

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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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 16, 2011

AS WE GATHER

Through Isaiah God called His Servant (ultimately, Christ) to be a light to the Gentiles. God has bestowed on the Church, the Body of Christ, all the needed spiritual gifts to build one another up. The earlier servant, the nation of Israel, failed to look beyond themselves, and too often the Church also focuses inward instead of proclaiming the Gospel to others. The beauty of God is that He stopped at nothing to save us. He became His own sacrificial Lamb to take away the sins of the world. Now He deigns to call us His servants. In this Epiphany Season we let the light of that precious Gospel shine on us, and through us, on all whom we meet.

THE PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/EXCHANGE OF PEACE

+ PREPARATION +

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: The beauty of God is that in Jesus He became one of us to redeem us from our sins. Forgiveness is available for all who call out to Him in faith. Let us therefore confess our sins to almighty God.

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

Pastor: In His great mercy, God chose Israel as His servant nation, from whom the Messiah would be born. And before we were born He chose each of us to be in His kingdom and to carry the light of the Gospel to the whole world.

People: Lord our God, we confess that we have failed to appreciate all that You have done for us. We have been content to know that heaven is open to us, often ignoring the thousands who have not heard about our Savior. Forgive us.

Pastor: In His great mercy, God revealed His will for all people, calling them to love and good works in response to His steadfast love and faithfulness. *Psalm 40:11, adapted*

People: Lord our God, we confess that in our pride we have followed our own desires and plans, forgetting Your sacrificial love for us and Your will for how we live our lives. Forgive us.

Pastor: In His great mercy, the Holy Spirit ensures that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift (*1 Corinthians 1:7, adapted*) as we await our Lord's return.

People: Lord our God, we confess that we have not used Your gifts to build up the Church and to strengthen one another in the faith, but have often watched a few do the work for the rest of us. Forgive us.

Pastor: In His great mercy our Lord invites us to follow Him. The first thing Andrew did when called by the Lord was to bring His brother Simon to Jesus. *John 1:41-42, adapted*

People: Lord our God, we confess that we have neglected to speak openly about our faith with the people near and dear to us and those with whom we work and study each day. Forgive us.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father sent His Son, Jesus, the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world. The Holy Spirit worked faith in our hearts so that we may trust Him in all things. 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. Thanks be to God.

THE HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign" LW #312

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: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 49:1-7 (*God's servant is to bring light to all nations.*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (*You are not lacking in any spiritual gifts.*)

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 John 1: 29-42a

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the first 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 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" LW # 321

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.

+ 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: (Communion are found in the front of the hymnal on page 128)

"Come to the Table" SH 13

"His Name if Wonderful" SH 90

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 "Lift High The Cross" LW #311

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 Suzanne and John Nieman in memory of my parents, Theodore and Mildred Krueger, and grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Adolph Krueger . . . and the other sidepiece is given by Don and Laurie Barker and Family in loving memory of my sister, Lynn Leahy, whose birthday was January 15.

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 - Anna Pfeiffer's 82nd tomorrow.

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

SALEM/ST.JOHN BASKETBALL – The next game is : January 22, 2011 – played at Trinity Lutheran Church, Reserve Rd., West Seneca, NY – A Team – 11 a.m. vs. Cazenovia Baptist; B Team – 12:00 p.m. vs. Hamburg Wesleyan. 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 9, 2011 – \$_____;
Attendance: 131; Weekly offerings needed to meet our *Current Fund ministry program* are \$_____.

LABELS for Education – Please include the entire perforated lined section including the UPC symbol. All Labels for Education and Boxtops for Education may now be given to Claire Carlson or leave in the designated container in the upper parish hall. Thank you.

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.

SERVING THE LORD

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

Prayer Leader: Fred Bartz Jr.

Organist/Pianist: Lois L. Jones

Lector: Joanne Kushka

Welcomers: Mark Thomas and
Paul Thomas Jr.

Acolytes: Aaron Sylvia and Erin Webster
Crucifer: Jennie Swierczynski

Ushers: Fred Bartz Jr., Paul Thomas Jr., Mark
Thomas, Beth Thomas, David Carlson,
Chuck Yung

Altar Committee: Claire Carlson and
Lois Mudie

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

Today: 9:30 a.m. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Classes . . . deadline
for all article/calendar events for the February
DOVE.

Monday: 6:00 – Confirmation Class; 5:15 –
ChristCare Dance Lessons, led by Darlene
LaPenna

Tuesday: 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: 7:00 – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 9:30 – ChristCare Bible Study, led
by Ruth Carr; 6:00 p.m. and on – Scrapbooking

Friday:

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – CPR/First Aid/AED
Classes; 11:30 – 1:30 – A.A. Group

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:30 – Worship
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Classes