



Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

9:30 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

GREETING

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

A And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As we begin, all may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

A Amen.

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L God, our rock and refuge,

A we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

L The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

A Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

ELW 592

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

A And also with you.

L Let us pray, Almighty God,

by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L The Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L The Word of the Lord.

A Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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L The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

A Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“The Results of a Response”

Pastor Aaron Holmgren

HYMN OF THE DAY

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

ELW 817

APOSTLES’ CREED

L God has made us God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

A I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 INTERCESSION

L God of grace,

A receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

A And also with you.



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OFFERING

“I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”

Chancel Choir

(Offering baskets are located in back of the sanctuary)

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

ELW 885

OFFERING PRAYER

L Generous God,

A you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the means of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L Come to the table. Feast on God’s abundant life for you.

A Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Lamb of God”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L We thank you, O God,

A that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW 881

DISMISSAL

L Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

A Thanks be to God!

Welcome Guests & Visitors!

We hope you found the worship service meaningful. If you or someone you know would like information about Salem; program offerings, perhaps looking for a church home or some other need: Please contact the church office (651-457-6661) or Diane Hueller (651-451-0307)

VOTING MEMBERS:

**Please remain in the sanctuary at the end of worship to participate in the Special Congregational Meeting.
We would like to conclude by 10:45 am. Thank you!**