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*1st Sunday of Advent*

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November 27, 2022 - First Sunday of Advent  
Gathering + The Word + Community + Sending

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into one body all together  
(Online and in person!) by God's grace).

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*As the Dark Awaits the Dawn (Vs. 1) ELW 261*

*As the dark awaits the dawn,  
so we await your light.  
O Star of promise, scatter night,  
loving bright, loving bright,  
till shades of fear are gone.*

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+GATHERING HYMN

*Fling Wide the Door*

*ELW 259*

*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.*

*He is the rock of our belief,  
the heart of mercy's gentle self.  
His kingly crown is holiness;  
his scepter is his loveliness;  
he brings our sorrows to an end.  
Now gladly praise our king and friend,  
and worship him with song  
for saving us from wrong.*

*Oh, happy towns and blessed lands  
that live by their true king's commands.  
And blessed be the hearts he rules,  
the humble places where he dwells.  
He is the rightful Son of bliss  
who fills our lives and makes us his,  
creator of the world,  
our only strength for good.*

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**+APOSTOLIC 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.

**+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C: Amen.

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

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

P: God of new beginnings,

C: We confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We struggle to remember that you are God and we are not. Purify us with your refining fire and set us right in our relationship with you. Teach us to love. Help us to bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.

**+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C: Amen.

**+KYRIE**

*Lord Have Mercy on Your People (to the tune of Infant Holy, Infant Lowly)*

*Lord have mercy on your people. Christ have mercy on us.*

*Share your light into our darkness. Fill us with your holy love.  
Be our strength in times of trouble. Set us free from chains that bind.*

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.*

*David Eck*

**+HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Glory to God (to the tune of Angels We Have Heard on High)*

*Glory be to God on high. peace, good-will to all the earth.  
Let us sing a joyful song to the Christ the Living Word.*

*Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*David Eck*

**+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray,

C: **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** Isaiah 2:1-5

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: "Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!"*

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

**PSALMODY:** Psalm 122

1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

2 **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

3 Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

4 **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

6 **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

7 Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

8 **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

**SECOND LESSON:** Romans 13:11-14

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, Alleluia O Lord Where Shall We Go?*

*(to the tune of Joy to the World)*

*Alleluia, alleluia O lord where shall we go?  
The words of life are yours alone your gift of wondrous love!  
Your gift of wondrous love! Your gift, your gift of wondrous love!*

*Sarah Taylor/Lowell Mason*

**+GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Reading of Matthew 24:36-44.)

*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**SERMON HYMN**

*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

*(Please stand for last verse)*

*ELW 244*

*Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing,  
and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising  
and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
at midnight comes the cry.*

*The watchers on the mountain  
proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth as he approaches  
with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
the bridegroom is at hand.*

*The saints, who here in patience  
their cross and sufferings bore,  
shall live and reign forever  
when sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
the Lamb they shall behold;  
in triumph cast before him  
their diadems of gold.*

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

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### Community

God calls us to be united in God's love, one in Christ.

#### **+CONFESSION OF FAITH : APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: 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 into hell. 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 THE PEOPLE**

**P: Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world and all in need.**

At the end of each petition:

**P: Hear us, O God.**

**C: Your mercy is great.**

#### **+SHARING OF PEACE**

**P: The peace of Christ be with you now and always.**

**C: And also with you.**

*Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.*

*Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.*

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**+OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Eternal God,

C: you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

**+THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

C: 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/INSTRUCTIONS**

for in-person and online worshippers for departing and the week ahead.

**+BENEDICTION**

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**+CLOSING HYMM**

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

*ACS 949*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
for this work's almost done.*

***Refrain:***

*Children, don't grow weary;  
children, don't grow weary;  
children, don't grow weary,  
for this work's almost done.*

*Darker midnight lies before us,  
darker midnight lies before us,  
darker midnight lies before us,  
for this work's almost done.*

***Refrain:***

*Children, don't grow weary;  
children, don't grow weary;  
children, don't grow weary,  
for this work's almost done.*

*Lo, the morning soon is breaking,  
lo, the morning soon is breaking,  
lo, the morning soon is breaking,  
for this work's almost done.*

***Refrain:***

*Children, don't grow weary;  
children, don't grow weary;  
children, don't grow weary,  
for this work's almost done.*

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
for this work's almost done.*

***Refrain:***

*Children, don't grow weary;  
children, don't grow weary;  
children, don't grow weary,  
for this work's almost done.*

**+DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

**POSTLUDE**

+indicates congregation stands (for those able)

**WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God.

Listen in reverence...it is God who had made us.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears us.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift to you.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God.

Rev. Allison Siburg --- Pastor  
 Deacon Timothy Siburg --- Musician  
 Mason Smith, TBA --- Acolytes  
 Bob Kocher --- Lector  
 Steve Linn, Erin Miller --- Ushers  
 Linn Family --- Greeters  
 Technology Team --- Sound Room  
 TBA --- Fellowship  
 Chris Walz, Cameron Mengedoht --- Counters

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM:**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27:	Fellowship	11:30 am
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28:	Worship and Music Meeting	10:00 am
	Finance Team Budget Meeting	6:00 pm
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29:	Serve at LifeHouse/Sunday School	5:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30:	Confirmation	5:30 pm
	Advent Supper/Council serves	6:00 pm
	Advent Worship	7:00 pm
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4:	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am
	Youth Group	9:45 am
	Worship w/Holy Communion/ Family Church Sunday	10:30 am
	Fellowship	11:30 am

**MANY THANKS TO** Deacon Timothy Siburg for sharing his musical talent with us this morning.

**SUPPER AT THE FIRE STATION** - on the first Monday of every month from 5:00-7:00 pm, 101 N. Maple St. in Nickerson. Age 11+ - \$10.00/Age 10 and under \$5.00/First Responders - \$5.00 - includes 1 entrée and a water/soda. Check the flyer on the bulletin board for all the information.

**CHOIR** - Hi Salem! It's Timothy! I know, it's been awhile, but guess what, the fall gauntlet of stewardship visits across the Nebraska Synod are just about to slow down, which is perfect because it's about time that choir starts up again!

If you would like to join the choir, sign-up sheets will be available starting this Sunday before worship at church. You can also sign-up by texting Deacon Timothy with your name and email address to his phone number (360) 536-1963; or by emailing him at [timothy.siburg@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.siburg@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

I'm thinking we'll rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:30am before worship and Sunday School. But if that's not a good time for the group, I'll be glad to collectively find a better time for us all to meet.

**ADVENT WEDNESDAYS** - Join us mid-week for supper and evening worship this Advent season. We will be focusing on the Apostles Creed. Supper will be at 6pm, and worship at 7pm on Wednesdays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. All are welcome!

**CAROLING TO OUR FRIENDS AND SHUTINS OF SALEM** will happen on Sunday, December 11. There will be a light lunch and then we will take off and share the Christmas spirit with our friends and family of Salem. Please come join us and share the experience!

**HAT AND MITTEN TREE**, You will find in the upper narthex a tree designated for those in need. The Health Cabinet will be collecting hats and mittens thru December and then be delivering to different organizations that could use them. Please give as you can and help those who are in need.

**GIVING TREE** You will find in the lower narthex a “Giving Tree”. This tree has items that can be used at Salem—cups, paper towels, plates, etc. Check it out and give what you can. Just take a tag and bring back that item and leave by the tree. Thanks in advance for your help.

**CHRISTMAS EVE ORCHESTRA** - If you or someone(s) in your family and/or household have musical gifts to share as part of the Christmas Eve orchestra this year, please sign-up so we can plan music and schedule a rehearsal that will work for everyone before Christmas Eve. Sign-up sheets will be available starting this Sunday before worship at church. You can also sign-up by texting Deacon Timothy with your name, email address, and instrument(s) to his phone number (360) 536-1963; or by emailing him at [timothy.siburg@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.siburg@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

**SALEM'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** - presented by the Sunday School will be held on Sunday, December 18 during the worship hour. Please invite your family and friends to come and share the greatest story ever told.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** - if you would like to order a poinsettia—the cost is \$10.00 and orders must be placed by December 14th. You may also bring in your own poinsettia if you wish. If the poinsettia is in memory of someone, please let the church office know by December 15th so it can be printed in the bulletin. Forms are available on the usher's table.

**THE HEALTH CABINET OF SALEM** will be ringing the bell for Salvation Army on Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 am-1:00 pm at the Hobby Lobby in Fremont. Anyone wanting to help, you will find a member of the Health Cabinet there ringing the bell and handing out candy canes.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**—I know it seems early, but it's never too early, to be thinking about the Annual Report that comes out the middle of January 2023. All organizations (as well as each council member's team) need to submit a written report as well as a Treasurer's report. Please have these to the church office no later than Thursday, January 10th. This allows for time to compile and print the report in a timely manner. Thanks in advance for your help.

**RETIRE PATH (FORMERLY THRIVENT FOOD DRIVE) IS BEGINNING NOW!** - The annual food drive for LifeHouse/Care Corps in Fremont is back celebrating its 26<sup>th</sup> year! The annual program is a great way for church organizations to help grow the food pantry inventory. This fundraiser targets the needs of our local low-income ministry so they receive their primary food items by the caseloads. Forms are available on the Usher's Tables. Just fill out the form with your check (please make checks to Salem with a note in the memo line that it is for LifeHouse) and drop in the offering plate. Please have your donations made before December 7, 2022. Thanks in advance for your generous donations.

**CONFIRMATION** - Just a reminder that December's mentor night is Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30pm, with a lesson including Advent supper and worship. Other than mentor night, Confirmation instruction this month is Wednesdays, November 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 6:00pm.

**“NEW” CHILDREN'S CHURCH** - Going forward, Salem's kids that are in kindergarten through sixth grade will have Children's Church at 10:30am in the Christian Education Wing for a Bible lesson, prayer, and snack (this starts at 10:30am, not 9:30). They will be led into and join worship in the sanctuary at the Passing of the Peace with their families in the sanctuary. If you would like to teach or be a youth helper, let Sunday School Superintendent Jodi Johann know!

**FAITH FOOD PANTY DONATIONS** The Health Cabinet is asking for your assistance in collecting for the Faith Food Pantry - being collected thru November will be packaged or canned soup. Many thanks for all you do!

**SERVANTS FOR WORHSIP, SUNDAY, December 4, 2022:**

Greeters - TBA;

Ushers - TBA;

Acolytes - Ashton Vollmer, Briar Uhing;

Lector - Dave Siburg;

Fellowship - TBA;

Musician - Deacon Timothy Siburg;

Counters - Cameron Mengedoht, TBA;

Sound Room - Technology Team;

Altar Guild - Carrie Flynn, Conf. students

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