Third Sunday after Epiphany January 24, 2010

**SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**
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Sunday School & Bible Classes . . . 10:15 a.m.
Worship . . . . 9:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

## GATHERING

**PRELUDE** - "Pastorale on a French Carol" - Langlais

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER** - "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

Let us pray: **Dear Lord, we thank You for all the blessings You have given to Salem Congregation these many years. We ask now with humble hearts for Your direction in the selection of a pastor for Salem. Help us to be patient, with hope in our hearts, trusting totally in You, because You have promised to hear us. We ask this in faith that You have already chosen a new Shepherd. We thank You, and trust in Your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

**HYMN -** "O God of God, O Light of Light"" – v. 1 – 3 LW 83

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
**C: Amen.**
P: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
**C: the precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
P: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. [Psalm 19:7-9]
**C: Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.** [Psalm 19:11]
P: God calls us to confess our sins and repent of them.
*(silence for reflection)*
Almighty and all-merciful God,
**C: we confess before You that we are sinners, sinful from birth. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, and mind, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**
P: Through Jesus, God has freely lavished on us His grace. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI** (insert) - read

**HYMN OF PRAISE** – "Lo, How a Rose Is Growing" – v. 1 - 2 LW 67

**COLLECT OF THE DAY** - read by all - (insert)

## THE WORD

**FIRST LESSON** (insert) - Isaiah 61:1-6

**GRADUAL** (insert) - read

**EPISTLE** (insert) - 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27
Verse - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - page 164

**GOSPEL** - (insert) – Luke 4:14-21
(Versicles sung before & after reading) page 165

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – "How Good, Lord, To Be Here" LW 89

**SERMON:** "Now Are The Days Fulfilled" – Isaiah 61:1 & 2 a

**CREED** - Nicene Creed page 166

## THE WORD IN THE SUPPER

**OFFERING** - Choir: "Christmas Community Song" – Callaway (words on back)

**OFFERTORY** - "Let the vineyards be fruitful . . " page 168

**THE PREFACE** page 170

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** page 171
(Communion prayers can be found on page 128)

**COMMUNION & COMMUNION HYMNS** -

"Now the Silence" SH 61
"I'd Rather Have Jesus" SH 90
"My Tribute" SH 28

## S E N D I N G

**PRAYERS FOR TODAY'S NEED AND MISSIONS**

At words of "Lord in Your mercy"
Response of Congregation: "**Hear our prayer"**

**LORD'S PRAYER** page 176

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN** - "When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known" LW 81

**POSTLUDE** – "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" - Bach

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ASSISTANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant . . . . . Rev. Ronald R. Sprehe
Organist . . . Lois L. Jones
Prayer Leader . . . Fred Bartz Jr.
Lector . . . Barbara Bartholomew
Assistants . . . . . Ken Kushka & Paul Thomas Jr.
Acolyte . . . Duane Kogut
Welcomers . . . . . Ken Kushka & Rich Landseadel
Altar . . . . . Thomas Jindra and Gretchen Putzman
Ushers . . . . . Ken Kushka, Sue Gifford, Barbara Turner, Michael Turner, Russell Alessi Jr.

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Choir: "Christmas Communion Song" – Callaway

1. Come, Faithful, one and all this Christmas-tide.
Come to the banquet hall, enter inside.
This is the feast of love Christ has prepared.
Holy communion with us is shared.

REFRAIN: Celebrate his coming, meditate the cost.
Look beyond the cradle and behold the cross.
Drink the cup of joy, eat the bread of life.
Taste and see the beauty of this holy night.

2. God clothed in human flesh, Immanuel,
From heav'n descended with us to dwell.
Once clothed in mystery, hidden, concealed,
Truth in a manger now is revealed. REFRAIN.