



## SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

**Welcome to Salem's Drive-In Worship!** We will gather in our main parking lot each **Sunday morning at 10:30** (weather permitting). As we gather for Worship, here are the procedures and guidelines for Worship:

- 1). Please tune your radio to FM station 87.9.** Music will begin at 10:00 am. Please tune-in to get your settings ready prior to the beginning of Worship. You may need to increase the volume of your radio quite a bit. This is normal for the radio transmitter.
- 2).** Everyone will receive a bag containing everything you need for worship. The ushers will also collect your offerings.
- 3). Don't forget to turn down your radio's volume after the Service!** Due to the settings of the transmitter, most radios need to be higher than normal volume for the Service!

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Genesis 1: 1-5

The First Reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Genesis

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

## PSALM: Psalm 29 (Read responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

## SECOND READING: Acts 19: 1-7

The Second Reading is from the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup>Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

## GOSPEL: Mark 1: 4-11

The Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **HYMN: *BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR***

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

## **THE SERMON**

### **THE 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.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

Response to “Hear us, O God” . . . . **Your mercy is great.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

We celebrate the presence of God in bread and wine. All are welcome to receive this gift.

## **BLESSING**

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ✠ through the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our Drive-In Service! We hope you will be able to join us each Sunday (weather permitting)! **Please remember to turn your radio's volume down after Worship and before you change the station.** The FM transmitters require a louder volume on most radios than regular radio stations.

Salem's Church Council met on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and voted to **continue our Drive-In Worship Services at least through February 7<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather in the parking lot at 10:30 each Sunday morning for Worship (weather permitting). Join us for this time of Worship! Online Services will continue on our website: **[www.salemlutheranchurchselinsgrove.com](http://www.salemlutheranchurchselinsgrove.com)** and will be available beginning every Sunday morning. Devotions mailed weekly, will also continue for those who do not have access to the internet.

**Prayer Chain:** From January 8 – March 14, Prayer Chain requests can be given to Susan Athey - **570-374-9505** or **[sjdsathey77@gmail.com](mailto:sjdsathey77@gmail.com)**.

**Quarter-&-A-Can** will be held **next Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please bring your non-perishable food donations to our Drive-In Worship Services. A box will be available near the steps of the church.

**Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins early this year! February 17<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. This year there will be multiple opportunities to receive ashes and Worship that day. Please join us for this time of worship! Worship opportunities are:

***Ashes-To-Go*** will be offered in the parking lot from 5:30 – 8:30 am and 12:00 – 1:00 pm. This will be a safe, “no contact” distribution.

A **Drive-In Ash Wednesday Worship Service** will be held in the parking lot at 7:00 pm.

**At-Home Worship** liturgy and ashes will be available for pick-up at the church before Ash Wednesday.

A **Virtual Ash Wednesday Service** will be posted on our website.

Please give all items to be printed in the upcoming newsletter to the Secretary no later than January 31<sup>st</sup>: 570-374-0339 or **[lmaurer56@outlook.com](mailto:lmaurer56@outlook.com)**.

Remember, during this difficult time, Salem's financial obligations remain the same. Your continued financial support, as you are able, is greatly appreciated. Offerings can be sent to the church through the mail (Salem Lutheran Church, 899 Salem Road, Selinsgrove, PA 17870) or can be made electronically through our website's “Online Giving” tab. Thank you to everyone who has been continuing to support Salem Church!