



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

*Large print bulletins available from the ushers

PRELUDE

Salute the Happy Morn

Based on *Yorkshire*

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

O Love, How Deep

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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.



INTRODUCTION

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

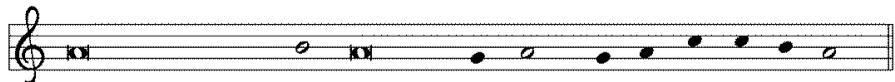
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



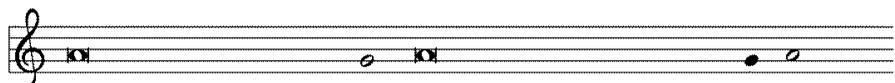
Lord, have mer - cy.



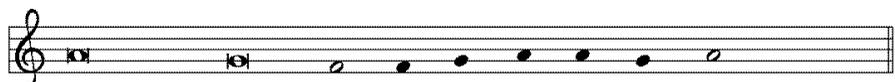
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



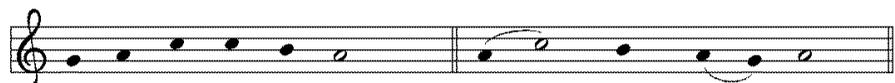
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



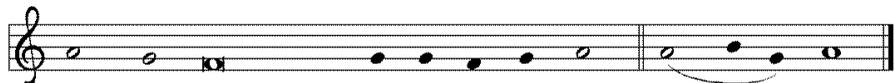
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

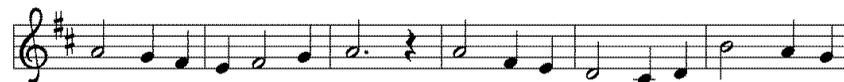
Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



All
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



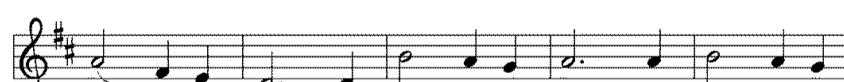
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



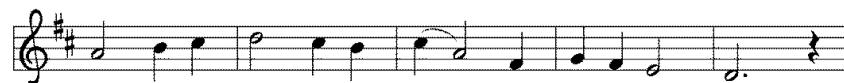
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD**FIRST READING Genesis 1:1-5**

A reading from Genesis.

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 29 *Today's Psalm will be spoken responsively.*

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING**Acts 19:1-7**

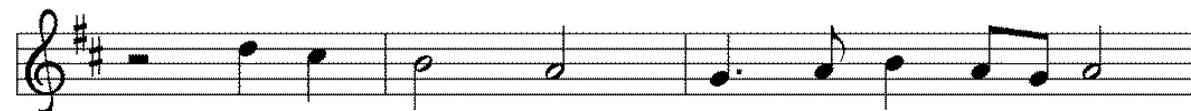
A reading from Acts.

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

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 Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Baptized and Set Free

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MEAL

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



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: TIME AFTER EPIPHANY

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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 preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance 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

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

We who are many are one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.
Come. Be filled with light and life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.
Go with us now—tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.
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 *Go My Children, With My Blessing*

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	Acolytes: Megan Knudtson, Kelsey Kirschbaum
Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Ushers:
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Communion Servers: Larry & Helen Rice
Reader: Ryan Knudtson	Altar Guild for January: Candy Hanna, Medara Winter

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Chris Nyguard and his birthday, January 10th, from Wayne & Judy.

Salem has a wheel chair available for use. It is kept in the narthex closet near the coat rack.

Salem's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 a.m. There will be one service at 9:30 a.m. Potluck dinner held in the fellowship hall. The Annual Meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m., in the fellowship hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

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.

Discernment Retreat for all Salem members

Saturday, January 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration and coffee starts at 8:30

This is a powerful Bible Study. Many churches have found this opportunity as they listen to God and each other in making plans for the future. This is a unique opportunity you don't want to miss!



INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT

The church isn't open just on Sundays. There's something going on every day of the week, and we want to provide convenient giving options that fit into all your church activities.

Electronic giving options like GIVE+ TEXT offer you the opportunity to give simply and securely from anywhere in our community. Next time you are in the fellowship hall for an event, in the sanctuary for Sunday service or in a meeting room for Bible study, try texting your payment of gift to our secure account at **1.641.832.5367**.

It takes just minutes to sign up and support the church. So, we hope you'll try this easy, modern way to give.

Stop by the church office for help setting it up on your cell phone.

Thank you for being a vital part of our church community.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:30 a.m. Traditional 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 Service - Sanctuary

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
3:15 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts – Room #4
5:30 p.m. Council - Library

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge;
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:15 p.m. Brownies – Room #4

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

11:00 – 4:00 p.m. Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Fell Hall.; NLN – Room #4
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room;
St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

8:30 a.m. Retreat Registration/Coffee–Fell. Hall
9:00 a.m. Discernment Retreat – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Casual Service – Chapel

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

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

Readings for next week: 1 Samuel 3:1-20, Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1 Cor. 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

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