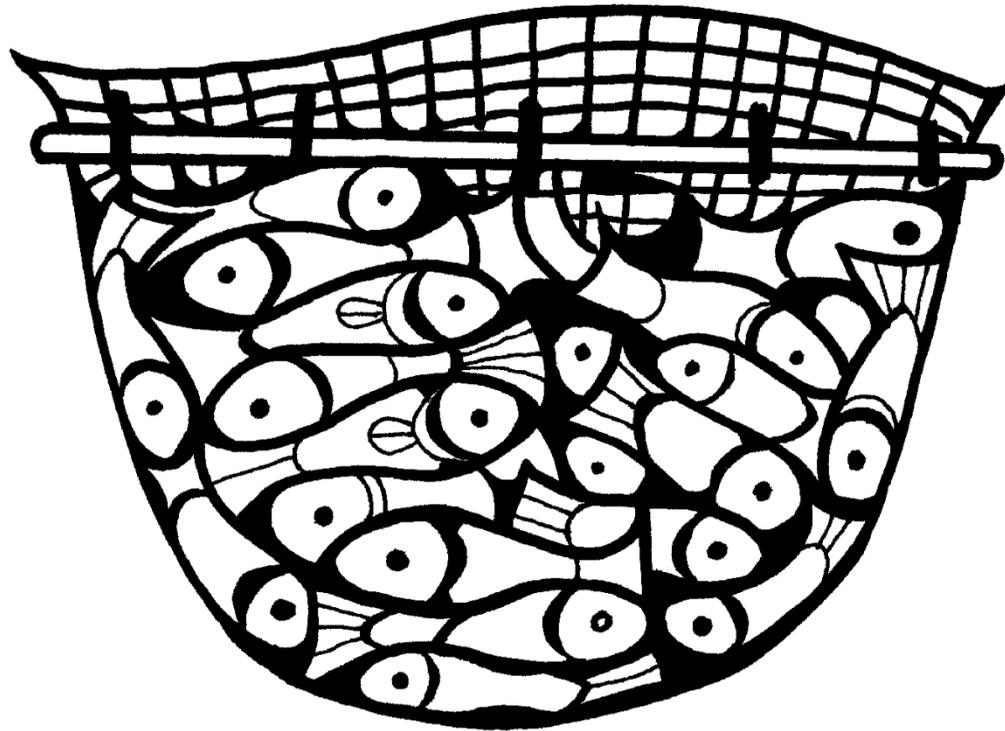




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

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

PRELUDE *Andante Cantabile*

Joseph Hayden (1732-1809)

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With our feet still wet from the waters of our baptism, we have sinned yet again. Ever dependent on the grace of God, let us affirm our brokenness and trust God’s goodness to carry us through to a new day, with a new name, and a new song.

God of our baptismal waters,

You sent the Baptist to point to your Son.

But too often, we abandon his message and point only to ourselves.

We point to our worship preferences rather than the God we worship.

We point to our status rather than the grace that makes us all equal.

We point to our values rather than the One who has always valued everyone.

We point to our traditions rather than to the One who calls us to let go.

We point to our past rather than to the One who calls us into the future.

Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in all the wrong directions.

(A time for silent confession can be made)

God of our baptismal hope,

Forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction.

Forgive us when we are too patient with our misdirection.

**Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise
sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.**

Through the power of your Spirit,

give us the courage to speak what we have seen

and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world.

In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God called each of us before we were even born.

It is God who named us and it is God who claims us.

It is in the light of God’s love for us that we are forgiven. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27)

The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Why should we be afraid?

The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

What have we to fear?

Let us shout with joy to God!

Let us sing and make music before our God.

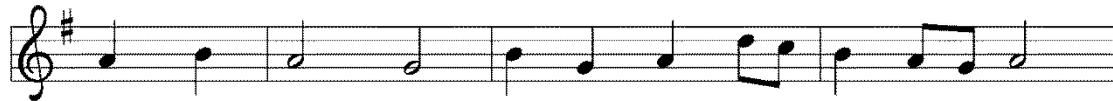
GATHERING SONG

Dearest Jesus, At Your Word

ELW 520



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

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The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced "gloom" and "darkness" because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Bible Page 180

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ who was crucified for us. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

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GOSPEL SONG

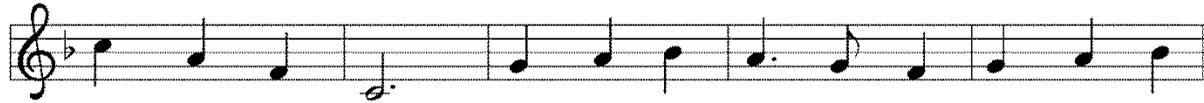
God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW 673

Verse one will be sung before the reading of the gospel;
verse two will be sung after the reading of the gospel.



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.

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Bible Page 4

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

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

SERMON

SERMON SONG

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

ELW 187



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
love for the rest of the wea - ry - a love that's
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
ask - ing for me to fol - low.
fish - nets and will for work - ing.
will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Friend, you have come to call me.



Refrain / Estribillo
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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.

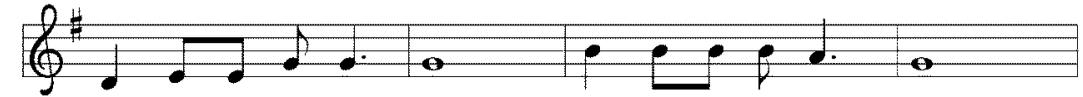
PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

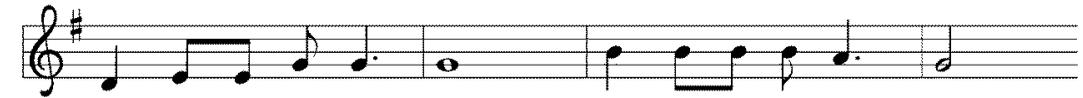
This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

Jesus, the light of the world, calls us to follow. Go and tell the news of God’s love.
Cast the nets of grace wide, that all may see the glory of God. Go forth and shine with God’s light!
May God—Source, Word, and Spirit—bless you with the radiance of love. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW 661



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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: Delane & Darlene Behr

Acolytes: Tyler Christian & Morgan Christian

Reader: Harris Honsey

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

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January Altar Guild: Candy Hanna & Medara Winter

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

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.

Salem’s Annual Meeting will be held today 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.

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.

NO Faith Formation Sunday, January 22nd due to annual meeting.

3 Year Olds thru 2nd grade will be singing on Feb 5th at 10:30am service in chapel

3rd grade thru 5th grade will be singing on Feb 19th at 10:30am service in chapel

We will be using the Whirl Curriculum for the remainder of the year. After gathering time at 9:45am, we will break into 2 age groups for activities & stories until 10:30am. At 10:30am, we encourage you to join your children in the chapel for Faith Formation Service.

STEPHEN MINISTRY – is a caring ministry by lay people for their brothers and sisters in Christ. We are about to start a new training session of forty plus hours to help sharpen their gifts and talents of caring for people, learning to walk alongside those who are hurting, bringing Jesus' healing presence into the relationship. Please keep these new trainees in your prayers as they prepare to be God's ministers in your midst. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

Alzheimer's: Get The Facts Educational Series

A series of meetings are designed to inform individuals how to identify Alzheimer's, strategies for living with Alzheimer's and planning for the future. The series will be presented in three evening meetings beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room in the Lake Mills Care Center. Brandi Folkerts, Lake Mills Care Center (LMCC) Director of Nursing and Chris Johnson, LMCC Social Worker will be providing information and answering questions each evening. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The series of classes are free and individuals may attend as many meetings as they wish.

The dates and the information for each meeting are listed below.

February 21 Living Each Day - Special Guest Speaker - Lois Johnson

March 21 Preparing for the Future - Special guest speaker Amanda Green, LMCC Administrator

This Week at Salem

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Stewardship Lunch – Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. Good Samaritan – Lounge

6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

5:30 p.m. Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship - Chapel

Readings for next Sunday: Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

Those worshipping January 14/15: 164 Giving January 1-8: \$7633.60



*Save the Date for a Chipped Inscriptions Class
at Salem Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m.
Details and examples will follow!*

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