



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Epiphany of Our Lord
January 6, 2019 - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Epiphany means “manifestation.” On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Some Christian traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi’s adoration of the Christ child, Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God’s grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. 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,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE 8:30 Bright and Glorious is the Sky

10:30 Here I am to Worship

ELW #301

Vol. 3

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

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

PSALM: PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

The Psalm is read responsively, beginning with the lector

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

¹¹May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

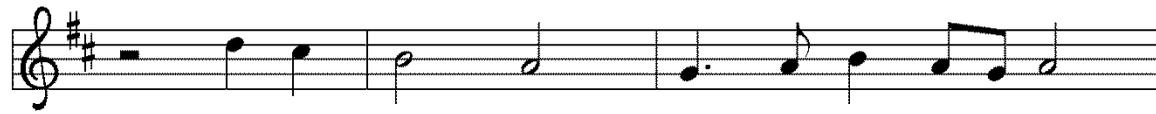
¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor,
and preserves the lives of the needy.

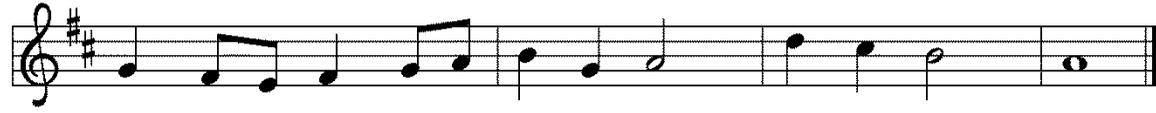
¹⁴**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:1-12

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**8:30 Alleluia**

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



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

10:30 This Little Light of Mine**ELW #677****GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12**

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’” ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

SERMON**SONG OF THE DAY 8:30 O Morning Star How Fair and Bright! ELW #308 vs. 1, 3, 5****10:30 The First Noel****Vol. 5****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

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

A brief silence.

Drawn into the light of God, we pray for the proclamation of the grace of Jesus Christ. Give us courage and boldness to go forth into the world to tell the good news of what God has done. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Drawn into the glory of creation, we pray for the earth. Sustain every living thing with abundant resources, clean water, and sustainable harvests. Help us to steward all that you have provided. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Drawn into the brightness of God’s presence, we pray for the nations of the world. Reveal your compassion and peace for the sake of all who live in the shadow of oppression, violence, and fear. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Drawn into the light of healing mercy, we pray for all who wait for healing and relief of suffering (*especially*). Give us hope in the promise of new life where pain and suffering will be no more. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Drawn into the dawn of a new day, we pray for the ongoing reconciliation between people. Make us bold to name sin in our lives and unite us in the promise of forgiveness and mercy. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Drawn into the promise of everlasting light, we pray for those who mourn and give thanks for all the saints who now rest in the brightness of God's presence (*especially*). Make us confident in our worship as we reflect the light of God with eternal praise. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERITORY	8:30	In the Bleak Midwinter	ELW #294 Stanzas 1, 3
	10:30	In the Bleak Midwinter	Vol. 7

OFFERING PRAYER

Your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

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.

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.

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

Come to the table where Christ meets you.
Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of wonder,
 in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near.
 As you have come among us now,
 send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,
 through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God the Creator who delights in you,
 Jesus the Savior who is born for you,
 and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you,
 ☩ bless you and keep you in hope and peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG 8:30 Rise, Shine, You People
10:30 Cannons

ELW #665
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson Pastor	Acolytes: (8:30) Isabelle Schoonover, Emily Severson
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	(10:30) Ella Stene, Tasha Swanson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Reader: (8:30) Ryan Knudtson
Ushers: (8:30) Delane & Darlene Behr	Communion Server: (8:30) Linda Helgeson
(10:30) John & Cathy Charlson	Altar Guild for January: Candy Hanna, Medara Winter

The radio broadcast this morning is sponsored by the Haugen Family. May the blessings of Christ be with you.

Flowers at the pulpit are in loving memory of Arnold Troe, brother of Violet Kvale. Services for Arnold were held January 2nd at Emmons Lutheran Church.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Joel Back, from his family. Services for Joel were held January 4th at Salem.

"Mosquitoes and Miracles"

Sunday, January 6th - 2:00 p.m. - Salem Sanctuary
 Story teller Virginia Thomas
See Insert for more information.

COME JOIN US @ MOUNT KATO!

ALL welcome to join us for skiing, snowboarding, or snow tubing at Mount Kato [Mankato, MN] on Sunday, Feb 24th.

Registration Deadline is Feb 1st!

Details and registration forms are posted in the narthex and on the Family Bulletin Board [outside Pastors' offices]. Invite your friends and family! Questions? Contact Jill Budach at 641.590.2329

Readings for next week: Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



Salem's Clothes Closet is open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Donations of new socks & underwear are always needed. Thank you for your help.



Monday Mornings on Lake Street

There's a pot of coffee and goodies available on Monday mornings in the Lounge at Salem from 8 – 10:00 a.m.

Stop by and visit, have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a goody, visit with friends. Bring a friend!

Call the office if you would like to provide goodies some Monday!
 Free-will donation.

BABY FOOD JARS w/LIDS NEEDED For a 2019 VBS Project

We will be making snow globes during VBS in 2019. We need baby food jars. Please save any size (maybe not the tiny jars) and bring to the narthex or the office. We will need over 100 jars. We won't be able to do this craft if we do not get enough jars, so please place them in the box in the narthex throughout the next 7 months. Thank you!

Thank you from Wayne & Milly Miller to the Salem group that brought them a delicious plate of Christmas cookies!



Senior Choir practices Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the choir room.
All are welcome to attend.

The Creature Praise Choir practices at 9:30am on Sundays in the choir room.
Youth in grades 3-7 are welcome to attend.
Please contact Kathy Nelson with any questions.

Is church still on? It is the time of year where we need to pay attention to the weather! If we have an emergency schedule change, we will notify you through the following media: **KIOW Radio 107.3 FM (Forest City), KIMT TV Channel 3, KAALTV Channel 6 and www.salemlakemills.com - Email**— go to “Salem News” **Sign Up for News and More** on the right hand side of the website and select “subscribe to email updates”.

Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2019 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The 8:30 a.m. worship service is heard on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2. Cost for 2019 is \$83. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE - 641.592.1771.

2019 BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

March 24, 31, April 21, 28, May 5, 12

June 9, 16, 30, July 21, 28, Aug. 18

Sept. 1, 15, Oct. 13, 20, 27, Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 1, 22, 29

Church Dashboard for Contributions 01/03/2019

LAST SUNDAY, 12/30/18: \$4,860

Year-to-date as of 01/03/19: \$0 - Last year as of 01/03/18: \$0

DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: -\$1,162

Attendance: Those worshipping December 29/30: 103

Ongoing Financial Needs: Remember whether you are at worship or on vacation, Salem still needs to keep working. **We need \$6,500-\$7,000 per week** to do the Lord’s work.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

9:35 a.m. Praise Creature Choir— Choir Room; Faith Formation – Chapel;
Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. “Mosquitoes and Miracles” – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Youth Board Meeting - Library

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Coffee - Lounge

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Room #7

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge; LMAMA – Food Shelf

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Board – Library

6:30 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Salem Youth Group – Room #4; St. Patrick’s Youth Group – Room #9

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

11:00 a.m. Pastoral Forums - Lounge

3:15 p.m. Junior Girl Scouts – Room #2

5:30 p.m. Pastoral Forum - Lounge

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

5:30 p.m. Casual Worship Service - Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir— Choir Room; Faith Formation – Chapel;
Coffee Fellowship/Pastoral Forum – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

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