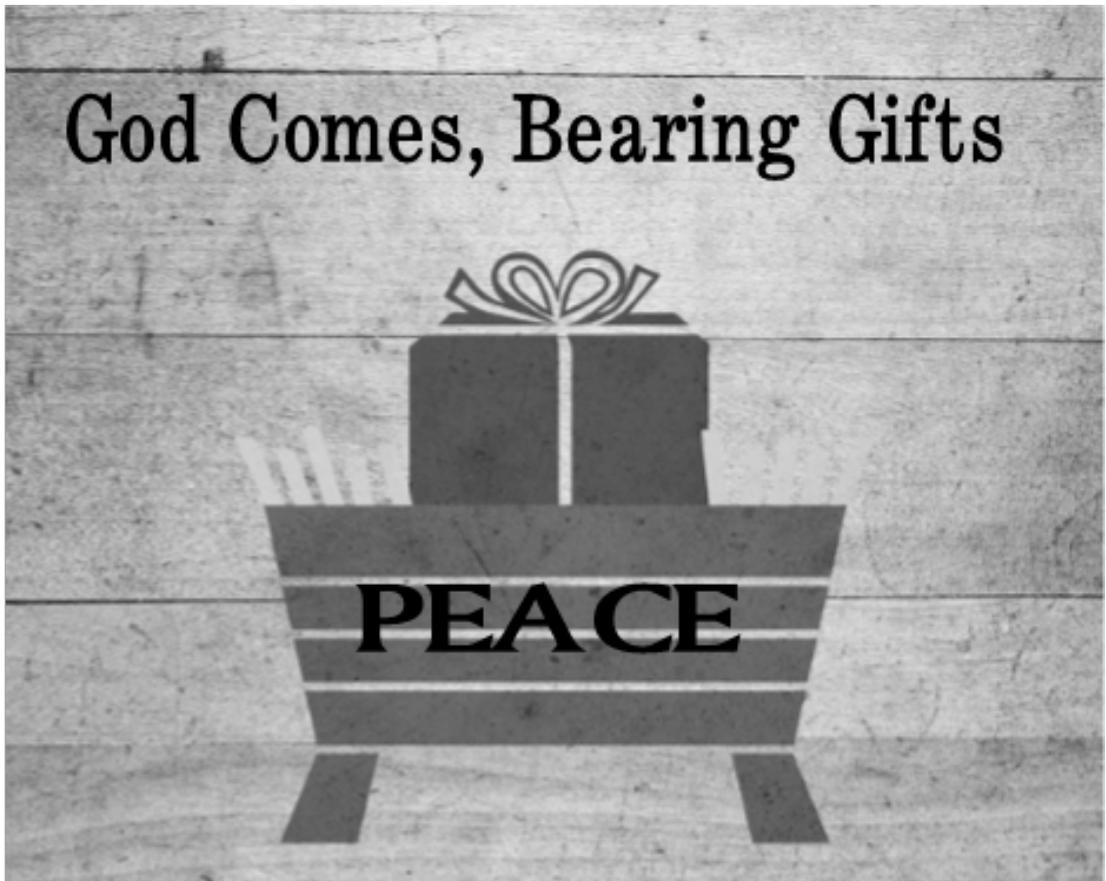


Advent 3

December 13 & 16, 2018



**Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church- Owosso, MI**

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**Service Times**

**Thursday at 7pm**

**Sunday at 8am and 10:30am**

**Radio Broadcast – Sunday at 10am on Z92.5FM**

## 8am Broadcast Hymn: CW 200, vv 1 & 2

### WELCOME

Hymn 26

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

### INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS AND ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

M: When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation—the human race—in his image. Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.

C: **But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death. We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.**

M: However, God—who is Love—did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death.

*Genesis 1:26; Romans 6:23*

***♪ O, come, O, 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!***

M: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven. In view of God's mercy, today we light the **PEACE** candle. Jesus tells us, "*Peace* I leave with you; my *peace* I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not be afraid "

**C: Since we have been justified by faith, we have *peace* with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Galatians 4:4,5; John 14:27;Romans 5:1*

♪ ***O, come, our Peace, who authors faith,  
Perfect our trust in you by grace.  
Assure us by your gentle Word  
That in true faith we all endure.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!***

**M:** In the peace of God we go to the world—to our friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

**C: God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God.**

*Corinthians 5:16-21*



**ALL:** Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man - u-el Shall come to you, O Is - ra-el!

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

## PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 85

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## SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:27

**ALL: Refrain** (after a brief introduction)



Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le - lu-ia.

Leader: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give—a peace unlike the world’s.  
Do not fret or be afraid. Alleluia.

**ALL: Refrain** (without introduction)

**CHOIR**

**Prepare**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 11:2-10**

When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?” Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me.” As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: “ ‘I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**♪ Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN 707**

**Peace Came to Earth**

**SERMON**

**Matthew 11:2-10**

**God Comes, Bearing Gifts: PEACE**

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**OFFERING & HYMN 12**

**Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes**

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## PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪ **Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: 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.

♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

HYMN 321

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

**The Owosso Lutheran Hour** is provided by a Salem family in thankfulness to God for their many blessings.

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**This week at Salem**

<b>Sun (16)</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10:30am</b>	<b>Communion Services</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Sunday School/ Bible Class</b>
<b>Tues (18)</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Board for Christian Education</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>Wed (19)</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Handbells</b>
	<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>
	<b>8:30pm</b>	<b>Festival Winds Practice</b>
<b>Thurs (20)</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Service</b>
<b>Fri (21)</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Caroling with the Choir</b>
<b>Sun (23)</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10:30am</b>	<b>Worship Services</b>
	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Festival Winds Practice</b>
		<b>NO Sunday School or Bible Class</b>

**Attendance: Nov 29 & Dec 2**      **35+84+131= 250**  
**Dec 6 & 9**                      **33+90+136= 259**

**Celebrating a Sunday Birthday:** William Church, Laurie March, Kendra Matthies, Nolan Aguirre, Daphne Zargar

**Celebrating a Sunday Baptismal Birthday:** Carol Chapko

**Thank you** to all the volunteers who came, made and delivered the fruit baskets.

**Thank you:** Tom & Elaine Fuller would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and words of sympathy on the passing of their granddaughter Kaila.

**Festival Winds** music for Christmas Day is on the organ. Rehearsal will be this Wednesday at 8:30pm and Sunday, December 23 at 9:15am.

**Upcoming Special Services:**

<b>Dec 20</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Children's Service</b>
<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>7pm &amp; 10pm</b>	<b>Candlelight Services</b>
<b>Dec 25</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Christmas Day Festival Service</b>
<b>Dec 31</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Communion Service</b>

	<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>To Date</b>
<b>Offerings received</b>	<b>\$9,306</b>	<b>\$478,918</b>
<b>Budgetary needs</b>	<b>\$11,260</b>	<b>\$518,060</b>
<b>Owed to internal line of credit: \$37,000</b>		

### **Looking ahead to Dec 20 & 23**

**Text: Luke 1:39-56**

**Theme: God Comes, Bearing Gifts: JOY**

**Common without Communion**

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## Peace Came to Earth



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night  
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held  
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,  
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And  
 The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The  
 In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In  
 How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but  
 wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but  
 bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but  
 else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!  
 sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!  
 see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!  
 pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

*The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.*

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