

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod

*“A Stephen Ministry Congregation”*

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**Office Hours:**

**M-TH 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Friday - closed**

**Sunday Services:**

9:30 a.m.

**Sunday School:**

10:45 a.m. for children  
and adults

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**December 5, 2010**

### AS WE GATHER

The Second Sunday in Advent marks one step closer to the celebration of our Lord's Incarnation. We are almost there, but not yet. Like a branch that grows from a stump into a mighty tree, we await the unfolding of the mystery of the ages. God has brought hope to the despair of His people and sent forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse to restore what sin has destroyed. The fruit of His tree is nothing less than peace---peace between us and God, among us as people, and eternal peace where trouble and trial will no longer afflict His people. We come to the manger remembering the birth of this hope and peace. We await the fulfillment of what we know only in part here on earth--the perfect peace that is eternal. For now we glimpse it in His Church through the Means of Grace, but then we shall know it face-to-face, as we know Him.

**PRELUDE** - “Veni Emmanuel” - Stearns

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

### ADVENT LITANY

Cantor: O come, O come, Emmanuel.

**People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Cantor: O Wisdom from on high, in and through all creation, Orderer of all things, come and grant us a discerning heart.

**People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Cantor: O Lord and Ruler of Israel, of burning bush and Sinai's Law, come and redeem us with Your mighty arm.

**People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Cantor: O Branch of Jesse's stem, before whom people gather and kings bow down, come and save us from our enemies.

**People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Cantor: O King and Scepter of Israel, You close what none can open; You open what none can close, come and rescue those in darkness and the shadow of death.

**People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Cantor: O Splendor of eternal light, come and enlighten the captive, bound in unbelief, sin, and death.

**People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Cantor: O King of the nations, Ruler of peace, Giver of unity, come and save all You formed from dust.

**People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Cantor: O come, O come, Emmanuel, King and Lord, Savior of the nations, come and save us, Lord our God.

**People: O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Pastor: Let us pray...O Lord Jesus Christ, the true hope who comes into the world to give hope to everyone, bless us as we light the candles on this wreath in preparation for your coming, and so enkindle our hearts with the fire of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness, and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen!**

**(The second candle on the wreath is lit)**

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Come, O Precious Ransom, Come" LW #34**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.

**People: May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor. Psalm 72:2, 4, adapted**

*(Silence for self-examination)*

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

**People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day, O Lord. Some of my sin I know--- the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed---but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask for Your forgiveness and I pray You to deliver and restore me, a lost and condemned sinner.**

Pastor: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ and in Him we are forgiven. 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.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:6*

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray...

**People: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT** Isaiah 11:1-10 (*Then shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse.*)

Assisting Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE** Romans 15:4-13 (*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.*)

Assisting Minister: 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** Matthew 3:1-12 (*The voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of the Lord."*)

Pastor: The 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 "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" LW #14**

**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

Assisting Minister: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Assisting Minister: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Assisting Minister: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Assisting Minister: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Assisting Minister: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Assisting Minister: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Assisting Minister: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Assisting Minister: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, (*especially* \_\_\_\_\_), let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here, ending with] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY MUSIC – Sr. Choir: “His Name Medley”**

**ALL: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

**Gather a harvest from 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 ...

... evermore praising You and singing:

**People: 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**

**Our Father, who are 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD (sung by Pastor)**

### **AGNUS DEI**

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

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS - “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” – LW # 19 – vs. 1 – 4**

“Into My Heart” - SH #54

“Seek Ye First” - SH #64

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**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 with joy and sounds 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 "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" LW #22 (Tune: Hyfrydol)**

**THE POSTLUDE** – “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” - Bach

## 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 Mary Eitler and Family in loving memory of John Eitler, husband/father.

SICK - Sharon Miller; Leola Colvin (Ridge View Manor, 300 Dorrance Ave., Buffalo, NY 14220); Allen Feltz; Carolyn Callea; Fran Wiedemann; Lynda Yung; Mark Beyers; Delores Landwehr; Jean Poniwias; 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); Mark Pietz; Augusta Schultz; Marie Radtke; Arlene Ball (Mercy); Lorraine Ross; all shut-ins.

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 4<sup>th</sup> – TBA.

*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!*

*CAN YOU SEW? Sunday School is looking to replace our aging Pageant costumes over the course of the next year. There is, however, an immediate need for some angel costumes for this year's pageant. If you can sew and would like to volunteer to help us with this project, please contact Monica Thomas, Sunday School Superintendent.*

OFFERING UPDATE - Weekly offerings for November 24, 2010 –; November 28, 2010 –; Attendance: 110; Weekly offerings needed to meet our *Current Fund ministry program* are



**SERVING THE LORD**

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

Organist/Pianist: Lois L. Jones

Lector: Claire Carlson

Communion Assistants: Roy Sheppard and Dave Bartholomew

Ushers: Paul Yox, Judy Hoffmann, Matthew Hoffmann, Ashley Hoffmann, Ryan Carr, Erik Radtke

Welcomers: Shirley Banas and Chuck Yung

Acolytes:  
Crucifer:

Altar Committee: Norrine Nagel and Maureen Wilke

**WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

**Today:** Second Sunday in Advent –  
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion . . . 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School and Bible Class. . . 4:00 p.m.  
and 7:00 p.m. – Candlelight Vespers at First  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Niagara Falls Blvd.,  
Tonawanda, NY . . . 5:00 – Youth Activity to  
Festival of Lights - meet at church

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

**Tuesday** – 1:00 – Bible Study; 6:30 – Church  
Council; 6:30 – Girl Scouts, led by Dawn  
Thomas; 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday** – Advent Service at Holy Cross  
Lutheran, 8900 Sheridan Dr., Clarence, NY –  
6:00 p.m. – soup and sandwich; 7:15 – Hymn  
Sing; 7:30 p.m. – Worship

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

**Friday** –

**Saturday** – 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. – A.A. Group;  
Golden Agers Christmas Trip

**Stressed? Feeling Down? Need Encouragement? Stephen Ministers don’t just provide care for people experiencing a major crisis. They also provide care and support for people weighed down by**

**the little things in life. If you're feeling down, lonely, stressed or discouraged, you could benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Stephen Minister. It's free. It's confidential. And it will really make a difference in your life! To find out more, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Rich Landseadel – 822-9695 or Dayle Austin – 822-5565.**

THE YOUTH VS. COUNCIL BOWLING CHALLENGE – was a great success. A wonderful time was had by all. Presentation will be made during the announcements today.

FELLOWSHIP FORMS will appear in the pews soon. These are designed by Concordia Publishing House for gaining information for visitors so that we can do effective follow up. We also are alerted to changes in addresses and phone numbers among the membership.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY: “God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves.” - Dwight L. Moody**