

**Salem Ev Lutheran Church  
Epiphany 3**

**Pastor Bare & Pastor Wilde  
January 21 & 24, 2021**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**WELCOME**

### **OPENING HYMN 85**

**O God from God, O Light from Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of kings,  
To you in heaven's glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory he has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.**

**Deep in the prophets' sacred page,  
Grand in the poets' winged word,  
Slowly, in type, from age to age  
The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night  
Rang out the song, "Good will to men!"  
Sung by heav'n's hosts in splendor bright,  
Re-echoed now, "Good will!" Amen.**

**That life of truth, those deeds of love,  
That death of pain mid hate and scorn --  
These all are past, and now above  
He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!  
So sang the angel hosts again.  
Lift up your heads -- your King awaits.  
We lift them up, Amen, Amen.**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you. Amen.

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my

**Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

**1 Kings 19:19-21**

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. Elisha was doing the plowing with twelve teams of oxen in front of him, and he himself was driving the twelfth team. Elijah crossed over to him and threw his cloak over him. Then Elisha left the oxen and ran after Elijah. He said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother good-bye! Then I will follow you." Then Elijah said, "Go back! For what have I done to you?" So Elisha turned back from following him. Then he took the team of oxen and slaughtered them. Using the equipment from the oxen as fuel, he cooked the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him.

### **HYMN 82, v 1 & 5**

**Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
Manifested by the star To the Magi from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem, In your birth at Bethlehem.  
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mirrored in your holy Word.  
May our lives and all we do Imitate and honor you  
That we all like you may be At your great epiphany  
And may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.**

### **SECOND LESSON**

**Acts 13:1-5**

Now in the church at Antioch there were some prophets and teachers: Barnabas; Simeon, who was called Niger; Lucius of Cyrene; Manaen, who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch; and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, after they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them off. So they were sent out by the Holy Spirit and went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. They also had John as their assistant.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL****Mark 1:14-20**

After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. "The time is fulfilled," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As Jesus was going along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat mending the nets. Immediately Jesus called them. They left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

**HYMN OF THE DAY 772**

*Solo* *When Jesus came from Nazareth, he walked beside the sea.  
He saw four fishermen and called, "Come, follow, follow me!  
Come, follow, follow me!"*

*He led them over unknown ways whose end they could not see  
And, when they faltered, called again, "Come, follow, follow me!  
Come, follow, follow me!"*

**We make our vows, O Christ, today to serve you faithfully.  
For you have called us each by name, "Come, follow, follow me!  
Come, follow, follow me!"**

**Lord, grant us grace to walk your way and, falling, rise again  
Restored, forgiven, hearing still, "Come, follow, follow me!  
Come, follow, follow me!"**

**Good Shepherd, risen from the grave, in death our comfort be:  
Call out, from heav'n, where you have gone, "Come, follow, follow me!  
Come, follow, follow me!"**

**SERMON****JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE TO FOLLOW****Mark 1:14-20****APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.**

**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.**

**C: Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **HYMN 473, v 1 & 4**

**Savior, I follow on, Guided by thee,  
Seeing not yet the hand That leadeth me.  
Hushed be my heart and still; Fear I no further ill.  
Only to meet thy will My will shall be.**

**Savior, I long to walk Closer with thee;  
Led by thy guiding hand, Ever to be  
Constantly near thy side, Quickened and purified,  
Living for him who died Freely for me.**

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**The Owosso Lutheran Hour** is provided in loving memory of Roger Norder and Wendell Norder by their families and friends.

**In Loving Memory of  
Elaine Haubenstricker  
Entered Earthly Life: October 3, 1933  
Entered Eternal Life: January 15, 2021**

**This week at Salem**

|                    |                        |   |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>      | <b>8 &amp; 10:30am</b> | <b>Worship 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>7:00pm</b>          | <b>Voters' Meeting at SCHOOL</b>        |
| <b>Wednesday</b>   | <b>6:00pm</b>          | <b>Handbells</b>                        |
| <b>Thursday</b>    | <b>7:00pm</b>          | <b>Mask Required Communion Service</b>  |
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**Welcome!** We welcome Sean & Christy Verity and their children Charlie and Emma by affirmation of faith. We also welcome Dewey & Kathy Powell and Karlee VanHorn into our church family by confirmation.

**Thank you!** I am grateful for your prayers, cards, and gifts as I underwent knee replacement surgery January 6. Each day I am getting a little stronger and am looking forward to being in church and seeing you all again! In Christian love, Pat Bare

**Looking ahead:** Ash Wednesday is February 17. We will have services at noon and 7pm with the noon service being mask required. We will also continue the Thursday night mask required services during Lent.

|                    | <b>Jan 10</b>      | <b>To date</b>     |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Offerings received | \$ 8,143.98        | \$14,262.17        |
| FEF/Tuition/ Reg   | \$ 2,233.32        | \$ 2,233.32        |
| Other/ Interest    | \$ 340.00          | \$ 340.00          |
| <b>Total:</b>      | <b>\$10,717.30</b> | <b>\$16,835.49</b> |
| <br>               |                    |                    |
| Budgetary needs    | \$12,497.54        | \$24,995.08        |
| Difference         | -\$1,780.24        | -\$8,159.59        |



Owed to internal line of credit:        \$0



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