

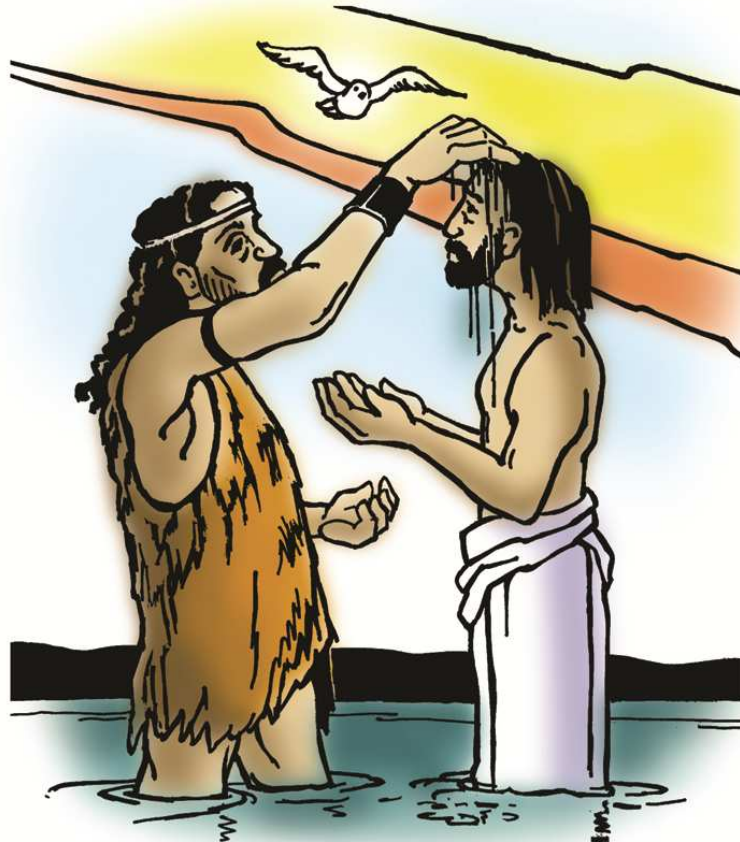


**Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450**

Welcome to the House of the Lord

**Baptism of Our Lord
First Sunday after Epiphany**

January 11, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.



Salem's Mission and Vision

We are God forgiven and mission driven.

As God's people...we desire to be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a- forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

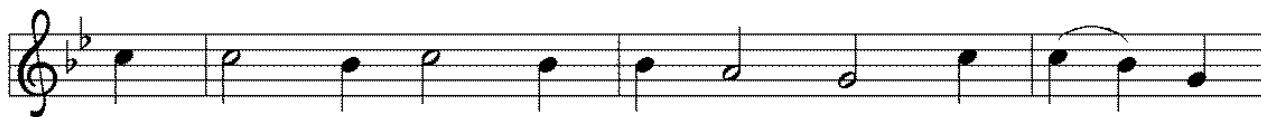
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM OF AVALEIGH KRISTINE WACEK

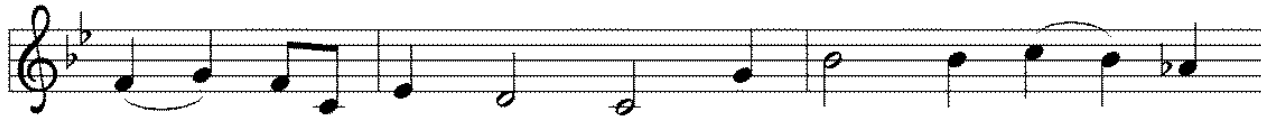
GATHERING SONG

Oh, Love, How Deep

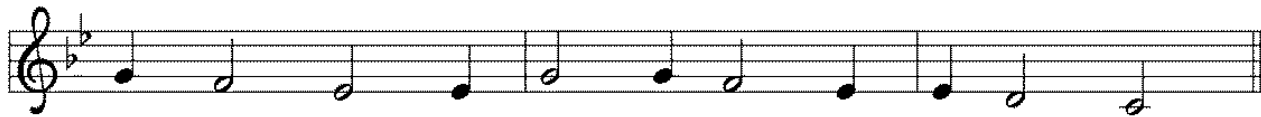
ELW #322 verses 1-4



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion
 dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 he bore the shameful cross and death;
 for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
 for love so deep, so high, so broad:
 the Trinity whom we adore
 forever and forevermore.

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 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

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people

upon it and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

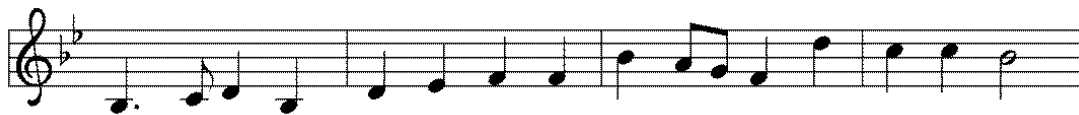
³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of

the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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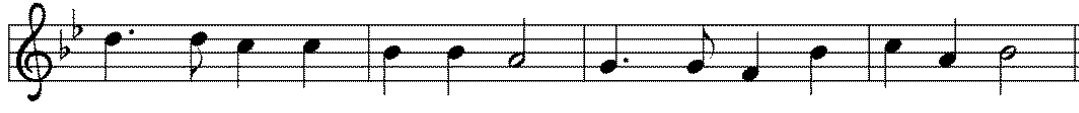
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were

opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

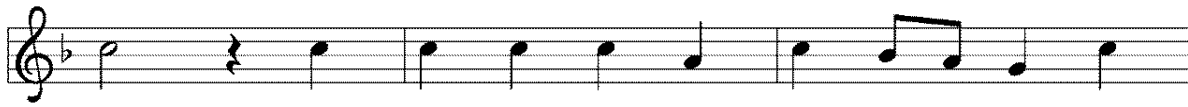
HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW #304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to the petitions: **hear our prayer.**

Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice.

A brief silence.

Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism (*especially for [name/s] baptized among us today*). Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation: the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds. Bring restoration to your earth, and free us from overuse and abuse of water, air, and land. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos, though we long for greater justice in our world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism and renew the faith of sponsors, mentors, parents, grandparents, friends, and all who guide the newly baptized in this life of joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered 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

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God,
and the source of our life together,
keep you united in mind and purpose.

And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Christmas Litany — written by Jennifer Phillips, the Vicar of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Kingston, Rhode Island.

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	Acolyte: Keaton Wempen Altar Guild for January: Joan Kloster, Janet Swenson
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The radio broadcast Sunday morning is given in loving memory of Christopher Nyguard, whose birthday was January 10th, from his family, Wayne, Judy and Monty Nyguard.

At the service tonight we welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Avaleigh Kristine Wacek.

Avaleigh is the daughter of Allissa Wacek. Her godparents are Natalie Dann, Jasmine Schumacher, Tristan Wacek and Jeffrey Wacek.

Salem's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26th at 9:30 a.m.

The 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda and Ballot have been posted.

There will be one service at 8:30 a.m. and no Faith Formation January 26th.

Board/Council Annual Reports are due now.

Circles, please update your members and meeting day/time.

Upcoming Faith Formation Events...

JANUARY

12 Play and Pray 9:35 a.m.

FEBRUARY

9 Pray and Play 9:35 a.m.

4 year old-2nd grade sing at 10:30 service

Family BINGO Event 11:30 a.m.

APRIL

5 Play and Pray 9:35 a.m.

5th Grade First Communion Class

4 year old-2nd grade sing at 10:30

9 Maundy Thursday – 5th Grade 1st

Communion

12 EASTER – Egg Hung at 9:45 a.m.

MARCH

- 1 Ski Trip Mt Kato
- 8 Play & Pray 9:35 a.m.
5th Grade First Communion Class Begins
4 year old-2nd grade sing at 10:30 service
- 15 5th Grade First Communion Class
- 22 5th Grade First Communion Class
- 29 5th Grade First Communion Class

MAY

- 3 Confirmation Sunday
- 10 Last Day of Faith Formation
Play & Pray 9:35 a.m.
4 year old-2nd grade sing at 10:30
- 17 Graduation Sunday

Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2020 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is heard on KLOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2. Cost for 2020 is \$83. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE - 641.592.1771.

2020 BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

March 22, 29, April 26, May 3, 10, 24, June 14, 21, July 12, 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9, 30, Sept. 6, 20,
Oct. 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27

Church Dashboard for Contributions 01/08/2020

LAST SUNDAY, 01/05/20: \$4,208

Year-to-date as of 01/08/20: \$4,028

Last year as of 01/08/19: \$4,571

DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: -\$543

Attendance: Those worshipping January 11/12: 134

Salem's Clothes Closet is open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Donations of new socks & underwear are always needed.

Please consider donating any new or gently used children's coats to the Clothes Closet.

Hats and mittens are also needed to keep our youngsters warm.

These items can be brought to the church office, or contact Rita Anderson.

'Thank You' from the Good Samaritan Committee.

2020 Senior High Youth Summer Trip to Outlaw Ranch – July 18-25th

This small-group adventure experience includes full-day or part-day adventures such as hiking or overnight backpacking, biking on the Mickelson Trail, lake and creek kayaking, caving, service projects, and the low ropes challenge course and trail ride. The week includes daily worship, Bible study, great food and awesome counselors.

**Registration & \$100 Deposit – January 19th. Overall cost approximately \$1000
Planning Meeting Wednesday, January 22nd at 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.**

Annual Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 26, 2020

9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

The Salem Council has approved the following agenda for the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be no Faith Formation or 10:30 service, please join us for services on Saturday, January 25 at 5:30 pm or Sunday January 26 at 8:30 am.

- I. Devotions
- II. Approval of the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes Cindy Haugsdal, Secretary
- III. Reports
 - 1. Pastor's Reports Pastors Guttormson & McCluskey
 - 2. President's Report Brad Evenson, President
 - 3. Treasurer's Report Mike Swenson, Treasurer
 - a. Approval of the 2019 Financial Report
 - b. Enduring Gift Fund Report
 - c. Financial Secretary Report
- IV. Business Items
 - 1. Approval to secure a loan for Heating/AC project balance

ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

2020 BALLOT

***New Nominees are Bold**

Current Term in Gray

Subject to Change

PRESIDENT:

***Stephanie Steffens**

VICE PRESIDENT:

***Shannon Bruhns**

RECORDING SECRETARY

***Cynthia Haugsdal**

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

***Sondra Nelson**

TREASURER

Mike Swenson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Three needed, 2 yr. term)

Craig Haugsdal

***Dan Rice**

***Chelsea Roder**

ENDURING GIFTS COMMITTEE (2-3 year terms)

Director

David Anderson

Kristi Grothe

***Bill Tweeten**

Wayne VanVeldhuizen

Connie VanVeldhuizen

**BOARD OF YOUTH
(At least 7 members)**

CO-DIRECTOR

***Marci Adeogun**

Jennifer Sauer

BOARD MEMBERS

***Megan Ritter**

Jill Budach

***Jill Flugum**

Kari Osheim

Crystal Sanden

***Abby Holtan**

Youth Representatives

***Chris Jamtgaard** ***Sam Hagenson**

Madison Holtan Olivia Schoonover

Summer Sterrenberg

**BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP/LIFE & GROWTH
(At least 7 members)**

DIRECTOR

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BOARD MEMBERS

Sue Langerud

***Cory Christian**

***Gail Hoffman Porter**

***Lucy Carlson**

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**BOARD OF PROPERTY & MANAGEMENT
(At least 5 members)**

DIRECTOR

***Scott Hagenson**

BOARD MEMBERS

Allen Sterrenberg

Dan Kirschbaum

Ron Langfald

Delaine Behr

***Joel Koch**

BOARD OF WORSHIP & MUSIC (At least 5 members)

DIRECTOR

***Becky Helgeson**

Shannon Bruhns

BOARD MEMBERS

Nancy Guttormson

***Heather Mannes**

Janet Swenson

SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation, Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

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

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

7:00 p.m. Youth Board - Library

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Room #7
2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
5:30 p.m. Council - Library

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group – Lounge; LMAMA – Food Shelf
1:00 p.m. Staff – Fellowship Hall
3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

5:00 p.m. Confirmation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

NO WELCA THIS MONTH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Service – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

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