

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

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AS WE GATHER

As the Church Year draws to a close, we reminded of the fleeting nature of life and the flow of time. All of history is heading toward that great "Day of the Lord" when Christ will return in glory. In today's epistle lesson, St. Paul speaks of the "earthly tent" of our bodies which will inevitably fail us. However, God has prepared an "eternal house in the heavens" for those who believe. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the people a parable about a man who gave his servants gifts prior to his going to a distant land to be made king. Upon his return he expected his servants to have used those gifts for the sake of the kingdom. May God give us grace to use our gifts well as we await the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

THE PRELUDE - "Soli Deo Gloria" – Van Hulse

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EXCHANGE OF PEACE

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Praise to God, Immortal Praise" LW #496

+ **PREPARATION** +

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge;

People: let me never be put to shame.

Pastor: Everyone who hopes in Christ

People: purifies himself as He is pure. Psalm 31:1; 1 John 3:3

CONFESSIO and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins and need for Christ.

People: Lord God, to You we confess that we have sinned and fallen short of Your glory. Our love of You is weak and our love for our neighbor in short supply. For the sake of Jesus our Lord, forgive us and fill us with Your love, making us to be Your true children.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.

People: Amen.

THE KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory to God in the Highest"

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.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray....

People: Almighty and ever living God, since you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who believe, grant us to so perfectly and without all doubt to believe in your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith in your sight may never be reproved; through our

Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING Jeremiah 8: 4-7

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA VERSE (*Please stand*)

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

GOSPEL Luke 19: 11-27

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 19th 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 "Take My Life, O Lord, Renew" LW #404

THE 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

PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us pray with bold confidence to God who has delivered us from all fear, sin, and death.

Pastor: Almighty God, our dear Heavenly Father, we praise You for our life and salvation created and redeemed by Your great love. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth the joy of knowing Your love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give us confidence and joy to meet all our days as Your redeemed people, filled with the faith and the love that are in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to all people and the leaders of all nations a spirit of cooperation, peace, and freedom that all may live their days in safety and unity of purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Calm, heal, and relieve all who are in trouble, anxiety, pain or illness (*especially* _____). Give them courage even in their suffering to look to You as their help and hope.

Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 "Sing To The Lord of Harvest" LW #493

THE POSTLUDE – "Trumpeting in B Flat Major" - Melby

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 Lois Doll in remembrance of special friends and the other sidepiece by Sharon Croston and Gloria Pfohl in celebration of our mutual birthday, November 16th and God's Blessings.

SALEM NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

=== *Mission: SALEM/Peace - As the Father sent me I send you.* ===

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

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We continue to pray for Pastor Sprehe for God's presence and healing from his recent heart transplant. He now is back at home! Then he'll only need to go back to Cleveland Clinic for follow-up testing every few weeks." . Send cards to: Rev. & Mrs. Ronald R. Sprehe, 123 Dalewood Dr., Amherst, NY 14228

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; Christine Johnson; Carl R. Radtke; Russ Alessi Jr.; Shirley Wilke; Cheryl Bak; Carol Engelbert; Mary Jordan; Eunice Foote; Grace Belter (Mercy Rehab – Room 671); Mark Pietz; all shut-ins.

THANKS TO JOANNE KUSHKA – for doing a lovely job decorating the church for this month of Thanksgiving!

SALEM/ST.JOHN BASKETBALL – Practice Schedule every Wednesday through February 2011 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 146 Reserve Rd., West Seneca, NY – B Team starts at 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; A Team – 7:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Basketball schedule starts December 4th – TBA.

“Cleaning Day at Salem” – calling all Salem members and/or friends to help “spruce” up our church in preparation for the Christmas season – Monday, November 29, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Come and go as you wish. “No job is too small!” This is sponsored by ChristCare “Single Serving” – led by Joyce Vassallo and Ernelle Ponivas. Lunch will be provided. Please contact the church office – 824-2787 if you are interested.

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!

“GIVING THANKS DINNER” – Sunday, November 21, 2010 – 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – RSVP and sign up for contributions if you are able. (sheets on Krueger room wall).

SOUTH BUFFALO ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION MEETING – Wednesday, November 24 at 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service, Our Lady of Charity Parish (host) in St. Ambrose worship, Ridgewood Rd., off South Park Ave. All are invited. The free will offering will benefit the Franciscan Center on Seneca St.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK –

BIRTHDAYS - Today – Joslyn Kowalski, Eryka Skuse; Monday – Erika Miller; Tuesday – Sharon Croston, Sally Mathews, Gloria Pfohl;

ANNIVERSARY - Thursday – Richard and Charlene Klein.

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.

-- We are in the process of forming a Publicity Committee and an Outreach Committee. Pastor will be making some phone calls. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor.

-- **PASTOR’S CLASS** - Is underway on Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. If you are interested, you are still welcome to come on board!

SERVING THE LORD

Officiant: The Rev. John L. Pingel
Assisting Minister: Vicar Dominick Lettieri
Prayer Leader: Pastor Pingel

Guest Organist/Pianist: Lois Renz

Acolytes: Nicholas Miller and Tom LaPenna
Crucifix: Jennie Swierczynski

Altar Guild: Shirley Banas and Lois Mudie

Ushers: Ken Kushka, Sue Gifford, Barbara Turner,
Michael Turner, Russell Alessi Jr.

Lector: Lois Doll

Greeters: Ken Kushka and Rich Landseadel

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today: Voters Meeting after worship in lower social room downstairs – AGENDA: (1) Election of Council positions and (2) Approval of 2011 Church Budget . . . 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and no Bible Class

Monday – 6:00 – Confirmation Class; 5:15 – ChristCare Dance Class – led by Darlene LaPenna; 6:30 – Sunday School Teachers meeting;

Tuesday – 1:00 – Bible Study – led by Sally McAlpine; 6:30 – Servant Ministry;; 6:30 – 8:30 – Girl Scouts, led by Dawn Thomas;

Wednesday – 7:00 – 8:15 – Pastor’s Class; NO – Choir; 6:00 – Worship Committee meeting;

Thursday – 9:30 – ChristCazre Bible Study, led by Ruth Carr; 6:30 – Stephen Ministry; 6:00 – Scrapbooking; Golden Agers Trip;

Friday – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday – Girl Scout Sleepover;

Saturday – 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Cheryl Bak Benefit, Lake Erie Italian Club, 3200 S. Park, Buffalo, NY; 11:30 – 1:30 – AA Group;

NEXT Sunday – 9:30 – Worship – First Sunday in Advent; 10:45 – Sunday School and Bible Class; “Giving Thanks Dinner” – 11:30 – 3 p.m. at Salem . . . deadline for December/January Dove calendar and articles

STEPHEN MINISTERS – Are there to care – Are you going through a difficult time – emotionally, spiritually, or relationally? Are you lonely, experiencing a crisis, or simply stressed by everyday life? You don’t have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. To find more, talk with Rich Lanseadel – 822-9695 or Dayle Austin – 822-5565.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: “A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all other virtues.” – Cicero

ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE

“The Stars Tell The Story”

Wednesday, December 1, 2010 -

St. Luke Lutheran Church, Maryvale & Union Rds., Cheektowaga, NY

At every Wednesday evening service - 6:00 – Soup and Sandwich

7:15 – Hymn Sing

7:30 - Worship

Wednesday, December 8, 2010 –

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8900 Sheridan Dr., Clarence, NY

Wednesday, December 15, 2010 –

Salem Lutheran Church, 10 McClellan Circle, Buffalo, NY