

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod

*“A Stephen Ministry Congregation”*

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M-TH 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Friday - closed

**Sunday Services:**

9:30a.m.

**Sunday School:**

10:45am for children

and adults

## BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 9, 2011

### AS WE GATHER

Today in Scripture we "read all about" what happened to our Lord and therefore what has happened to us by the grace of God. When our Lord was baptized, His heavenly Father announced that Jesus was indeed His Son. It was a fulfillment of the "early-breaking news" through Isaiah that He would put His Holy Spirit on Him to dispense justice and righteousness. Through our own Baptism we have been united with Christ and are alive with Him forever. Spread the news!

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EXCHANGE OF PEACE

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known"**

**LW #81**

### INVOCATION and VERSES

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Today we remember our Lord's Baptism and our own. In the rite of Holy Baptism we are reminded that . . .

*The Word of God teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. LSB p. 268, adapted*

Because of God's abundant mercy and grace, let us confess our failure to reflect the deliverance from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation which He purchased with the life of our Savior.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Almighty God,

**People: we confess that we have too often lived according to our fallen human nature rather than according to the new life You have won for us. We have thought, spoken, and acted in ways that denied Your name spoken over us in Baptism, Your rule over us in our hearts, and Your will for us as we live out each day. Forgive us. For Jesus' sake, empower us by Your Holy Spirit to return and to walk again to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: "*Behold*, a voice from heaven said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." *Matthew 3:17*

*In Holy Baptism you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world. LSB p.271, adapted*

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## ***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:** Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.

**Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ **WORD** +

**OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 42:1-9 (*God reveals His Servant.*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 29

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,

**People: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

**People: worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

**All: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.**

Pastor: The voice of the LORD is powerful;

**People: the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Pastor: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;

**People: the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

Pastor: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,

**People: and Sirion [See-ree-on] like a young wild ox.**

**All: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.**

Pastor: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

**People: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh [Kay-desh].**

Pastor: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth

**People: and strips the forests bare, and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"**

Pastor: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;

**People: the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

Pastor: May the LORD give strength to His people!

**People: May the LORD bless His people with peace!**

**All: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.**

**EPISTLE** Romans 6:1-11 (*In Holy Baptism we were united to Jesus' death and resurrection.*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **ALLELUIA VERSE**

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 3:13-17 (*God the Father proclaims Jesus to be His Son.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the third 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 "From God the Father, Virgin Born" LW #74**

### **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.**

### **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.

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Assisting Minister: Because of our Baptism we "must consider [ourselves] dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." *Romans 6:11, adapted*

Let us therefore boldly go to our heavenly Father in prayer for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For all the baptized in the body of Christ, given "as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations," (*Isaiah 42:6*) that they would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to respond as His chosen servants with faith-filled thoughts, words, and deeds in both their private and public lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Assisting Minister: For the Church here and around the world, that we not feel unworthy in our service, as did John the Baptist, but may spread the news of God's proclaimed favor in Christ. That those who make, administer, and judge the laws of all the nations would order society in peace and justice so that the Church may flourish, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Assisting Minister: For all who work in the healing arts, those who respond first in disasters, and those who protect us at home and while deployed in harm's way, that God would protect them in time of danger, give them courage to use their gifts for the good of all entrusted to their care, and guide them when making difficult decisions, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Assisting Minister: For all who, like bruised reeds or faintly burning wicks, (*Isaiah 42:3*) cry out to God for compassion, strength, and healing [*including...*], that God would not let them grow faint or discouraged, but would visit and relieve them according to His gracious will, using us whenever possible to bring renewal of life and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That "the LORD give strength to His people [and] bless His people with peace," (*Psalms 29:11*) into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **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.**

## **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 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" LW #440**

## **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**

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

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

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FLOWERS - Flowers are needed for 2011. Please call Gloria Pfohl if you are interested – 667-7496.

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; Carol Engelbert; Eunice Foote; Grace Belter (Autumn View HCC – Room 404, 4650 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, NY 14075); Augusta Schultz; Marie Radtke; Arlene Ball; David Poniwas; Robert Yerbury; Russ Alessi Jr. (Roswell); Phyllis Volkert; all shut-ins.

**BIRTHDAYS** - Lois Yox's 86<sup>th</sup> last Wednesday . . . John Pfeiffer's 89<sup>th</sup> this Friday . . . Dorothy Roger's 88<sup>th</sup> this Saturday.

PASTOR'S CLASS – "See Through The Scriptures" will start Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7 p.m.

SALEM/ST.JOHN BASKETBALL – The next game is : January 15, 2011 – Mixer Week played at the HUB - A Team – 10:00 a.m. (OP Wesleyan and Hamburg Wesleyan A1); B team – 2:30 p.m. (OP Wesleyan B2, OP Wesleyan B1 and Cleveland Hill United Methodist) Any questions, 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 825-3253 (parsonage) 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 2, 2011 – \$\_\_\_\_\_ ; Attendance: 133; 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.*

2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES – are in your mailslots – please take them and your other family members are found on the table. If you would like offering assigned envelopes, please contact the church office – 824-2787.

**CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK -**

**BIRTHDAYS** – Today – Antonio Vives; Monday – Anthony Whipple; Tuesday – Linda A. Ciminelli, Michael Reiter, Lawrence Sparceno; Wednesday – Stephanie Greig; Friday – John Pfeiffer; Saturday – Dorothy Roger, Kimberly Gittere.

**ANNIVERSARIES** – Emmett Jr. and Lorraine Horn; Tuesday – Maurice and Deborah Sylvia.

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**ACTIVITY of the CHRISTCARE SMALL GROUP MINISTRY PRAY AND WORSHIP** --- After the worship service today, the ChristCare Small Group Ministry Leaders will remain forward in the Chancel area for anyone desiring individual prayers at the altar.



*It's Okay to Be Human - We're brought up to be strong, self-sufficient, independent people. We tend to think that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. So we try to keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others – and allow others to care for us in our time of need. If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray, and help you through a tough time. Men are matched with men, and women with women. (It's completely confidential too!) To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk to one of our Stephen Leaders: Rich Landseadel (882-9695) or Dayle Austin (822-5565). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!*

**QUOTE FOR THE DAY:**

**SERVING THE LORD**

Officiant: The Rev. John L. Pingel  
Assisting Minister: Vicar Dominick Lettieri  
Prayer Leader: Vicar Dom  
Lector: Sheree Krol

Organist/Pianist: Lois L. Jones

Welcomers: Fred Bartz Jr. and Elinor Jentsch

Ushers: Richard Landseadel, Stephen Jarmusz Sr., Stephen Jarmusz Jr., Rose Ann Merkt, George Merkt, Roy Sheppard

Altar Committee: Claire Carlson and Lois Mudie

Acolytes:  
Crucifer:

**WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

**Today:** 9:30 a.m. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class . . . Thrivent Pancake Brunch Breakfast after worship . . . deadline for all annual reports

**Monday:** 9:30 – ChristCazre Alzheimer’s speaker at Salem . . . 12:00 – Salem Piecemakers . . . 5:15 – ChristCare Dance Lessons, led by Darlene LaPenna . . . 6:00 – Confirmation Class . . . 7:00 – Sign Committee Meeting

**Tuesday:** 11:30 – Women’s Guild Christmas Luncheon at Tony Rome’s Restaurant . . . 1:00 – Bible Study, led by Sally McAlpine . . . 6:30 – Girl Scouts, led by Dawn Thomas

**Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m. Pastors’ Circuit Meeting at Salem . . . 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday:** 9:30 – ChristCare Bible Study, led by Ruth Carr . . . 6:30 – Stephen Ministry . . . 6:30 – All Committee Leaders Meeting

**Friday:** 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Karaoke Night (\$3.00 per ticket – bring a snack to share) – sponsored by Salem Lutheran Youth – SLY

**Saturday:** 6:30 – Couples Club at Carlson’s house

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion . . . 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Class . . . deadline for all articles/calendar events for the February Dove – please turn into the church office or Claire Carlson.

**we hear sweet voices ringing from lands of long ago,  
and etched on vacant places are half forgotten faces  
of friends we used to cherish, and loves we used to know."**