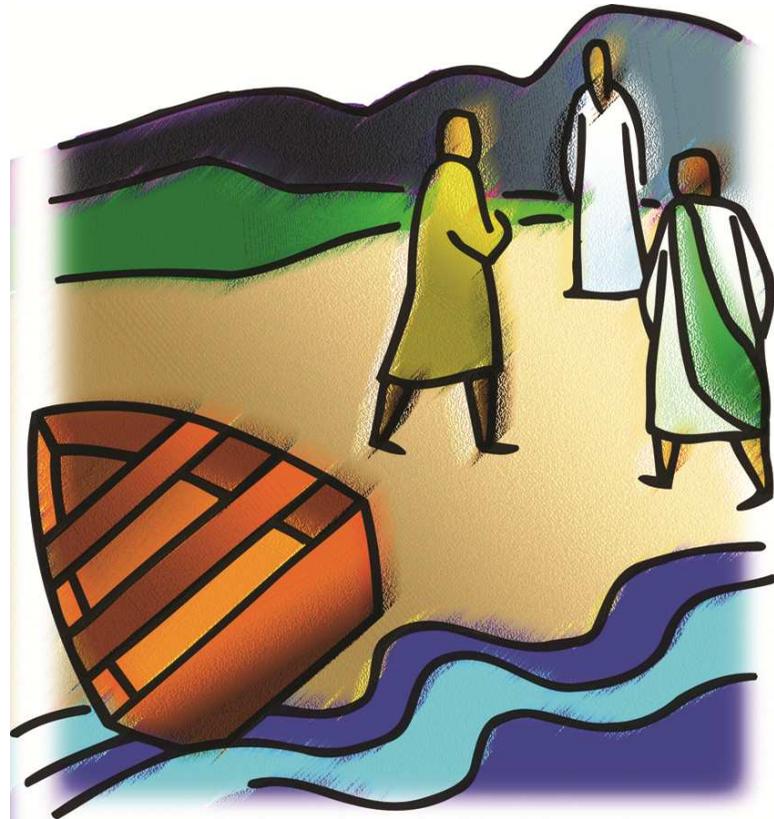




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Andantino

F. Mendelssohn

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.

GATHERING HYMN

O Zion, Haste

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GREETING

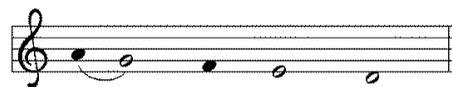
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

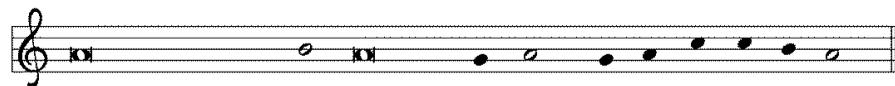
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



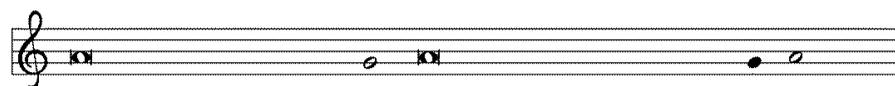
Lord, have mer - cy.



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,



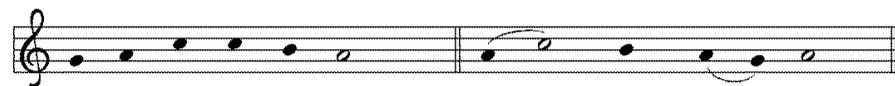
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

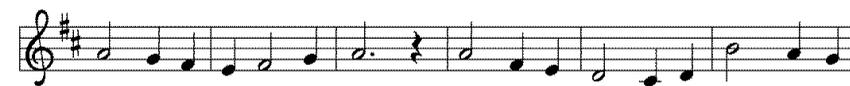
Refrain
Assisting minister



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



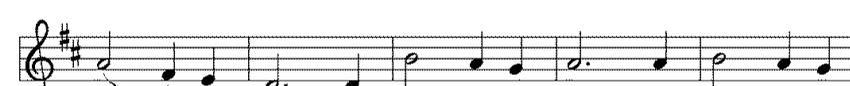
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD**FIRST READING** **Jonah 3:1-5, 10****A reading from Jonah**

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

PSALM: Psalm 62:5-12 *The Psalm is read responsive beginning with the reader.*

⁵For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor; God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,**

pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;**

though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

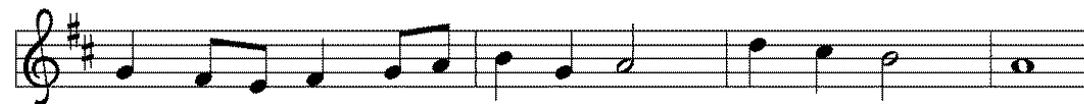
A reading from Corinthians.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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 1:14-20**

The holy gospel according St Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” ¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY**

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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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.

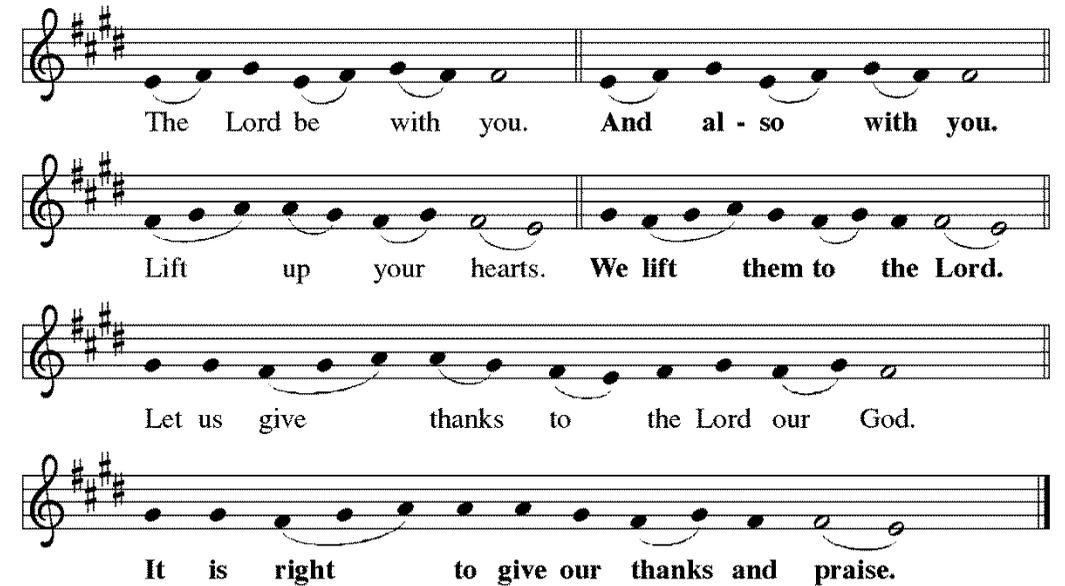
OFFERING PRAYER

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


The Lord be with you. And al-so 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.

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 *Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake*

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastors Joel Guttormson	Communion Servers: Larry & Helen Rice
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Altar Guild for January:
Acolytes: Kelsey Kirschbaum, Megan Knudtson	Candy Hanna & Medara Winter
Reader: Tami Alphs	

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

Salem’s Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 a.m.
Change of plans for the meal: Pulled pork sandwiches will be provided. Everyone is asked to please bring a side dish or dessert. The Annual Meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m., in the fellowship hall. All members are encouraged to attend. **There will be one service at 9:30 a.m. and no Faith Formation.**
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:
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, 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.

Please keep in prayer the family & friends of Rev. Sara Beth Akre and family. Pastor Akre died January 11th at her home in Waterloo. A memorial service was held January 19 at Zion Lutheran Church, Dysart IA. Pastor Akre served as Associate Pastor at Salem from 1995-2001.



Anthony & Miranda Nelson Family Benefit
Saturday, February 3 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
At the Emmons American Legion Post 317
121 Main St., Emmons MN

There will be a silent auction and free will donation dinner from 5:00pm-8:00pm with a gun raffle at 7:30pm. Monte Gulick will entertain everyone with live music. All proceeds will go to the Nelson family for medical expenses. Contact Andy Stene, Erich Stene, Kendra Stene, or Anna Tschida for information about making a donation.

Please bring your family and friends and join us for FAMILY FUN DAY!

On Sunday, February 18th, the youth board will be hosting family fun day for people of all ages. Join us at 11:30am for walking tacos, bars, and lemonade in the fellowship hall. After LUNCH, there will be several board GAMES and activities for kids and adults to participate in. Free will donation will go toward expenses for the high school youth attending the ELCA YOUTH GATHERING in Houston, Texas this summer! If you would be able to donate a pan of bars, please contact Jennifer Sauer at [641.903.1847](tel:641.903.1847) or sign up on the Faith Formation Bulletin Board across from the lounge. Hope you can join in on the FUN!



INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT

Have you made a donation through Give+ Text? You can make weekly offerings, respond to special appeals or set up a recurring donation by sending a text to 1.641.832.5367.

With **GIVE+ TEXT**, you can conveniently give to the church even when you're away, or don't have cash or checks with you. It's simple and secure.

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 office for help setting it up on your cell phone.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Those worshipping January 6/7: 144 Giving: \$5736.59
 Those worshipping January 13/14: 156 Giving: \$5311.75

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion 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 Communion Worship – Sanctuary (4 year olds – 2nd grade sing)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 3:15 p.m. Brownies – Room #4
 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers - Lounge

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Sanctuary; New Life Nutrition – Room #4
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room; St. Pat's Youth Room – Room #9

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

5:30 p.m. Casual Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

9:30 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting & Lunch – Fellowship Hall

Mission Quilters will meet Monday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m.

Readings for next week: Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

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