



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 20

When All the World Was Cursed

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

**ALL: ♪ 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 **JOY** candle. Though we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him.

C: And we are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for we are receiving the end result of our faith, the salvation of our souls. *Galatians 4:4,5; 1 Peter 1:8,9*

**ALL: ♪ O, come, our Joy, whose love forgives
Whose death assures that we will live!
Move us to heed the call, "Repent!"
And trust, for your sake, God relents.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

M: In the joy 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. *2 Corinthians 5:19-21*

ALL: ♪ Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 111

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SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Zephaniah 3:14

ALL: Refrain (after a brief introduction)



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

Leader: Sing and shout aloud, O Israel; rejoice with all your heart.
God removed your punishment. Alleluia.

ALL: Refrain (without introduction)

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-56

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting

reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me— holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

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My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

SERMON

Luke 1:39-56

God Comes, Bearing Gifts: JOY

♪ Create in me...

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OFFERING & HYMN 30

Rise, Arise

PRAYERS and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 23

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN 366

O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild

The Owosso Lutheran Hour is provided in thankfulness to God for our many blessings as a congregation.

This week at Salem

Sunday (23) 8 & 10:30am Worship Services
Monday (24) 7 & 10pm Candlelight Services
Tuesday (25) 10:00am Christmas Festival Service
Wed & Thur Church Office Closed
Sunday (30) 8 & 10:30am Worship Services
Monday (31) 6:00pm New Year's Eve Communion Service

Attendance: Dec 6 & 9 33+96+136= 259
Dec 13 & 16 35+82+122= 239

Celebrating a Sunday Birthday: Joseph Chapko III

Thank you: Marsha Norder would like to thank everyone for their cards and words of encouragement for her after her recent surgery.

	Dec 9	To Date
Offerings received	\$13,011	\$491,929
Budgetary needs	\$11,260	\$529,320
Owed to internal line of credit: \$37,000		

Looking ahead to Dec 30

Text: Luke 2:25-38
Theme: The Baby with the Greatest Destiny
Special Service without Communion

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