



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 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**

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.

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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.**

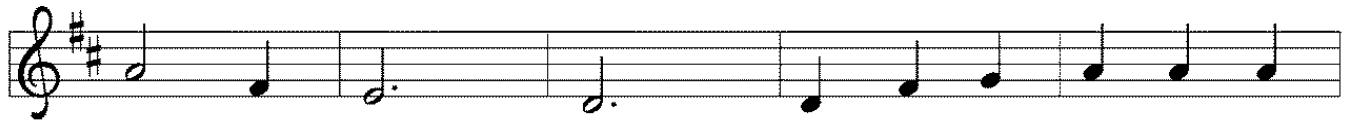
**GATHERING SONG**

***I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light***

**ELW #815**



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

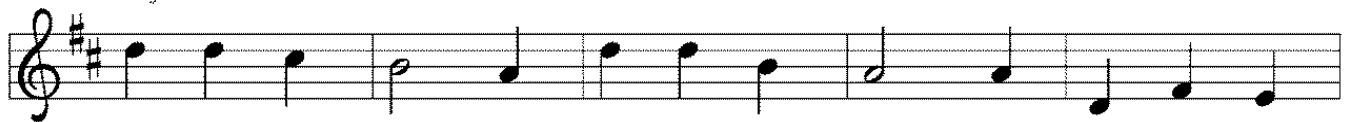


fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



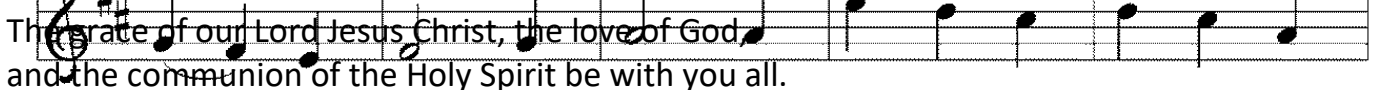
light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

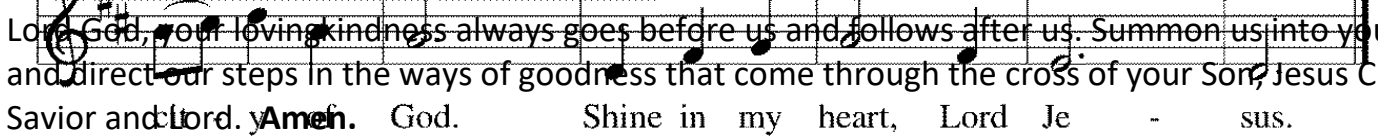
**GREETING**



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. are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**



Lord God, your loving kindness 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. God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did

not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SCRIPTURE SONG**

***This Little Light of Mine***

**ELW #677**

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;

Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 4:12-23

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

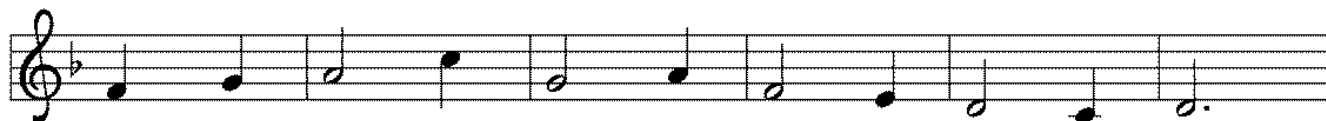
<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>18</sup>As he walked by

the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

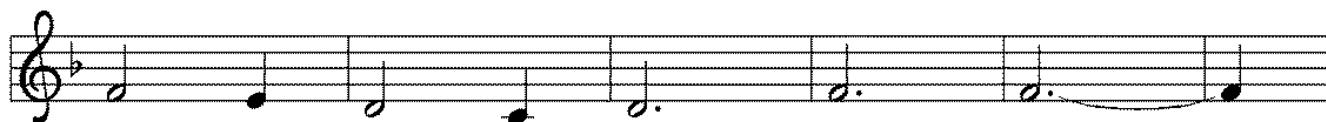
## **SERMON**



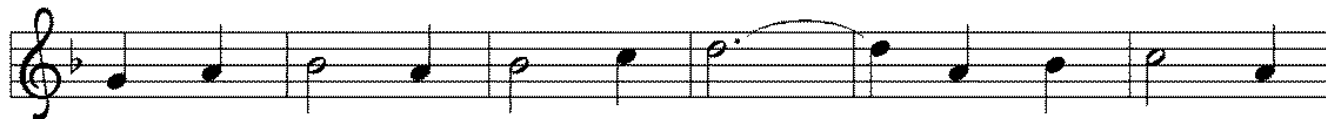
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

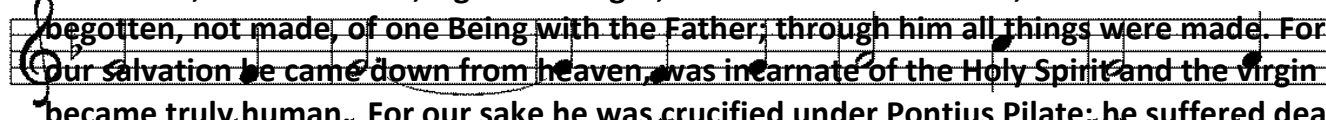


know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.

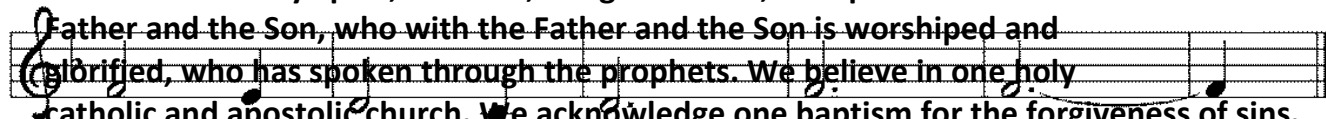


**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let my love be shown, **Nine Creed** let my  
 We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, life at -  
 of all that is, seen and unseen. and do such as  
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of shape the  
 the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, and



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. through my sight and touch and  
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the and



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.*

Holy One, your voice calls us to follow. Thank you for raising up missionaries in every generation (*especially Timothy, Titus, and Silas*) and for all who create communities of grace today. Open our hearts to serve you near and far. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Maker of all, we rejoice in the beauty and abundance of the earth. Unite us in our shared calling to be stewards of creation, to reduce waste, and to simplify our lives for your sake. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of all, thank you for those who run for local and national office, and all who serve as elected leaders. Gather wise and courageous voices together, that your mercy and justice would dawn upon all people and nations. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Healer of all, thank you for sanctuary and safety. Uplift all who live where fear governs and evil divides. Give refugees and all who seek safety a path toward hope and new life. Grant healing and wholeness to all who are sick, lonely, or grieving (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of courage, thank you for faithful teachers and evangelists in this and every place. Inspire our faith formation efforts with all generations as you call us to follow you. Bless our children, youth, and adults who engage in learning. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Risen Lord, we marvel at the meaning of your resurrection. Give us faith to place all hope in you as we give thanks for the faithful departed (*especially*). May their witness help us follow your call. 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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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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### OFFERING

#### OFFERING PRAYER

**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.**

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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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**The radio broadcast Sunday morning is given in loving memory of their twin infant sons from Joan Olson.**

**Salem's Annual Meeting will be held this morning 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.**

**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.  
**RESCHEDULED Planning Meeting Wednesday, January 29nd at 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.**

**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, 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

**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.**

**The Good Samaritan Ministry Team meets the last Wednesday of the month at 6:15 pm.**

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

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**Registration & \$100 Deposit – January 19th. Overall cost approximately \$1000**

**Planning Meeting Wednesday, January 22nd at 8:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.**



Pray and Play...February 9th at 9:35 a.m. in the Lounge.

Pray and Play is for babies thru 3 year-olds and their parents/grandparents/caretakers. This group meets monthly in the lounge. Come join in on the fun and fellowship!

Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
Come join us for Family Game Day...BINGO edition.  
We will provide a meal and BINGO fun for the whole family.



Skiing, Snowboarding, Tubing Event!

Join us on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Mt Kato for some winter fun. Registration, waiver, and payment are due to church office by Sunday, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Detailed information and registration will be on the Bulletin Board across from Pastors' offices. Hope you and your friends and family can join in on the FUN!



**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

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

9:30 a.m. Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall

No Faith Formation or 10:30 a.m. Service

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall; Clothes Closet Open – Room #7

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

1:00 p.m. Staff

3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2

6:30 p.m. Life & Growth Board - Library

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion

5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall

6:16 p.m. Good Samaritan - Library

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

5:45 p.m. Worship & Music Board – Library

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 Noisy Offering Collection**

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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