

Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship

Music: Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

Tune Name: Bereden väg för Herran

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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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSING

Let us pray,

Jesus, we believe you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We love You above all things and we desire to receive You into our souls. Since we cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace You as You are already there, and because of You we are united with You in death and in life. Never permit us to be separated from You. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let your lamps be lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return. **Thanks be to God.**

*******ANNOUNCEMENTS*******

We give thanks to Salem Choir and Cathy Hoefler for leading us in music!

Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Claudette Wilson's three great-grandchildren's birthdays; Nov 30th, Dec 8th, & Dec 12th.

Coffee Hour Desserts Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Thank you for blessing the fellowship table with your special treats!

Our Daily Bread ~ Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and for your generosity. Next casserole pick up is Monday, January 10, 2021.

DECEMBER 3RD is Vicki and Charlies' wedding anniversary! Blessings!

Christmas Poinsettias for Christmas Eve are ready for purchased. Each plant is \$7.50. Please see Mike Whitacre. **The Christmas Tree decorated with gift tags** is in the Narthex. Each adopted family has provided their wishes and you can stop by the tree beginning this Sunday to select a tag or two. Thank you for your kindness.

Salem's Christmas Pageant and Brunch December 12th. The brunch will be set up in the Narthex and everyone is invited to move to the Sanctuary pews to enjoy conversation and culinary delights by Salem's cooks. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex as well or you can see Lynn Cox.

Mason Dixon Food Pantry ~ Thank you for donating non-perishable food items for folks Sarah Keller takes the items to Mason Dixon at least once a month. The collection bin is located under the coat rack in the Narthex. Thank you, Sarah, for delivering the food items!

Interested in online giving to Salem and her ministries? Check out Salem's website

Want to spread encouragement? Let's send notes / cards of care to:

Sterling Care Riverside
C/O Charles Phoebus
1123 Belcamp Garth ~ Room 219A
Belcamp, MD 21017

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Nick Cox, Layne Bortmes, Tom Ritten, Dominic Cardone, David Storf, Carter's family, The family and friends of Don Smith, Richard Newsome, The family and friends of Raymond McCue, Caitlin Taylor, Darla Lynch, Alcoe Durastanti, Robert Vazquez, Erika Weldon, Paul Foutz, Daisy Lukens, Steve Awalt, Tony Garner, Ed Insel, Jumela Beecher, Lauren, Cathy Preston, Elfriede Kiesling, Lance Graham, Debbie Connor, Judy Newsome, baby Diana, Brent Przychoda, Cathy Marowski, Georgia Coleman, Charlie Phoebus, Austin Phoebus (military), Deana Vanhart, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Brenda Baker, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Donna Miller, Lisa Barwick, Walt Karoll, Marianna Putnam, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Betty Burnet, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret Shank, Jim McNicholas, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Joyce Craig, Kattie Hale, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

Contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates to prayer list.

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