



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Name of Jesus
January 1, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

From the beginning, by virtue of our baptism, we are called Christian. We were “Christened” at the font. Bearing his name, we share the same Father and are invited to address him intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of the Father. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin, again, another year.

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

PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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 One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High,
✠ one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:

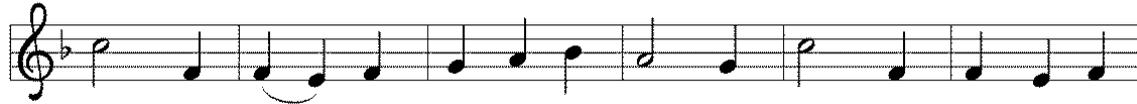
To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.

Your sins are forgiven in ✠ Jesus' name.

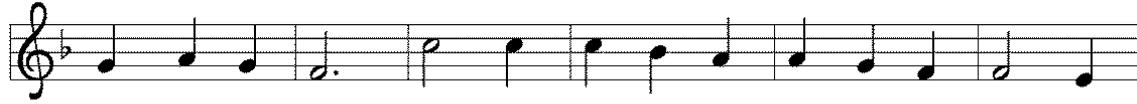
Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents. By the grace of God in ✠ Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, your sins are forgiven and you are made free. Rejoice with the angels and with one another! We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

Amen.



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Numbers 6:22-27

Pew Bible Page 137

A reading from Numbers.

God commanded Aaron to say these words, known as the Aaronic benediction, in blessing the people of Israel. We too are marked with God's name and God's blessing as we are sent from our assemblies into the world.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 8 *The Psalm is read responsively*

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

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A reading from Galatians.

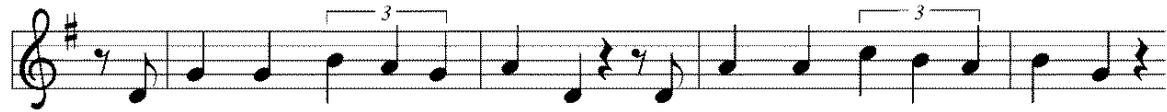
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

He Came Down

ELW 253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

GOSPEL

Luke 2:15-21

Pew Bible Page 80

The holy gospel according to. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Eight days after his birth, Jesus is circumcised according to Jewish law and given the name announced by the angel before his conception.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

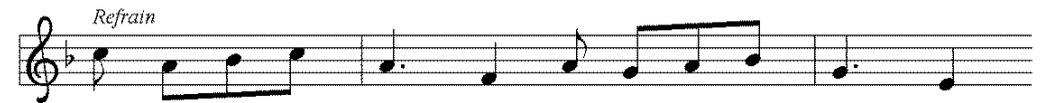
SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

That Boy-Child of Mary

ELW 293



That boy - child of Mar - y was born in a sta - ble,



a man - ger his cra - dle in Beth - le - hem.



- 1 What shall we call him, child of the man - ger?
- 2 His name is Je - sus, God ev - er with us,
- 3 How can he save us, how can he help us,
- 4 Gift of the Fa - ther, to hu - man moth - er,



What name is giv - en in Beth - le - hem?
 God giv - en for us in Beth - le - hem?
 born here a - mong us in Beth - le - hem?
 makes him our broth - er in Beth - le - hem.

5 One with the Father,
 he is our Savior,
 heaven-sent helper
 in Bethlehem.

6 Gladly we praise him,
 love and adore him,
 give ourselves to him
 in Bethlehem.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please respond at the end of each petition: in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Rejoicing in the good news of Christ’s birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

All may greet each other with a sign of peace

MEAL

OFFERING

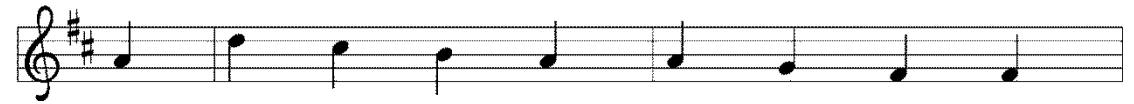
MUSICAL OFFERING



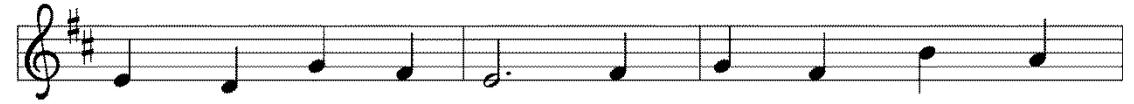
OFFERING SONG

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds (vs. 1-2)

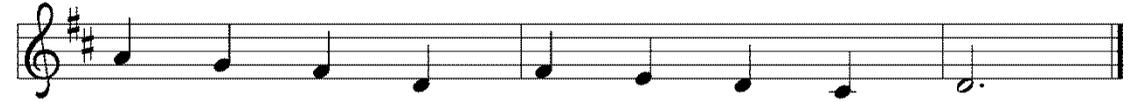
ELW 620



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
treasure, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.

5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

6 How weak the effort of my heart,
how cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

7 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God with us: You came as a baby to a manger.

You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine.

Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, at the birth of time your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

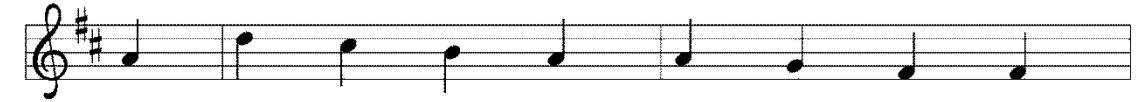
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

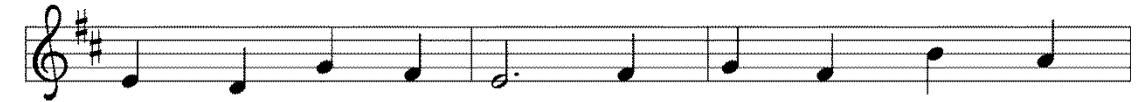
Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let every heart receive your Savior.

COMMUNION

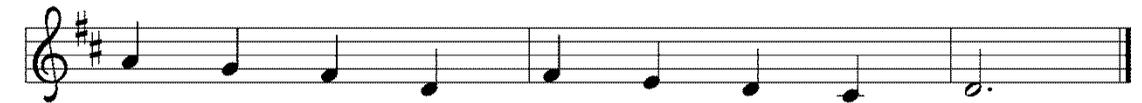
COMMUNION SONG *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* (vs. 3-7) ELW 620



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with every fleeting breath;
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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
 On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us.
 As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people.
 Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth,
 give you peace this Christmas and always.
 Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

ELW 634



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
 on this terrestrial ball
 to him all majesty ascribe
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 we at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all.

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest! **Peace to God's people on earth!**
 Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey Organist: Ruth Sheldon Ushers: Acolyte: Christopher Jamtgaard Reader: Roy Kvale Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey Videographer: Hope Levine January Altar Guild: Candy Hanna & Medara Winter	Pastor Joel Guttormson: 641.596.0535 Email: joelguttormson@gmail.com Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey: 563-581-9965 Email: melindamcmc@gmail.com Ashley Hoffman, Communications: Email: salemlinfo@gmail.com Ruth Sheldon, Organist: 641.592.0184 Salem Office: 641.592.1771 Email: salem@wctatel.net
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The radio broadcast this morning is sponsored by the Haugen Family. May Jesus Christ's healing and blessing be with you.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KLOW-FM 107.3.
 Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2017 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KLOW (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 dates. Cost for 2017 is \$83. Dates available: March 26, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 11, July 9, 16, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 10.

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.

2017 Pledges may still be returned to the office.
 2017 Offering envelopes are on tables in the elevator entry.

PRAYER

Please remember in prayer this week: The family & friends of Rhoda Brue

This Week at Salem

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

8:30 a.m. Communion Service – Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

OFFICES CLOSED

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 10:30 a.m. Staff

7:00 p.m. Altar Guild

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction 6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Library
 Rhoda Circle – LaRita Bakken

2:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle – Library

5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board – Library

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

5:30 p.m. Worship Service – Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation; Coffee Fellowship – Fell. Hall
 10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship - Chapel