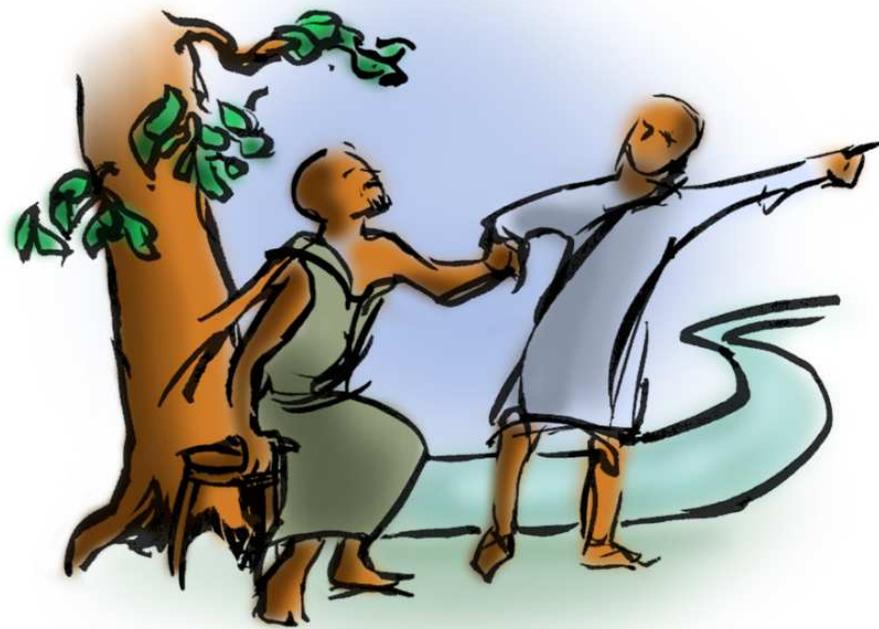




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision "the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven" (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

***Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sonatina Op. 36, No. 4 Rondo

Muzio Clementi

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Loving God,

we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.

Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly;

we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us;

we have hurt those we have yet to know;

we have thought more about ourselves than others;

we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,

so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven,

for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

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GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



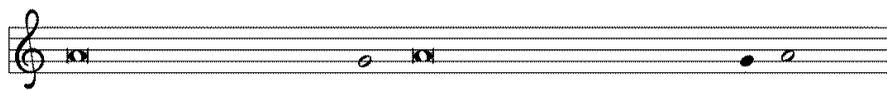
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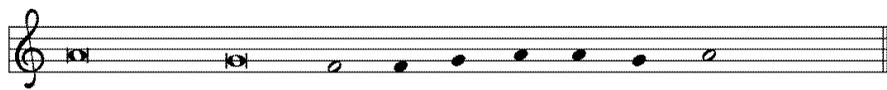
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



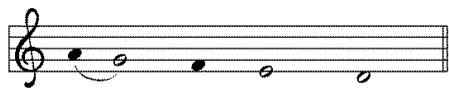
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



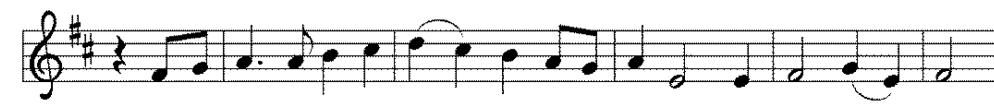
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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 OF THE DAY

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

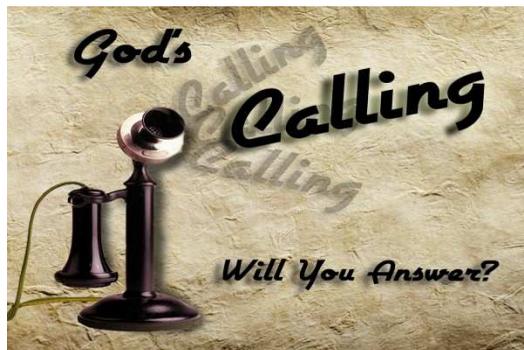
WORD**FIRST READING****1 Samuel 3:1-10**

A reading from 1 Samuel.

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



PSALM: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 *The Psalm will be read responsively.*

¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

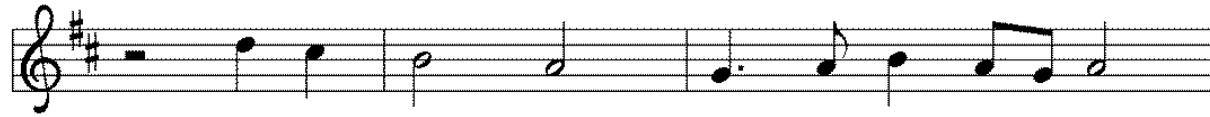
A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

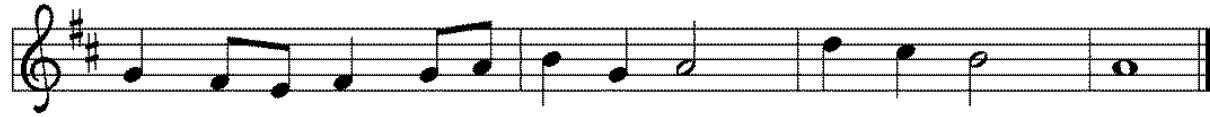
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL John 1:43-51

The holy gospel according St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Son of God, Our Christ

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

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

response: Have mercy, O God.

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence.*

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

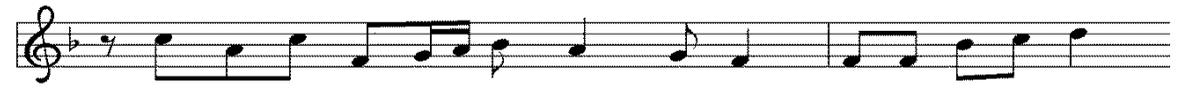
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<p>Preaching: Reverend Doctor Bob Driver-Bishop Assisting: Pastors Joel Guttormson & Melinda McVey McCluskey Organist: Ruth Sheldon Reader: Jan Belica</p>	<p>Acolytes: Ushers: Altar Guild for January: Candy Hanna & Medara Winter</p>
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The radio broadcast this morning is given by the members of Salem.

Salem’s Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 a.m.
Change of plans for the meal: Pulled pork sandwiches will be provided. Everyone is asked to please bring a side dish or dessert. The Annual Meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m., in the fellowship hall. All members are encouraged to attend. **There will be one service at 9:30 a.m. and no Faith Formation.**
Two delegates are needed to attend the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, June 8-10 at Wartburg College in Waverly. If you are interested in attending call the office ASAP as names should be included on the ballot for the annual meeting.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.
Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2018 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.

CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR 2018 DATE - 592.1771. Cost for 2018 is still \$83
2018 - 8:30 A.M. KIOW RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:
Jan. 14, Mar. 25, April 1, 22, 29, May 6, 20,
June 10, 17, July 8, 15, 29, Aug. 5, 19, Sept. 2, 16,
Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 23, 30

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. **Call the office to reserve a date in 2018.**

Pledge cards for 2018 were distributed at services recently. If you did not get one, they are in the narthex and outside the office. All completed cards can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off/mailed to the church office over the next several weeks. Thank you for your support.

Please keep in prayer the family & friends of Leo Schmidhuber.





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See the December Outreach for instructions on how to set up Give+ Text or stop by the office for help setting it up on your cell phone. Thank you for your spirited generosity!



**Anthony & Miranda Nelson Family Benefit
Saturday, February 3 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
At the Emmons American Legion Post 317
121 Main St., Emmons MN**

There will be a silent auction and free will donation dinner from 5:00pm-8:00pm with a gun raffle at 7:30pm. Monte Gulick will entertain everyone with live music. All proceeds will go to the Nelson family for medical expenses. Contact Andy Stene, Erich Stene, Kendra Stene, or Anna Tschida for information about making a donation.

Read Anthony's story below:

While at work on November 29th Anthony Nelson of Lake Mills, IA experienced chest pain and after being evaluated in both Lake Mills and Albert Lea, a tear in his aorta was found. He was then flown to Rochester where he underwent emergency open heart surgery for a dissecting aorta. Anthony had a repair of his ascending aorta, descending aorta, and resuspension of his aortic valve. He was hospitalized until December 5th. Anthony was re-hospitalized one week later for an irregular heart rhythm. He spent three more days in the hospital and thankfully his heart converted back to a regular rhythm with medication.

Anthony continues to recover at home while participating in cardiac rehabilitation three days a week. He will continue to follow cardiology in Rochester as well as seeing a genetic specialist as this is hereditary. Miranda, Anthony, and their three children hope to see him return to work and other regular activities after his three months of restrictions.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:35 a.m. Play & Pray - Lounge

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship - Sanctuary

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Sanctuary; New Life Nutrition – Room #4

7:00 p.m. No Choir; St. Pat's Youth Group – Room #9

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary (4 year olds – 2nd grade sing)

No Choir Practice January 17.

No WELCA meetings in January or February.

Mission Quilters will meet Monday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Readings for next week: Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

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