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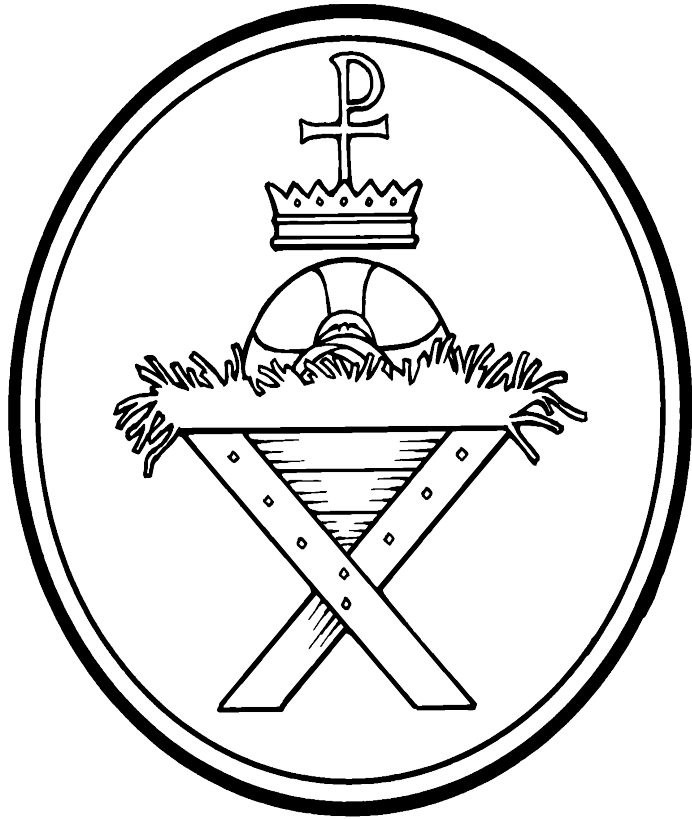
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LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2024

9:00 AM



Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 151

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

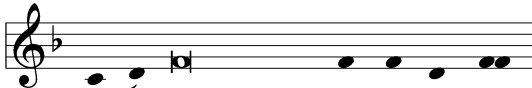
Absolution

LSB 151

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Kyrie

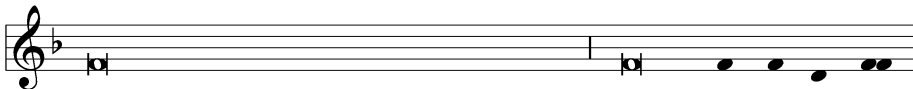
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



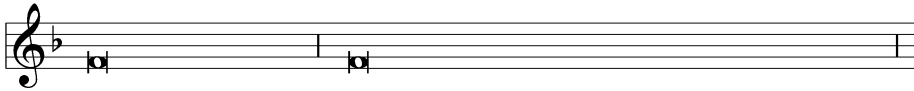
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



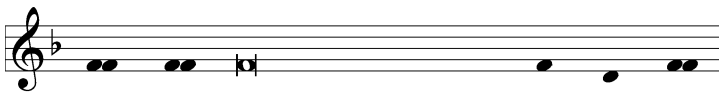
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Prayer

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Reading

Psalm 24:7–10

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
⁸Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!
⁹Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!

341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Reading

Micah 5:2, 4–5

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.
⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
⁵ And he shall be their peace.
When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men;

361 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Reading

Isaiah 40:3–5

³A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

344 On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry

Reading

Luke 1:26–37

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

³⁵And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.”

To a Virgin Meek and Mild

Choral Anthem

Reading

Luke 2:1–7

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Reading

Luke 2:8–12

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

O Holy Babe of Bethlehem

Choral Anthem

Reading

Luke 2:13–14

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

Reading

Luke 2:15–16

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Reading

Luke 2:17–20

¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Come and Worship

Choral Anthem

Reading

John 1:14–16

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Offering

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

Prayer

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

**P For strong hearts set on the certain grace of God, that we would sing His praises boldly
and so bring His Holy Word to dwell richly within us, now and to all generations, let us
pray to the Lord:**

C Lord, have mercy.

**P For the Lord's blessing on the whole Church on earth, that Christ's people may set their
hearts and minds on the things above and, in love, be clothed with compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness and patience, let us pray to the Lord:**

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our families, that they would be harmonious in God's love and ruled by Christ's peace; that the Word of Christ would dwell richly among us; that fathers and heads of the household would teach and admonish their families in all wisdom; and that our songs, words and deeds would be done in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who await the second advent of our Savior, that our gracious Father would give us the faithful patience of Anna to endure in our vocations and do the good works prepared in advance for us to do, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those suffering wounds of body and soul, [*especially _____ and those we name before God in our hearts.*] that our gracious Father would heal them according to His will and sustain them unto the day of the resurrection of all flesh, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we, like blessed Mary, may know what is worthy of our attention and what will pass away; and that, approaching the table of our Lord, we may be well-prepared to receive His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all sin, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P All these things we pray, O Lord, in confidence of Your mercy, trusting that You will grant us all things needful and prevent all things harmful to our faith, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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
forever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer

- P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 166

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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NEWS AND NOTES

PRAYERS: *Those members and friends of Salem in need of our prayers (please contact the Office for inclusion):* Cody Mathis, Ron Hudec Pastor Fred Riemer, Ron Aring, Bob Morris, Rose Sheeley

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Pre-school in the side chapel, Grade School in the conference room and everyone else in the cafeteria. Thank you

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of the Lord by David Leinberger in special remembrance for Carolyn and gifts of sons, Andrew and Karl and the many blessings received.

Today's **Radio Broadcast** is given to the glory of the Lord by David Leinberger in special remembrance for Carolyn and gifts of sons, Andrew and Karl and the many blessings received.

RADIO BROADCAST & ALTAR FLOWERS: If you would like to sponsor the Radio Broadcast it is \$85, and Altar Flowers are \$30. The signup sheet for Altar Flowers is in the hallway between the Church and the School. You will need to call the office to sign up for Radio. Please consider sponsoring one or both. Thank you.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS: The amount that was published in the Journal Courier is for the amount of title insurance purchased to protect our ownership of the lots. JHFH had to pay a minimum for title insurance and the minimum coverage is \$10,000. So, they listed \$10,000 for title insurance for the church. It protects the church, if any claims arise against the title of the lots. If Salem puts improvements on the property, the church may consider increasing the coverage.

ELDER'S NEW OFFICERS FOR 2025: The Elder's met on Tuesday, December 17th and voted on new officers for 2025. They are as follows: John Tomhave, Chairman; Kyle Schumacher, Vice-Chairman; Darin Gehrke, Treasurer; Mike Krause, Secretary. We would like to thank the men going off Elders for their assistance and with wish the new officers a successful year.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: With the upcoming Christmas season, the office will be closed on the following days: December 24th through January 1st and will close at noon on January 3rd. Please call the office before coming in to see if anyone is in the office. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!

LIFE SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH: Life Sunday is January 19th, and the Illinois Valley Lutheran for Life is sponsoring a signature page in the Source. If you wish to participate, please get a form out in the Narthex and bring it and your check to the office by the 13th of January. Thank you.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE NUTS: If you missed the Lutherans for Life Nuts or in need of more, here is a list of what they have left. Cashews, Mixed Nuts, Pecan Halves, Cinnamon and Chocolate. Please contact Ruth Werries (217) 473-6736.

SPEAKER AT OUR REDEEMER: Pastor Joshua Theilen, director of Camp CILCA, will give a talk on the following topic: "Cellphones, Technology, and Teenagers" on January 25, 2025, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 6:00 p.m. There is no cost, but you can reserve a seat by emailing carl.wicklander@gmail.com by Monday, January 20, 2025

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, December 29th Service Lessons & Carols.....9:00 am
Pastor's Bible Study.....10:30 am
Tuesday, December 31st Evening Prayer.....6:00 pm

Last Week at Salem

Sunday December 22nd , 2024

9:00 AM

Attendance..... 135

Envelope & Plate.....	\$	9,061.00
Tuition.....	\$	5,663.05
Other Income.....	\$	2,827.25
Total Operating.....	\$	17,541.30
Restricted Funds.....	\$	19,167.36
Leap Fund	\$	3,170.00

December 24th , 2024

4:00 PM & 6:30 PM

Attendance.....205

Communion.....148

Envelope & Plate.....	\$4,305.00
Restricted.....	\$ 510.00

December 25th, 2024

9:00 AM

Attendance.....67

Communion.....51

Envelope & Plate.....	\$	4,045.00
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