

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Sunday Services:**  
9:30a.m.  
**Sunday School:**  
10:45am for children  
and adults

Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod  
“*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*”

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Friday - closed

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 6, 2011

### AS WE GATHER

As we proclaim Christ crucified, we also proclaim Christ who fulfilled the law perfectly for us. Through Jesus, who clothes us in His righteousness, we have grace to live under God's Word now and forever with Him in heaven.

### THE PRELUDE

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EXCHANGE OF PEACE

### INVOCATION and PSALM *Psalm 112:1-9*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in His commandments!

**People: His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Pastor: Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

**People: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Pastor: It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.

**People: For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.**

Pastor: He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

**People: His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries. He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.**

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Jesus said: "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 5:20*

**People: Therefore we come to You, Lord, seeking forgiveness and the righteousness that comes through Jesus.**

Pastor: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near. *Matthew 4:17*

*(Silence for reflection)*

Pastor: Mighty and merciful God,

**People: we confess that we are sinners, sinful from birth, and separated from You. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have been unrighteous. Too often, we have been neither salt nor light to this dark and insipid world. In repentant faith, we pray Your mercy.**

**Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who fulfilled the Law for us.**

Pastor: Christ was crucified for us; Christ lived a perfect life for us. In Him, we are declared righteous. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the command and authority of Jesus, the Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. In the power of the indwelling Spirit, let Your light shine before all that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

### **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "O Day of Rest and Gladness" #203**

### **THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Pastor: Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**People: Lord God heavenly King, Almighty God and Father; we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People:** O Lord, keep Your family the Church always in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may be defended by Your power. May Your Church be light to a darkened world and salt to an insipid world. Keep us ever in Your righteousness. We pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 58: 3-9a (*A true fast is described.*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) (*Saint Paul proclaims Christ crucified, God's wisdom.*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

**People:** Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 5:13-20 (*Jesus has come not to abolish the Law, but fulfill it.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**THE HYMN** "Son of God, Eternal Savior" LW 394

**THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Prayer based on Matthew 5*)

Pastor: Righteous and holy God, we praise You for Your great love. You have given to Your people Your Word, that we may know of Your salvation for us and be guided in living a holy life in response to Your grace. We thank You for this great gift.

Lord, send us Your Holy Spirit, that we may live our lives as salt and light in a world that needs Your flavor and Your light, lest it be continually dark and unresponsive to Your will. May we be empowered to let our lights shine with the true Light, our Lord Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray that Your Church may be a city set on a hill, neither hidden nor obscure, but a beacon of hope and grace to a world in desperate need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for those who in any way suffer the consequences of living in an unrighteous world, be that because of sickness, death, broken relationships, or emotional damage. Teach us all to bear these trials relying on Your grace. Where You will, grant healing and wholeness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Your righteousness exceeds that of all. We thank You for offering to cover us in Your righteousness, that we may stand before You redeemed by Christ the crucified. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer. Amen.**

## **OFFERING/OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**People: Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest of the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## **+ SACRAMENT +**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

## **SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (sung by Pastor)**

### **THE AGNUS DEI**

**Lamb of God you take away sin of the world; have mercy on us; Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.**

**THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: "I'd Rather Have Jesus" - SH 90  
"My Jesus, I Love Thee" - SH 102  
"Alleluia" - SH 1**

### **THANK THE LORD**

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **THE BENEDICTION**

**Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.**

**The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.**

**The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.**

**People: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN "O That The Lord Would Guide My Ways" #392**

### **THE POSTLUDE**

## **WELCOME**

**All who enter here are welcome! It is the house of the Lord; come with a spirit of reverence; worship with a spirit of humility; and do not leave without a prayer to the Lord Jesus Christ for yourself, for those who worship here, and for him who ministers.**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD** by  
The Engelbert Family in remembrance of Carol Engelbert.

SICK - Sharon Miller; Leola Colvin; Allen Feltz ; Carolyn Callea; Fran Wiedemann; Lynda Yung; Mark Beyers; Delores Landwehr; Jean Poniwas; Hazel Murphy; Eleanor Senchoway; Betty Radke; Pastor Sprehe; Carl R. Radtke; Cheryl Bak; Russ Alessi Jr.; Shirley Wilke; Eunice Foote; Grace Belter (Autumn View HCC – Room 203, 4650 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, NY 14075); Augusta Schultz; Marie Radtke; Arlene Ball; David Poniwas; Robert Yerbury; Phyllis Volkert; Darlene LaPenna; Sharon Croston; John Pfeiffer; all shut-ins.

**BIRTHDAYS** - William Roth's 84<sup>th</sup> tomorrow.

OFFICE HOURS – Monday –Thursday– 9:00 – 1:30; Friday – CLOSED;

SALEM/ST.JOHN BASKETBALL – The next game is : February 12, 2011 – played at the Trinity Lutheran Church, West Seneca, NY – A Team and B Team – to be announced; see Jim Carr.

*When a member of the family is in the hospital, or in need of pastoral counsel or care, please phone Ernelle at the Salem church office, 824-2787, or contact Pastor Pingel at 771-1328 (home) or 1-724-494-9492 (cell), or Vicar Domenick Lettieri at 525-1044 (home) or 392-1148 (cell). Thank you! Family members are asked to please inform the church office and/or pastor when a member of Salem is released from the hospital and goes to a rehab center. Thank you!*

OFFERING UPDATE - Weekly offerings for January 30, 2011 – \$\_\_\_\_\_;  
Attendance: 119; Weekly offerings needed to meet our *Current Fund* ministry program are \$\_\_\_\_\_.

*Special Note for Worship or meeting cancellations – If the worship service or any other meetings or activities are cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons, please contact Dave Bartholomew, Property Maintenance Chairman at 822-2909 or (cell) 913-1120 as soon as the cancellation decision is made. He will contact various media outlets so the notice of the cancellation is available on Channel 2 or 7 and on WBEN Radio 930 am. Thanks for your cooperation.*

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK -

**BIRTHDAYS** - Today – Kate Webster; Monday – Joshua Brown, William Roth, Jason Szpara; Wednesday - Michael Turner; Friday – Sharon Miller, Karen Stachowski; Saturday – Cheryl Bak.

**COMMUNION STATEMENT** - The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. I Corinthians 11:23-26. "One is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." But the one that does not believe these words, or doubts, is unworthy and unprepared; for the words 'for you' require all hearts to believe" – Luther's Small Catechism

*Communion cards – Please put communion cards in offering plate or give to an usher.*

**PRAYER IS AVAILABLE AT THE ALTAR** following service for anyone desiring individual prayer. ChristCare Small Group Ministry Leaders will be in the vicinity to pray and bless.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY:** "We conquer--not in any brilliant fashion--we conquer by continuing."--George Matheson

**The crucifix hanging near the pulpit** is the sole item Pastor brought back from his trip to Luther sites in Germany. Pastor visited Wittenberg, Eisleben (where Luther was born and died), Wartburg Castle, and other locations.

**SERVING THE LORD**

Celebrant: The Rev. John L. Pingel  
Assisting Minister: Vicar Domenick Lettieri  
Communion Assistants: Jim Carr and  
Vicar Dom

Prayer Leader: Pastor Pingel  
Organist/Pianist: Lois L. Jones

Lector: Tracy Skuse

Welcomers: Shirley Banas and Paul Yox

Acolytes: Aaron Sylvia and Nicholas Miller  
Crucifer: Erin Webster

Ushers: Mel Beyers, Renee Richards,  
Dennis Croston, Jim Carr,  
Mark Johnson

Altar Committee: Ethel Berkhoudt and  
Norrine Nagel

**WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

**Today:** 9:30 a.m. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Bible Classes . . . Souper  
Bowl Door Offering for City Mission

**Monday:** 6:00 – Confirmation Class; 5:15 –  
ChristCare Dance Lessons, led by Darlene  
LaPenna; 6:30 ChristCare Book Club, led by  
Sally McAlpine at Maxine Ford’s house

**Tuesday:** 12:00 – Women’s Guild – bring  
lunch, dessert will be served; 1:00 – Bible  
Study, led by Sally McAlpine; 6:30 – Girl  
Scouts; 6:30 – Servant Ministers; 7:00 – “See  
Through the Scriptures” led by Pastor Pingel

**Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m. – Pastors’ Circuit  
Meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church,  
Clarence, NY; 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday:** 9:30 – ChristCare Bible Study, led  
by Ruth Carr; 6:30 – Stephen Ministry

**Friday:**

**Saturday:** 1 – 4:30 p.m. – Buffalo Zone  
LWML Servant Event at St. Luke’s Lutheran  
Church, Cheektowaga, NY; 6:00 – Couples’  
Club Valentine’s Dinner at ROMANELLO’S  
South; 11:30 – 1:30 – A.A. Group

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:30 – Worship . . . .  
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Classes .  
. . . Valpo Hot Dog Roast after worship . . .  
deadline for March DOVE

## **FOUNDATIONS FOR A GROWING CHURCH**

(excerpts from Pastor's presentation of last week's Voters meeting)

1. An outward focus – who are the people in our community? What are their concerns?
2. An emphasis on education – knowing what we believe and why
3. Consciously making preparation for guests.
4. Think like a visitor – pretend you are a visitor. What would the experience be like?
5. Efficiency – we are able to move ahead in a timely manner with good use of resources.
6. Practice Problem Solving
7. Creativity – thinking “outside the box.”
8. Enriching current membership and equipping for the sake of the mission.
9. Welcoming and assimilating those coming from the outside.
10. Developing “needs meeting ministries.”