

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**  
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news: In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

### **HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-dept of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 62: 1-5

The First Reading is from the 62<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. <sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

### PSALM: Psalm 36: 5-10

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

<sup>8</sup>**They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

<sup>10</sup>**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

The Second Reading is from the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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

## **GOSPEL: John 2: 1-11**

The Gospel according to St. John.

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

### **THE CHILDRENS' SERMON**

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#### **HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision***

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall.  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **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: "God of grace" . . . . . **hear our prayer.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, ✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

## **HYMN: *This Little Light of Mine***

This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm goin' a let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin' a let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## **SENDING**

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Due to the current COVID situation in our area, **everyone is asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing.** Additional seating is available in the basement where the Service can be viewed via video live stream.

Installation of Council Members will be held today.

**Prayer Chain** – Susan Athey will be handling all Prayer Chain calls & reports now through March 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Susan (570-374-9505 or sjsathey77@gmail.com) for any additions. Thank you.

**Salem Council Members for 2022 are:**

Neil Klingler and Barry Heim (Co-Presidents)

Bob Stranko (Vice-President)

Harry Aurand Jr., Joe Bogetti, Ricky Bower, Art Gill,

Braden Klingler, Doug Klingler, Paula Klingler-Alba, Judy Kuhn and Harry Maurer.

**2022 Council Teams -**

Property: Harry Aurand Jr., Art Gill & Barry Heim

Finance: Joe Bogetti & Harry Maurer

Evangelism: Doug Klingler & Paula Klingler-Alba

Worship & Music: Neil Klinger & Bob Stranko

Social Ministry: Ricky Bower & Judy Kuhn

Education: Braden Klingler

*Thank You from the bottom of my heart for your generous gift on Christmas Eve. My family and I will enjoy treats using the gift cards all year long and think of each of you when we do! I am so blessed to serve with you all here in this place! Thank You again!*

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Stina*

**College Care Packages:** Salem has 6 young adults attending college & 1 in the military. **Valentine's Day is coming SOON** and we want to send them special reminders that their Salem Family is thinking about & praying for them. The high cost of shipping packages makes it most cost-efficient to send them gift cards (*Wendy's, Dunkin', McDonald's*, etc.) with encouraging notes. **Please drop a monetary donation – AS SOON AS POSSIBLE -** in the *Support our College Students* containers on the table at the back of the sanctuary & on top of the sound system. Our college students are: Danielle Alba, Jessica Alba, Maegan Bogetti, Nathan Moyer, Ryan Moyer and Jordyn Nichols & our military personnel is Jake Hane. **PLEASE support our College & Military Students!**



**Thank You** to everyone who helped take out the Christmas tree and take down and pack away the Christmas decorations. Your help is very much appreciated.

**Adult Sunday School** gathers every Sunday from 9:30 – 10:00 am in the church basement. Join us as we open the Scriptures and learn with, and from, one another!

**Prayer Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. Everyone is invited to attend and pray for those in need.

**January 30<sup>th</sup> is the deadline** for the February Newsletter. Please give all information for the newsletter to the Secretary (Imaurer56@outlook.com) by the deadline. Thank you.



**Weis Markets Gift Cards** are always available and **all proceeds benefit Salem Church!** Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. They never expire and **can be used at all Weis Markets stores** for groceries, gas and prescriptions. Contact Ricky & Debbie Bower (dturtlesracing3@verizon.com) or Linda Carl (Linda.Carl@evanhospital.com).



## CAMP MT LUTHER NEWS

### February 4-5, 2022 - GROW in the Snow

All youth in 6-12th grade and their youth leaders are invited to attend this synod youth retreat. The theme of this year's will be around scripture. Experience your Creator, play winter games and find refreshment in the peace of camp in winter. The retreat is from Friday night to Saturday afternoon, but there is an option for youth and leaders to come just for the day on Saturday. Cost is \$66 (whole program) or \$45 (Saturday only). Each registered group should provide one adult (21 or over) for every seven youth and at least one adult for each gender represented. Cabin assignments will be made based on available adults and number of youth attending. Contact Chad Hershberger at: [chad@campmountluther.org](mailto:chad@campmountluther.org) with questions.

A flyer and registration form is available here:

<https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2022-Grow-in-the-Snow.pdf>

### Saturday, February 5, 2022 - Summer Preview Party and Camperson Meeting

This year, we'll have a Summer Preview Party as part of our GROW in the Snow weekend and invite campers to come to hear about the program offerings for 2022. Join us at 3:30 p.m. on February 5 at the Evergreen Center for the preview and then campers will be given additional information to share with their congregations. Expect to be here for an hour and fifteen minutes. What's a camperson? A camperson is a liaison between camp and your congregations. They are ambassadors, regularly promoting camp news. Each synod congregation is asked to send a representative to this event to learn more about Mount Luther. Another benefit is that campers will get Camel Bucks to the camp store for all those from their church who attend summer camp. We are also working to have an online component that you can join this meeting. Details coming soon.

## Sunday, February 27, 2022 - Camp Mount Luther Sunday

The Upper Susquehanna Synod Council designated that Transfiguration Sunday each year is “Mount Luther Sunday” to help promote outdoor ministries in the synod. Members of USS congregations are encouraged to celebrate outdoor ministries on February 27, 2022. Mount Luther is an extension of our ministry together and we hope all congregations will join in celebrating outdoor ministries by offering financial support, keeping the camp staff in prayer, and by participating in the numerous events and activities this ministry offers. Ideas to celebrate Camp Sunday are here:

<https://www.campmountluther.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Mount-Luther-Sunday-2022.pdf>

If you have any questions about any of these items, please let us know. Thank you for your continued support of outdoor ministries.

Chad Hershberger  
Camp Mt. Luther Executive Director

## UPCOMING LENT SERVICE PROJECT !

We will be in need of **5-gallon buckets with lids**. If you have access to empty buckets through work or a hobby, **please save them for us!** This is just a hint, but keep watching future bulletins and newsletters for more information on this important Lent Service Project! Right now, we **ONLY NEED BUCKETS!**

