

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
4715 Hermantown Rd., Hermantown, MN 55811

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
~ JANUARY 22, 2023 ~ ~ 10:00 AM

Gathering

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP “Seek Ye First”**

1. Seek ye first, the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu, Allelujah.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you seek and ye shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Al-le-lu, Allelujah.
3. We do not live by bread alone But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Al-le-lu, Allelujah.

* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

* **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* **KYRIE**

L: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Christe eleison:

C: Christ, have mercy.

L: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE “Let the Nations Be Glad”**

Vs 1: Let the glory of the Lord forever be a joy
May redemption be the theme of our song
For by grace we have been saved
And by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ has come

Chorus: *Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the
Lord
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the nations be glad*

Vs 2: Through the ages gone before
Through the trial and the sword
Many saints and martyrs conquered though they died
Still we're holding out the cross
Crossing ocean suffering loss
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life

Chorus: *Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the
Lord
For salvation belongs to our God
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Vs 3: As your holy church goes forth, in the Holy Spirit's power
With the glories of the Gospel to explain
Now we pray Your kingdom come
And we pray Your will be done
For the honor and the glory of Your name

Chorus: *Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice
For salvation belongs to our God
Let the whole earth be filled with the praises of the
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* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Lord God,

C: *your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Please read responsively

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,

sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters.

¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"**

Hymn #172

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **Matthew 4:12-23**

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Christ.

SERMON

SERMON SONG "In the Bleak Midwinter"

Hymn #294

Vs. 1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Vs. 2 Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;
heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.

Vs. 3 What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

* **JOYS, SORROWS & CONCERNS**

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world,
and all in need.

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

L: Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

Hymn #752

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

L: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your
wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share God's peace with one another.

OFFERING COLLECTION

* **OFFERTORY "Give Thanks"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"

Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for
us. (Repeat)

Give thanks! Give thanks!

* **OFFERING PRAYER**

**C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love
endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit
from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for
the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share God's peace with one another.

THE MEAL

* GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* LORD'S PRAYER

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.

"Lamb of God"

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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 peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Here I Am Lord"

ELW #574

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?

I have heard You calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, 'till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

Hymn #817

Vs. 1 You have come down to the lakeshore
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.

***Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas.***

Vs. 2 You know full well what I have, Lord;
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working. ***Refrain***

***Refrain: Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas.***

Vs. 3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,
Working love for the rest of the weary,
A love that's willing to go on loving. ***Refrain***

Vs. 4 You who have fished other waters;
You, the longing of souls that are yearning;
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. Refrain

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING SONG “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”**

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Take the whole world, but give me Jesus;
Take the whole world, but give me Jesus;
Take the whole world, but give me Jesus;

I'll follow him, I'll follow him.

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus!

C: Thanks be to God.

** Please stand if you are able.*

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Coffee Servers this morning –Disaster Relief Team

From the Church Office:

- Annual Reports and updated directories are now available in the narthex. If you would prefer the annual report or directory electronically, please contact the church office.
- Salem’s Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 29, 2023 following worship.
- 2022 Contribution Reports will be mailed/emailed out on or before January 31, 2023.

This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, January 22, 2023

Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship..... 11:00 am

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

Day Care 6:00 am

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

Day Care 6:00 am

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023

Day Care 6:00 am
Quilters..... 9:30 am

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

Day Care..... 6:00 am

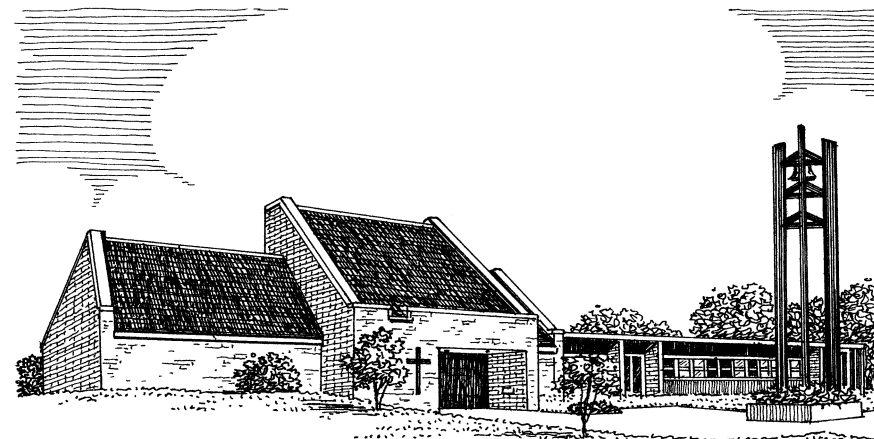
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

Day Care 6:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY, January 29, 2023

Sunday School..... 9:00 am
Worship 10:00 am
Annual Meeting..... 11:00 am
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am

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~ Sunday School ~~ 9:00 am

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