

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church  
Advent 1**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde  
November 29, 2020**

**Welcome**

**Advent 1 Responsive:**

- P: We have lit one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.
- C: **We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us knows what day that will be.**
- P: We hear his call to watch.
- C: **We have lit one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.**
- P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
- C: **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

**The Invocation:**

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**

♪ **Hosanna to the coming Lord!  
Hosanna to the incarnate Word!  
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King  
Let earth, let heav'n hosanna sing. (21:1)**

- P: The word is near you;
- C: **It is in your mouth and in your heart.**
- P: It is with your heart that you believe and are justified,
- C: **And it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**
- P: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- C: **Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.**

♪ **O Savior, with protecting care  
Abide in this your house of prayer,  
Where we your parting promise claim,  
Assembled in your sacred name. (21:2)**

- P: All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- C: **So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**
- P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.
- C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**♪ O Advent King, our sins forgive;  
Come in our lives and hearts to live,  
And let our humble souls become  
A temple worthy of your name. (21:3)**

P: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**♪ Then in the last and dreadful day,  
When earth and heav'n shall melt away,  
Your flock, redeemed from sinful stain,  
Shall swell the sound of praise again. (21:4)**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

**Isaiah 64:1-8**

Oh, that you would rip open the heavens and come down. Mountains then would quake because of your presence. As fire ignites stubble and as fire makes water boil, make your name known to your adversaries. Then nations would quake in your presence. You did amazing things that we did not expect. You came down. Mountains quaked because of your presence. From ancient times no one has heard. No ear has understood. No eye has seen any god except you, who goes into action for the one who waits for him. You meet anyone who joyfully practices righteousness, who remembers you by walking in your ways! But you were angry because we sinned. We have remained in our sins for a long time. Can we still be saved? All of us have become like something unclean, and all our righteous acts are like a filthy cloth. All of us have withered like a leaf, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is no one who calls on your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you. So you hid your face from us. You made us melt by the power of our guilt. But now, Lord, you are our father. We are the clay, and you are our potter. All of us are the work of your hand.

### **Hymn Response 12: 1,3**

**Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace  
To enrich the humble poor.**

**The New Testament Lesson****1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! I always thank my God for you because of the grace of God given to you in Christ Jesus. You were enriched in him in every way, in all your speaking and all your knowledge, because the testimony about Christ was established in you. As a result you do not lack any gift as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also keep you strong until the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**The Verse of the Day**

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen.

**The Gospel Lesson****Mark 13:32-37**

"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Watch! Be alert and pray, because you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going away on a journey. When he left his home, he put his servants in charge and assigned what each one was to do. He also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know when the owner of the house is coming: whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or early in the morning. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: Keep watch!"

**Hymn 26**

**Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,  
Came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came to win redemption,  
Lowly came on earth to die;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Came in deep humility.**

**Jesus comes again in mercy  
When our hearts are worn with care;  
Jesus comes again in answer  
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Comes to save us from despair.**

**Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,  
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;  
Jesus comes with words of gladness,  
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hope to all the world is giv'n.**

**Jesus comes on clouds triumphant  
When the heav'ns shall pass away.  
Jesus comes again in glory;  
Let us, then, our homage pay,  
Alleluia! ever singing  
Till the dawn of endless day.**

**YOU ARE GOD'S PEOPLE: ENRICHED & STRENGTHENED**

**The 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

**Hymn 735**

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All your purposes for your glory.**

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.**

**And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built  
And you fill the earth with your glory.**

### **The Prayer of Dedication at the Beginning of a New Church Year**

**P:** Lord God, you have created us, giving us our bodies and souls, our talents and abilities.

**C:** **We dedicate ourselves to serving you with the gifts you have given us.**

**P:** Lord Jesus, you have redeemed us, reclaiming us from sin and Satan by your sufferings, death and resurrection.

**C:** **We dedicate ourselves to serving you with our lives and daily activities.**

**P:** Holy Spirit, you have sanctified us, bringing us to faith through the Gospel.

**C:** **We dedicate ourselves to serving you by devoting ourselves to the hearing and learning of your Word. Amen.**

### **Special Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Celebration of Holy Communion**

**♪ Your only Son no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**♪ Your gift of love they crucified; they laughed and scorned him as he died;  
The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**P:** Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**♪ I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side  
To be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God.  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.  
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

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### **Distribution**

*The communicant members of Salem are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the sacrament, and that receiving the sacrament*

*together is a public statement of oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we ask our guests to speak with a pastor prior to the service before communing. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we've had an opportunity to explain them. The pastors would be happy to explore our convictions with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future!*

*Communicants who desire grape juice instead of wine may indicate so by raising an index finger as they approach the pastor. If you require a gluten free wafer, please speak to a pastor prior to worship.*

### **Prayer**

**P:** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### **The Blessing**

**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

### **Announcements**

#### **Hymn 23:1**

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

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**Offerings** are collected at the door on your way out. If you're a visitor today, we're glad to have you as our guest. Please don't feel any obligation to participate in this part of our worship. In fact, we hope you'll consider this service our gift to you! The offering is an opportunity for those of us who are regular attenders to invest tangibly in what God is doing here. If you do wish to give an offering, we thank you for praising God with your generosity.

**The Owosso Lutheran Hour is provided** in loving memory of Pam Starkweather's sister, Linda Eldridge, with memorials given at the time of her passing.

**Poinsettia plants:** If you'd like to pay for one of the poinsettia plants for Advent and Christmas, you may do so through the church office. The cost is \$10.

**There will be a special Voters' meeting** on December 15 at 6:45pm for the second reading of the 2021 budget.

**This week at Salem**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>8 &amp; 10:30am</b> | <b>Communion Services</b>              |
|                  | <b>9:30am</b>          | <b>Bible Class AT CHURCH</b>           |
|                  | <b>1:30pm</b>          | <b>Public Confirmation Class</b>       |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>6:30pm</b>          | <b>Bible Study VIA ZOOM</b>            |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>10:30am</b>         | <b>Bible Class AT CHURCH</b>           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>6:00pm</b>          | <b>Handbells</b>                       |
|                  | <b>7:00pm</b>          | <b>Bible Information Class</b>         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>5:00pm</b>          | <b>Mask Required Communion Service</b> |
|                  | <b>7:00pm</b>          | <b>Communion Service</b>               |

|                    | <b>November 15</b> | <b>To Date</b>      |
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| Offerings received | \$10,417.16        | \$488,485.53        |
| FEF/Tuition/ Reg   | \$ 605.63          | \$ 28,803.61        |
| Other/ Interest    | <u>\$ 0</u>        | <u>\$ 1,008.95</u>  |
| <b>Total:</b>      | <b>\$11,022.79</b> | <b>\$518,298.09</b> |



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| Budgetary needs | \$12,588.37 | \$578,948.18** |
| Difference      | -\$1,565.58 | -\$ 60,650.09  |

\*\* Budgetary needs are based on our 2020 budget; our expenses in 2020 have been considerably under-budget due to Covid closures and our Synod health insurance and pension holiday of one month and one quarter, respectively. Our God is good!

Owed to internal line of credit: \$0