

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**Sunday, January 24, 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, 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. **Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The First Reading is from the 3rd chapter of Jonah.

<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

## PSALM: Psalm 62: 5-12 (Read responsively)

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

The Second Reading is from the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

## GOSPEL: Mark 1: 14-20

The Gospel according to St. Mark .

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee

and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

### **HYMN: *AMAZING GRACE***

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

### **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **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 “Let us pray” . . . . **Have mercy, O God.**

## **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**

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **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.

Drive-In Worship Services will continue 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 should be given to Susan Athey - **570-374-9505** or [sjdsathey77@gmail.com](mailto:sjdsathey77@gmail.com).

**Quarter-&-A-Can** is being held today and will also be held **next Sunday, 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 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 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 [Imaurer56@outlook.com](mailto:Imaurer56@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!