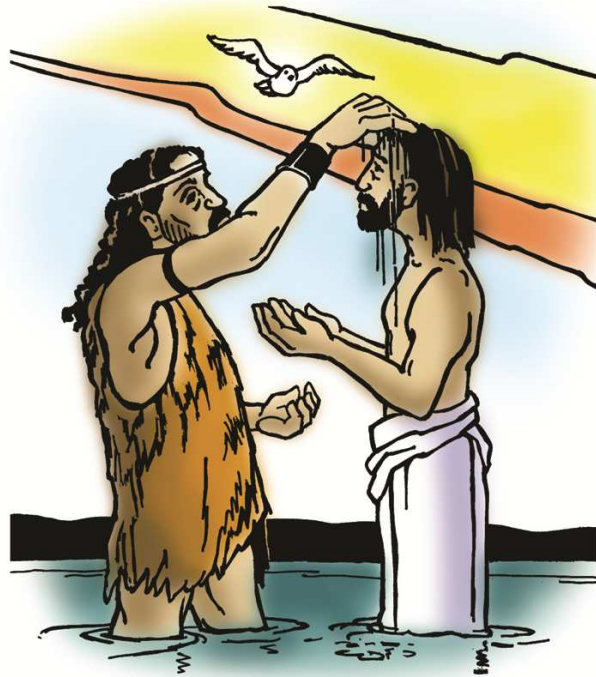




**Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450**

Welcome to the House of the Lord

**Baptism of Our Lord
First Sunday after Epiphany
January 12, 2020 - 8:30 a.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

Concerto No. 2 in G Major

JS Bach

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.**

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.

PSALMODY**Psalm 29**

The psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the lector

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**

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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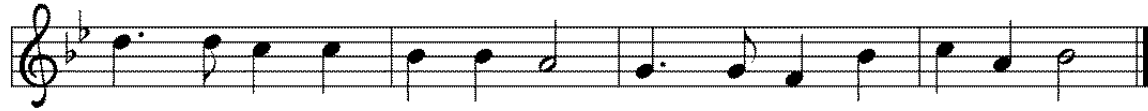
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

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.

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

MUSICAL 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.

SENDING HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW #310

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Ushers: Delane & Darlene Behr

Acolytes: Joa Gilbertson, Becca Holtan

Reader: Wayne VanVeldhuizen

Altar Guild for January: Joan Kloster, Janet Swenson

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Christopher Nyguard, whose birthday was January 10th, from his family, Wayne, Judy and Monty Nyguard.

At the Saturday service last night we welcomed 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.

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

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.

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

2. Adoption of the 2020 Budget

3. Nominations for Council and Boards

4. Election of Council and Boards

5. Continuing Resolutions for 2020: Constitution and By-laws, Staffing and member list.

6. Any other new business

7. Installation of Council and Boards

V. Benediction

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
*Chalsea 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
*
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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