



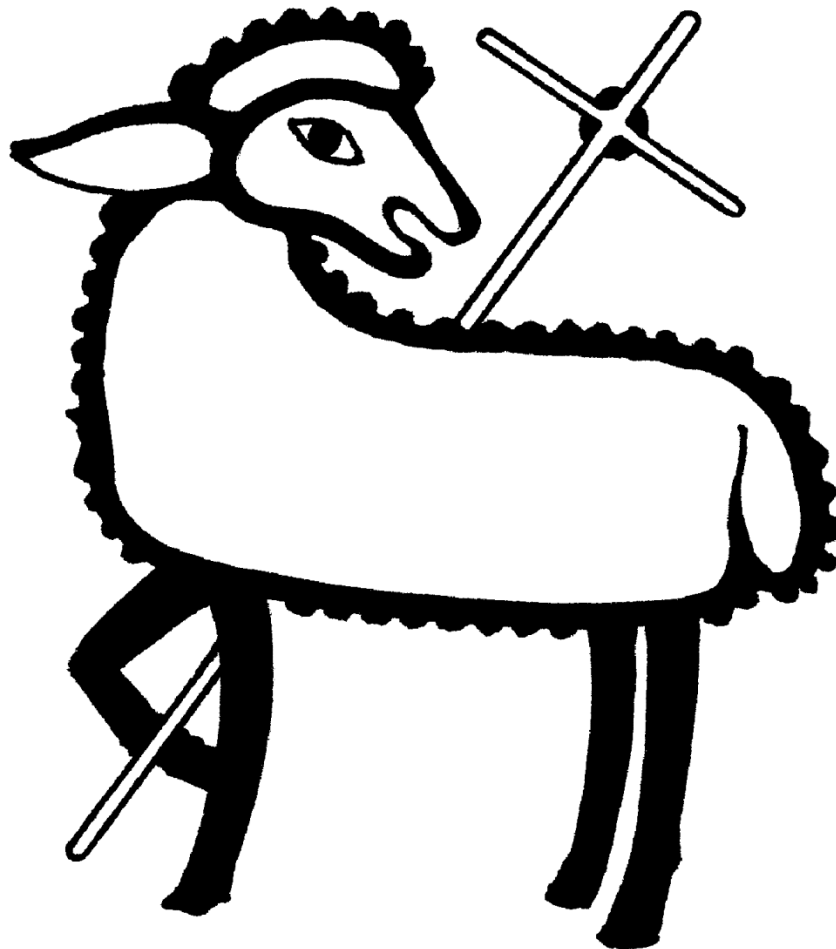
Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 18, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.

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## 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

Today's gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

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### GATHERING

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#### PRELUDE

#### 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,  
the eternal voice from heaven,  
the anointed and beloved one,  
the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,  
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God who searches us and knows us,  
**you have shown us what is good,  
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.  
We have not been just in our dealings with others.  
We have chosen revenge over mercy.  
We have promoted ourselves  
instead of walking humbly with you.  
With what shall we come before you?  
Forgive us our sin,**

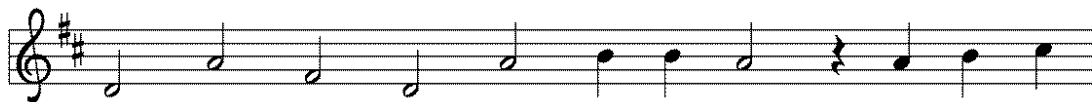
**and show us your salvation  
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,  
you have not received the spirit of the world,  
but the Spirit that is from God,  
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.  
Receive the promise of baptism:  
You are God's child; ✠ your sins are forgiven.  
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

***O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!***

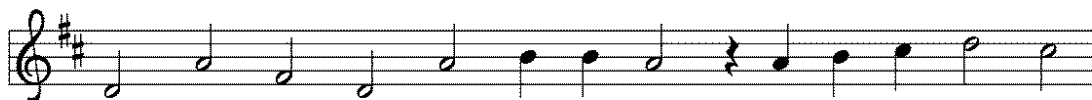
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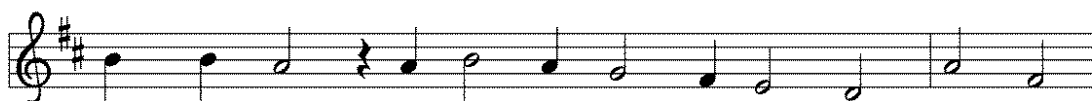
1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a glow with grace and mer - cy!  
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
and a hope; this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le - lu - ya!

## **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**

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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## **WORD**

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### **FIRST READING**

### **Isaiah 49:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that

my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.", 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.**

### **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

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”<sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’<sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”<sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.”<sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>34</sup> And I

myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!”<sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?”<sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed).<sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

**ELW #314**

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun-tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

**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.*

Faithful God, thank you for the testimony of disciples throughout the generations and for opportunities to proclaim your mercy. Reveal your truth and glory to all who ponder your word of life. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, we marvel at the abundance of the world you have made. Give us confidence in our calling to be stewards of the earth so that our lives are in fellowship with all creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we are thankful for all who have marched for justice and advocated for peace. Entrust our elected leaders (*especially*) with strength, wisdom, and a discerning spirit, so that both our words and our actions serve you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, thank you for your constant presence as you walk with your children through challenges of joblessness, homelessness, grief, and sickness. Gather your community around all who need your healing power, that they find strength in you (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of persistence, we glory in the gifts of our church leaders. Bless and strengthen our council members, staff, pastors, worship leaders, and all those who offer their gifts to this community, that our work together would serve your mission. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Living God, we give thanks for the whole communion of saints, each called in their own time to serve you (*especially Henry, Bishop of Uppsala*). Inspire our lives with their testimony. 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.**

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## MEAL

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## OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

God of wonder, you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made.

Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy; we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. **Amen.**

### **GREAT 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**

**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**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table of mercy and joy.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal,  
nourishing us with the gift of salvation.  
Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness  
and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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### **SENDING**

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### **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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**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson

**Pianist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Acolyte:** Cody Cox

**Altar Guild for January:** Joan Kloster, Janet Swenson

**The radio broadcast Sunday morning is given in loving memory of Fran Christiansen's birthday, January 24th, from Roger.**

**Salem's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## Donations Requested!

If you are willing to donate a pan of bars for the Family BINGO day, please sign up in the Narthex or by the Chapel. Hope you can join us for some lunch and BINGO fun on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>!

THANK YOU!!!

## Upcoming Faith Formation Events...

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class
- 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 KIOW (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 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, 22, Dec. 6, 13, 27

**Church Dashboard for Contributions 01/14/2020**  
**LAST SUNDAY, 01/12/20: \$4,306**  
**Year-to-date as of 01/14/20: \$9269**  
**Last year as of 01/14/19: \$8310**  
**DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: \$959**  
**Attendance: Those worshipping January 11/12: 163**

**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.**

**Noisy Offering** collection to support the **Good Samaritan ministry** at Salem will be received February 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Thank you for continuing to give helping those in need.

**2020 Senior High Youth Summer Trip to Outlaw Ranch – July 18-25<sup>th</sup>**

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.**



**Understanding Grief & Loss Groups**  
**Sponsored by MercyOne North Iowa Hospice**

\*6-week program for adults grieving a death

\*FREE \*Space is limited \*Registration required prior to 1st session

**Winter 2020 schedule:**

7 sessions on Sunday afternoons

January 26 – March 1, 2020

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, 232 2nd Street SE - Mason City

Call 641-428-6208 or 800-297-4719 to pre-register

**MercyOne North Iowa Hospice....Providing care since 1982**

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20**

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

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

3:15 p. m. Cadette/Senior Scouts – Room #2

6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21**

1:00 p.m. Staff

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22**

2:15 p.m. Junior Scouts – Room #2

5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall

8:00 p.m. 2020 Senior High Youth Trip Meeting – Fellowship Hall

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

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

9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall; No Faith Formation

10:30 a.m. No Worship

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