

# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church



Third Sunday After Epiphany  
2021

8:30am

January 24,

(P=Pastor/Presider C=Congregation \* Congregation Stands ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal  
OT=Old Testament NT= New Testament) CCLI #791387

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## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG ELW # 799** "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" vs 1,2,4

## GREETING

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

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heaven above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

**Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## ANTHEM

### FIRST LESSON Jonah 3:1-5, 10

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

### PSALM 62:5-12 (read responsively)

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath. <sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

<sup>12</sup>**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.**

### SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW page 205)

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### THE GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt**

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 817 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" vs 1,4**

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** P: Let us pray. C: **Have mercy, O God.**

**PEACE** P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY HYMN ELW # 308** “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” vs 1,3

### OFFERING PRAYER

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

**SENDING SONG ELW # 867** “In Thee Is Gladness”

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God**

## POSTLUDE

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1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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**Opening Hymn: ELW 799 – Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake – vs 1, 2, 4**

1. “Come, follow me,” the Savior spake  
“All in my way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
Obey my call and guiding.  
Oh, bear the cross, whate’er betide;  
Take my example for your guide.”

2. “I am the light: I light the way,  
A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day;  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you should sojourn here below.”

4. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
And take the cross appointed,  
And, firmly clinging to his word,  
In suff’ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle’s strain  
The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

**Hymn of the Day: ELW 817 – You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore – vs 1, 4**

1. You have come down to the lake shore  
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 have abandoned my small boat;  
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

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

*Refrain*

**Offering Hymn: ELW 308 – O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright – vs 1, 3**

1. O Moring Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,  
Our Lord and Savior, you have won  
Our hearts to serve you only!  
Lowly, holy!  
Great and glorious, all victorious,  
Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

Lord, when you look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heaven'ly food.  
You are our dearest treasure!  
Let your mercy warm and cheer us!  
Oh, draw near us!  
For you teach us God's own love  
Through you has reached us.

**Sending Hymn: ELW 867 – In Thee Is Gladness**

1. In thee is gladness amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,  
Thou the true redeemer art.  
Our souls thou wakest;  
Our bonds thou breakest.  
Who trusts thee surely has built securely  
And stands forever:  
Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining  
Dying or living, to thee are cleaving;  
Naught can us sever:  
Alleluia!

2. Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,  
Not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses in worst distresses;  
He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story tell of his glory  
With heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices  
In him forever:  
Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,  
Love him and praise him and still shall raise him  
Glad hymns forever:  
Alleluia!