

# SALEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Building Faith by Praying for God's Guidance, Hearing God's Word,  
Sharing God's Grace, Serving God's Children*

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Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024

***In Our Prayers:*** Kathy Bond, Barbara Fedor, Randy Ross, Kenny Wise, Erin Eaken, Sherry & Scott Snyder, Mike Fiser Jr., Melba Toler, Sami Nenadal, Regina Carson, Sheril Buchwalter, Shirley Delefave, George Wise, Chet Molzen, Marvin Hartman, Tari Lowe, Patty Stuart, Bill Buchwalter, Mike Ringgenberg, Amanda Herbert, Monica Crawford, Sue Haumesser Miller, Jean Shoup, Family of Don Families of those gone before us.

***Welcome Visitors!*** Your presence is a blessing to us. Please pick up an information brochure, complete the visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

***Parents with small children:*** We welcome you and your children to worship this morning. There are activity bags in the Narthex. The nursery is available (with speaker system) should you have need of it.

***Holy Communion*** is offered the first Sunday of each month; we practice open table fellowship: All baptized Christians who share our belief that Jesus Christ is truly present with his body and blood along with the bread and wine, are invited to participate. Register using the card in the back of the pews.

P: Pastor    A: Assisting minister    C: **Congregation**    L: Lector

*Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

**Prelude**

**Bell**

**Call to Worship**

## Pastoral Greeting & Parish Time

### GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: **Amen.**

A: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

A: Eternal One,

C: **robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

A: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: **Amen.**

### WE PRAISE GOD

Gathering Hymn    *Crown Him with Many Crowns*    Red Hymnal #855

## Greeting

**A** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## Kyrie

Red Hymnal Page 213

## Canticle of Praise

*Glory to God*

Red Hymnal Page 213

## Prayer of the Day

**A:** Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### First Reading

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

<sup>9</sup>As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. <sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. <sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. <sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and

languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 93** (*read responsively*)

A: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and <sup>l</sup> armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- <sup>l</sup> not be moved.

C: <sup>2</sup>**Ever since the world began, your throne has <sup>l</sup> been established;**  
**you are from <sup>l</sup> everlasting.**

A: <sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted <sup>l</sup> up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their <sup>l</sup> pounding waves.

C: <sup>4</sup>**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers <sup>l</sup> of the sea,**  
**mightier is the LORD who <sup>l</sup> dwells on high.**

A: <sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are <sup>l</sup> very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and for- <sup>l</sup> evermore.

**Second Reading**

**Revelation 1:4b-8**

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and

from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*

Red Hymnal Page 216

*Please stand.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the eighteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel**

**John 18:33-37**

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Tim Barrage

*Please stand.*

Hymn of the Day      *Rejoice, for Christ Is King!*      Red Hymnal #430

## **Apostles' Creed**

P: Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith using the Apostles' Creed.

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.**

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

## **Prayers of the Church**

A: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Prayers continue, Merciful God,...

C: **Hear our prayer**

A: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

### **Peace**

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

## **WE OFFER GOD OUR GIFTS**

### **Offering of Gifts**

### **Offertory**

Amanda Herbert & Sandy Smith

*Please stand.*

Offering Song

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Red Hymnal #186

### **Offering prayer**

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C: **Amen**

### **Thanksgiving for the Word**

**Canticle of Thanksgiving** *We Sing Your Praises* **RED #535**



P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: **we give you thanks and praise.**

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P: Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come**

they 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,  
forever and ever. Amen

**WE ARE BLESSED AND SENT FORTH  
TO SERVE GOD'S CHILDREN**

*Please stand.*

**Blessing**

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and  
forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn                      *Lift High the Cross*                      Red Hymnal #660

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Sandy Smith**

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**Here is your chance to help Raise the Roof:**

A roof is an expensive but necessary expense for our community of faith. While we are not a poor church by any metric, we do not want to spend down our investments to complete maintenance tasks. This means that we must be willing to think outside of the box on how we can raise the monies necessary for this project. Please prayerfully consider a gift to assist us with this most needed and faith focused investment for our future.

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DO YOU HAVE A MANDATORY WITHDRAWAL FROM YOUR IRA OR RETIREMENT ACCOUNT SCHEDULED IN THE COMING WEEKS? IF SO, CONSIDER MAKING A PORTION OF THAT WITHDRAWAL A CONTRIBUTION TO OUR RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING DRIVE. BY DOING SO, YOU WON'T TAKE THE HIT OF ADDITIONAL INCOME ON YOUR TAXES, AS THE GIFT WOULD BE 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

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WE WILL BE PASSING OUR PLEDGE CARDS IN THE COMING WEEKS FOR OUR MEMBERSHIP TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER WHAT THEY WANT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ROOF CAMPAIGN. OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE \$50,000. THIS WOULD COVER THE ROOF AND ANY EXCESS WOULD BE PASSED ALONG TO OUR FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM.

I \_\_\_\_\_ AM PLEDGING A TOTAL OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOWARDS THE RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING DRIVE TO BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS OVER THE NEXT \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS.

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I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A ONE-TIME GIFT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOWARD THE RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING DRIVE. (PLEASE ATTACH A CHECK MADE OUT TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (RTR CAMPAIGN)  
(PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE)

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I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE # \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS FOR THE ELECTRIC BIKE (#1) RAFFLE FOR \$50/TICKET.  
(PLEASE ATTACH A CHECK MADE OUT TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (RTR CAMPAIGN-TICKETS-1)  
(PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE)

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I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE # \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS FOR THE ELECTRIC BIKE (#2) RAFFLE FOR \$25/TICKET.  
(PLEASE ATTACH A CHECK MADE OUT TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH (RTR CAMPAIGN-TICKETS-2)  
(PLACE IN OFFERING PLATE)

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***THIS WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**Sunday, November 24**

Christ the King Sunday

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Facebook Live Stream)

10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)

11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
following meeting Pot-Luck Fellowship

2:00 p.m. Avenue Worship

5:00 p.m. YouTube Livestream Replay

**Monday, November 25**

6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Free Community Meal

7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study

***NEXT WEEK AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH***

**Sunday December 01**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Facebook Live Stream)

10:00 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live Stream)

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

5:00 p.m. YouTube Livestream Replay

**Monday, December 02**

6:00 p.m. NFL Monday Night! Free Community Meal

7:00 p.m. and Chosen Bible Study



**Pastoral Concerns** – Tim Barrage is available to the members of Salem in times of Pastoral concerns or emergencies. He can be reached at 330-465-5763.

**Congregational Meeting** Set TODAY following worship: This is the meeting where budgets are approved; elections held; and decisions made regarding the future of Salem Lutheran Church. Voting members are those who have attended worship at least once in the past twelve months; communed; and given an offering of record. Our future depends on your participation; prayers and giving, so be with us as we discuss the hopes and dreams of this congregation for this coming year and into the future.

**Nursing Home Worship:**

**December 08 2:00 p.m.** Brookdale Senior Living, Wooster. Services are held on the second Sunday of the month.

**TODAY 2:00 p.m.** Avenue at Wooster Care and Rehabilitation Center. Services are held on the fourth Sunday of the month.

If you would be willing to help with these services, please contact Barbara Buchwalter @ 330-317-7906.

**Women of Faith** has a Facebook group called “Women of Salem.” If anyone is interested in meeting for brunch at Buehler’s Towne Market at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of the month, please let us know. <http://www.facebook.com/WomenOfSalem>

**ELCA World Hunger** - All loose change in the offering plate will go toward this special social ministry project.

**Worship Lay Assistants Needed:** Consider being a part of this ministry. If you have never performed any of these duties before, we will be happy to show you the ropes. If you have a beautiful voice or are musically inclined, please let us know.

**Continuing Live Stream Services:** Our goal is to continue the livestream services. Please consider supporting this livestream ministry with a designated gift by marking “livestream” on your offering envelope. For us to be able to fully utilize this technology we continue to invest in additional tools and higher end cameras. This ministry is grateful for the support, consideration and generosity.

**NFL Monday Night Free Community Meal:** 6:00 p.m. Come for a hot meal, stay for a bible study. This meal is open to any all who hunger.

**The Chosen – Monday nights\*:** Monday evenings 7:00 p.m.. We continue to show a new episode of “The Chosen” series. Join us as we watch the series together and discuss the episodes in detail.

\*Invite friends or neighbors to one of our special events with the provided post card invites. Fill out their name, add a personal note, and drop in the mail. We can mail it if you drop them in the offering plate.

