

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church  
Epiphany 2**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde  
January 14 & 17, 2021**

**SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 283**

**Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,  
As a servant to his lord.  
Let me show respect and honor  
To your holy, precious Word,  
That each day, my whole life through,  
I may serve and follow you.  
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure  
And my heart's most precious treasure.**

**Oh, what blessing to be near you  
And to listen to your voice!  
Let me ever love and fear you;  
Let your Word still be my choice.  
Many hardened sinners, Lord,  
Flee in terror at your Word,  
But to all who feel sin's burden  
You give peace and words of pardon.**

**As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;  
Let your words in me take root.  
May your Spirit e'er be near me  
That I bear abundant fruit.  
May I daily sing your praise,  
From my heart glad anthems raise,  
Till my highest praise is given  
In the endless joy of heaven.**

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

**C:** Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

**1 Samuel 3:1-10**

The boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days. Prophetic vision was not common. Now it happened that Eli's eyes had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see. Once when Eli was lying down in his place and God's lamp had not yet gone out, Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's ark was. The Lord called Samuel, and Samuel said, "I am here." He ran to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me." Eli said, "I did not call. Lie down again." So he went and lay down. Then the Lord called once more, "Samuel!" So Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son. Lie down again." Now Samuel had not yet experienced the Lord's presence, that is, the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel for the third time. So he got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the young man. So Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and once again lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there and called as he had the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

### **HYMN 78, 2 & 3**

**Dear Lord, your servants meet you In ev'ry holy place  
Where your true Word has promised That we should see your face.  
Today you still allow us Who gather round you here  
In arms of faith to hold you As did that aged seer.**

**Lord, when life's troubles touch us, You seem to hide your face,  
And through our tears we often Can scarcely sense your grace.  
Then be our joy and brightness, Our cheer in pain and loss,  
Our sun in darkest terror, The glory round our cross.**

### **SECOND LESSON**

**2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**

But we are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation by the sanctifying work of the Spirit and faith in the truth. For this reason he also called you through our gospel so that you would obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold on to the teachings that were passed along to you, either by word of mouth or by a letter from us. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

**John 1:43-51**

The next day, Jesus wanted to leave for Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" "Come and see!" Philip told him. Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Truly, here is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, while you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus replied, "You believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that!" Then he added, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 86**

**The only Son from heaven, Foretold by ancient seers,  
By God the Father given, In human form appears.  
No sphere his light confining, No star so brightly shining  
As he, our Morning Star.**

**Oh, time of God appointed, Oh, bright and holy morn!  
He comes, the King anointed, The Christ, the virgin-born,  
Grim death to conquer for us, To open heav'n before us  
And bring us life again.**

**Awaken, Lord, our spirit To know and love you more,  
In faith to stand unshaken, In spirit to adore,  
That we, through this world moving, Each glimpse of heaven proving,  
May reap its fullness there.**

**O Father, here before you With God the Holy Ghost  
And Jesus, we adore you, O Pride of angel host.  
Before you mortals lowly Cry "Holy, holy, holy,  
O blessed Trinity!"**

## **SERMON**

**GOD'S CALL: COME AND SEE!**

**John 1:43-51**

## **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.**

#### **RESPONSE HYMN 367**

**Christ be my leader by night as by day,  
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future his care;  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.  
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand.  
Doubt cannot daunt me -- in Jesus I stand!**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for he is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation -- with Jesus I reign!**

#### **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.**

##### **10:30am RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

**Dewey & Kathy Powell  
Karlee VanHorn**

##### **THE SACRAMENT**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

**♪ Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God, and I will exalt you.  
I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

### **Words of Institution**

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."

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**♪ O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.  
Amen.**

### **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: 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.

**C: Amen.**

### **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 770**

**O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow you,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear your call To risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to you, Find perfect liberty.**

**O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,  
Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:  
Instruct us now, we pray, By your empow'ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.**

**O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd never trod  
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:  
Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.**

**O Christ, th'apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song,  
The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong:  
Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,  
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.**

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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 by a family in thankfulness to God for His many blessings.

**This week at Salem**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8 &amp; 10:30am</b>	<b>Communion Services</b>
	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Public School Confirmation Class</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Bible Class</b>
	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Board for Christian Education</b>
	<b>6:15pm</b>	<b>Church Properties</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Handbells</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Masks Required Worship Service</b>

	<b>January 3</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Offerings received	\$ 6,118.19	\$6,118.19
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 0	\$ 0
Other/ Interest	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Total:	\$ 6,118.19	\$6,118.19
Budgetary needs	\$12,497.54	\$12,497.54
Difference	-\$ 6,379.35	-\$6,379.35
Owed to internal line of credit:		\$0

