

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 20, 2009

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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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

+ + + *QUIET Time - - Reverence Before God* + + +

PRELUDE - selections played by Salem Youth

Jennifer Carr, Kaitlin Lauck, Ryan Shanahan,

Beth Thomas, and Karen Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LW 14

(Enter Sunday School)

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.**

INVOCATION AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen

Leader: When the time came, God sent forth His Son.

Congregation: Jesus was born to be our Redeemer.

Leader: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Congregation: We have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

Leader: No one has ever seen God.

Congregation: but we have seen Jesus, full of grace and truth.

Leader: He is the very image of God.

Congregation: All the fullness of Deity dwells in him bodily.

Leader: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Congregation: Let us go and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has revealed to us. Amen.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT WREATH:

"Light One Candle to watch for Messiah"

Light one candle to watch for Messiah

Let the light banish darkness

He shall bring salvation to Israel

God fulfills His promise.

Light two candles to watch for Messiah

Let the light banish darkness

He shall feed the flock like a shepherd

Gently lead them homeward.

Light three candles to watch for Messiah

Let the light banish darkness

Lift your heads and lift high the gateway

For the King of glory.

Light four candles to watch for Messiah

Let the light banish darkness.

He is coming, tell the glad tidings.

Let your lights be shining!

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Prophet: Kyle LaPenna

Innkeeper: Aaron Sylvia

Angel speaks to Mary and Joseph: Erin Webster

Joseph: Tom LaPenna

Mary: Brittany Houck

Sheep: Ryan Houck, Connor LaPenna, Christopher LaPenna, Brian Sylvia, Joey Sylvia, Anthony Vives, Jake Zielinski, Tyler Zielinski,

Little Angel by manger: Emily Houck

Angel speaks to Shepherds: Jennie Swierczynski

Shepherds: Karen Thomas, Kelly Thomas, & Zachary Wilhelm

Angels: Amy Houck, Kaitlin Lauck, Erin Leahy, Nicole Miller

Kings: Kyle LaPenna, Nicholas Miller, & Aaron Sylvia

Narrators: Maryssa DiFlavio and Beth Thomas

Congregation sings: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

LW 41

INTRODUCTION

Congregation sings: "Lo How A Rose Is Blooming"
Verses: 1 & 2 LW 67

PROPHET

Congregation sings: "From Heaven Above To Earth I Come"
Verses: 1, 2 & 7 LW 37

ANGEL SPEAKS TO MARY AND JOSEPH

Congregation sings: "Oh Little Town Of Bethlehem" LW 60

INNKEEPER

Primary Department Songs:
Away in the Manger and The Barnyard Song

Congregation sings: "Angels We Have Heard On High" LW 55

ANGELS

Angel Chorus sings: Angels are Rejoicing

Congregation sings: "Go Tell It On The Mountain" LW 504

SHEPHERDS

Congregation sings: "What Child Is This" LW 61

WISEMEN

Congregation joins in singing: "We Three Kings"
(verses 2, 3, & 4 will be sung by Ryan Shanahan)

Congregation (verse 1) *We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star.*

Chorus: *O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide use to Thy perfect light.*

Congregation (verse 5) *Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Earth to the heavens replies.*

JESUS GOD'S SON

Congregation sings:

**Oh come, let us adore Him, Oh come, let us adore Him,
Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord."**

Sunday School sings:

THE VIRGIN MARY HAD A BABY BOY.

Sunday School and Congregation sing : "Happy Birthday" to Jesus

This concludes the pageant – we continue with the offering:

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: "We Give You But Your Own" LW 405

THE SENDING

PRAYERS FOR TODAY

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BENEDICTION Amen spoken by congregation

CLOSING HYMN: "Joy To The World" LW 53

POSTLUDE – "Noel Joyeux" - Manz

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+ + **Mission: SALEM/Peace – As the Father sent Me I send you.** + +

Vision: Preach – Teach – Heal – doing what Jesus does.

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Everyone is invited to come downstairs for cake and coffee after service.

Thank you to: Claire Carlson, Dawn Miller, Carrie Filjones, and Beth Radtke for getting our costumes ready; Arlene Ball, Judy Carr, Judy Hoffmann, and Erik Radtke for helping with today's production; Ashley Hoffmann for choreographing the Angels; and Barb Bartholomew and Jen Carr for assisting us with today's music.

Special "Thank you" to Lois Doll for preparing and directing today's pageant.

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Assistants in Today's Worship

Leader Lois Doll Organist . . . Lois L. Jones
Prayer Leader . . Deann Sheppard Acolyte . . . Aaron Sylvia
Welcomers Fred Bartz Jr. & Elinor Jentsch
Ushers Richard Landseadel, Stephen Jarmusz Sr., Stephen Jarmusz Jr.,
George Merkt, Rose Ann Merkt
Altar Norrine Nagel and Maureen Wilke