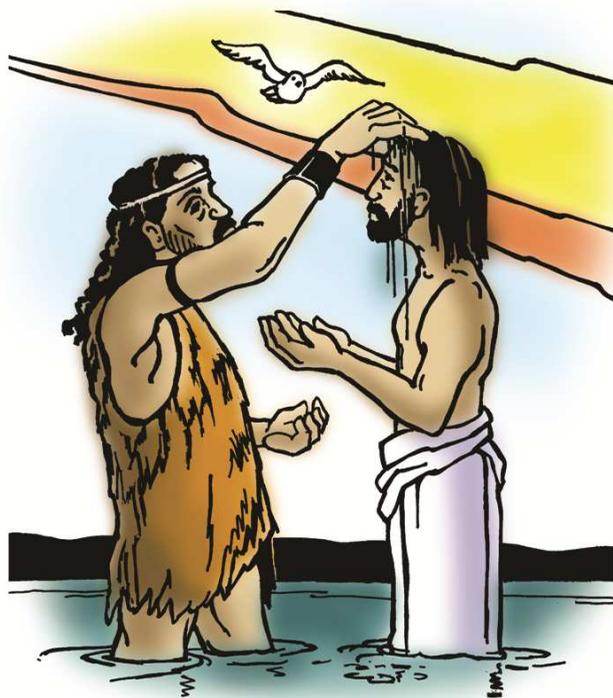




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Baptism of Our Lord
January 8, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

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

PRELUDE *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

arr. by Hal Hopson

BELLS

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.

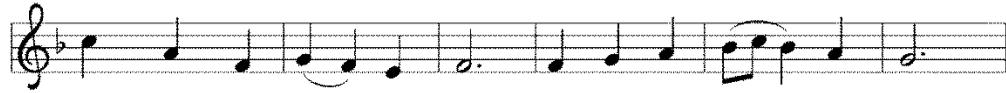
Amen.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

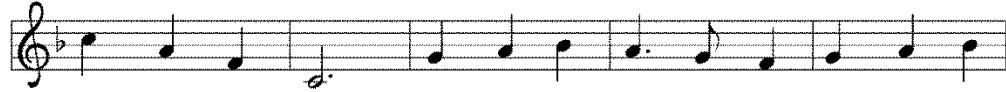
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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

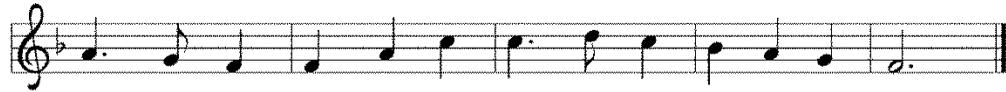
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
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.**



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

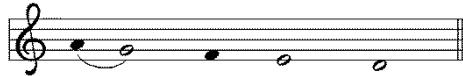
GREETING

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.**

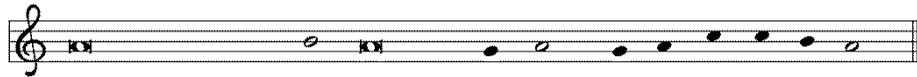
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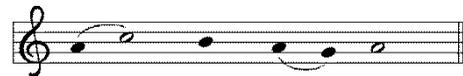
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



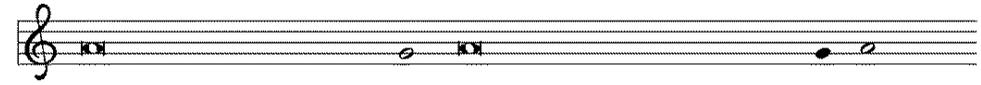
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



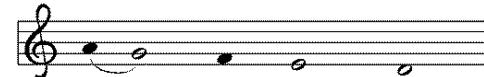
Lord, have mer - cy.



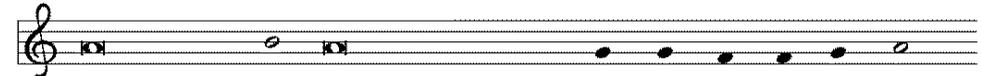
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



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

All



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

Let us pray.
 O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through 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 **Isaiah 42:1-9** **Bible Page 743**

A reading from Isaiah 42:1-9
God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM **Psalm 29** **The Psalm is read 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 10:34-43** **Bible Page 134**

A reading from Acts.
Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 **Matthew 3:13-17** **Bible Page 2**

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

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

BAPTIZED AND SET FREE

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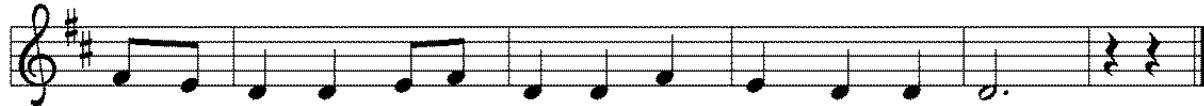
1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

Please respond at the end of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING



OFFERING SONG**SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS**

ELW 396 St. 1

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.**

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 H Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG**WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED**

ELW 449

- 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
- 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
- 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
- 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers:
Acolytes: Morgan Brainerd
Reader: Jan Belica
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey
Videographer: Hope Levine
January Altar Guild: Candy Hanna & Medara Winter

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Selmer & Ina Honsey and John & Thea Larson, from Harris & LeAnn Honsey.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2017 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 dates. Cost for 2017 is \$83. Dates available: March 26, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 11, July 9, 16, Aug. 13, 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.

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

If any Salem members are interested in attending the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, June 9-11 at Luther College in Decorah, please contact the office or Brad Evenson ASAP. We need 3 delegates to represent Salem. Names should be on the ballot for the Annual Meeting.

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive will be held at Salem Tuesday, January 10 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. To make an appointment contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800.287.4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.

The Agenda for Salem's Annual Meeting is posted.

Salem's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m. Worship followed by brunch at 9:30 a.m. No Faith Formation or 10:30 service.

PRAYER
changes things

Please remember in prayer this week: The family & friends of Bruce Gregor
The family & friends of James H. Petersburg (brother of Muriel Rognes)

This Week at Salem

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship - Chapel

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
5:30 p.m. Council – Library

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Life Serve Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4
7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #10

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:30 p.m. Communion Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship - Chapel

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 49:1-7, Psalm 40:1-11, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, John 1:29-42

Those worshipping January 1: 68 (No 10:30 Service) Giving, Dec. 12-Jan. 1: \$25,608.85

Stephen Ministry is a ministry of Christians walking alongside other brothers and sisters in Christ during a difficult time of their life, whether that be a loss of a job, loss of health, a divorce or the death of a loved one. Stephen Ministers have gifts of caring for others and Stephen Ministry refines and strengthens these gifts with training and giving them tools to care for their Care Receivers. A new training session will begin soon. We could use at least one more person for the class. If you have the gift of caring for people and are looking for a way to use your gifts, please call Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

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