



## SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – “Star Sunday”**

**Sunday, January 10, 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!

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us, who covers us with justice and mercy. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of goodness and lovingkindness, **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Hear the good news of peace and salvation! God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work, but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people. With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 60: 1-6**

**PSALM: Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14** (Read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;  
<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**  
<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**  
<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**  
<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.  
  
<sup>10</sup>**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute, and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**  
<sup>11</sup>May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.  
<sup>12</sup>**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress, the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**  
<sup>13</sup>He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.  
<sup>14</sup>**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 3: 1-12**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 1-12**

**HYMN: THE FIRST NOEL**

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

*Refrain:* No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el! Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise Men came from country far;  
To seek for a King was their intent,  
And to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

This star drew near to the northwest,  
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;  
And there it did both stop and stay  
Right over the place where Jesus lay. *Refrain*

## **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.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome to our first 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.

Online Services will continue on our website: **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 internet.

Salem hosted a blood drive on December 23, 2020. Thirty-one (31) units of blood were received from 30 donors. This will help 77 patients! We are blessed to partner with the American Red Cross!

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!