

# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent

8:30am

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**Worship Leader: Denny Douma**

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**\*\* Words to songs can be found at the end of the bulletin.**

## PRELUDE

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God for whom we wait, **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you.**

**We fail in believing that your good news is for us. We falter in our call to tend your creation. We find our sense of self in material wealth. We fear those different from ourselves. We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven. You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG ELW # 436** “Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying” vs. 1 & 3

## 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.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

**ELW # 262** “Wait for the Lord”

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You call all nations to walk in your light and to seek your ways of justice and peace, for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near. Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath. Rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes and welcome him into our hearts and homes, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY *in unison*

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Susan Douma**

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

**PSALM 25:1-10** *spoken*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

## SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *sung* [ELW page 102]

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Gospel according to Luke. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

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

SERMON

Pastor Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW # 244 “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” vs. 1, 3 & 4

\* APOSTLES’ CREED (in unison)

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION P: Hear us O God, C: **Your mercy is great.**

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

OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY HYMN ELW # 255 “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness” vs. 1

OFFERING PRAYER Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING [ELW page 107]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** [ELW page 108] **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.

### LAMB OF GOD [ELW page 112]

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.

### COMMUNION PRAYER

Most High God, you come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW # 259 "Fling Wide the Door" vs. 1 & 4

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Christ is near. C: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

J. S. Bach

*Communion Distribution after the Postlude*

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Next Sunday - 1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11; Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

GATHERING HYMN -436 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" vs. 1 & 3

1 "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"  
the watchmen on the heights are crying,  
"awake, Jerusalem, at last!"  
Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
"Come forth, ye maidens, night is past!  
The Bridegroom comes; awake,  
your lamps with gladness take; alleluia!  
And for his marriage feast prepare,  
for you must go to meet him there."

3 Now let all the heav'ns adore thee,  
and men and angels sing before thee,  
with harp and cymbal's clearest tone;  
of one pearl each shining portal,  
where we are with the choir immortal of angels  
round thy dazzling throne;  
nor eye hath seen, nor ear hath  
yet attained to hear what there is ours;  
but we rejoice, and sing to thee our hymn of joy eternally.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE ELW # 262** “Wait for the Lord”

Wait for the Lord, his day is near  
Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart  
Prepare the way for the Lord  
Make a straight path for Him  
The Glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
All the Earth will see the Lord  
Rejoice in the Lord always  
He is at Hand  
Joy and gladness for all who seek the Lord

**HYMN OF DAY – 244** “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers” vs. 1, 3 & 4

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

3 You saints, who here in patience your cross and sufferings bore,  
shall live and reign forever, when sorrow is no more:  
around the throne of glory the Lamb you shall behold,  
in triumph cast before him your alleluias clear.

4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for, above the darkened sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

**OFFERTORY – # 255** “There’s a Voice in the Wilderness” vs. 1

There’s a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:  
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord, our God, may go!

**SENDING HYMN –259** “Fling Wide the Door” vs. 1 & 4

Fling wide the door, unbar the gate; The King of glory comes in state;  
The Lord of lords and King of kings, The Savior of the world who brings  
His great salvation to the earth. So raise a shout of holy mirth  
And praise our God and Lord, Creator, Spirit Word.

Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ; Our hearts are open wide in trust.  
Oh, show us now your lovely grace, Upon our sorrows shine your face,  
And let your Holy Spirit guide Our journey in your grace so wide.  
We praise your holy name, From age to age the same.