



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 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

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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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, 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.**

The psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the lector

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

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**

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

CHILDREN’S TIME**SECOND READING****1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

¹⁰Now 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. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What 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.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For 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. ¹⁸For 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.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶the 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.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ¹⁸As 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. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As 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. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus 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****HYMN OF THE DAY***Will You Come and Follow Me***ELW #798****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 INTERCESSIONResponse 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

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.

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

We Are Marching

ELW #866

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Reader: Jan Belica

Altar Guild for January: Joan Kloster, Janet Swenson

The radio broadcast this 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.

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 9th!
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 Pray & 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 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 K1OW (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

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.

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

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.

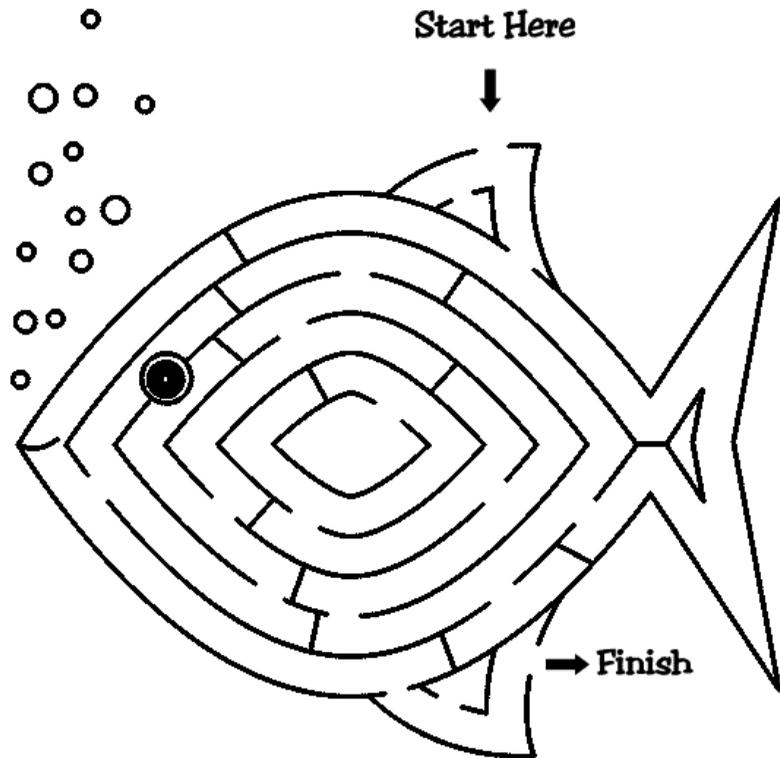
Hats and mittens are also needed to keep our youngsters warm.

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 2nd. Thank you for continuing to help those in need.



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.

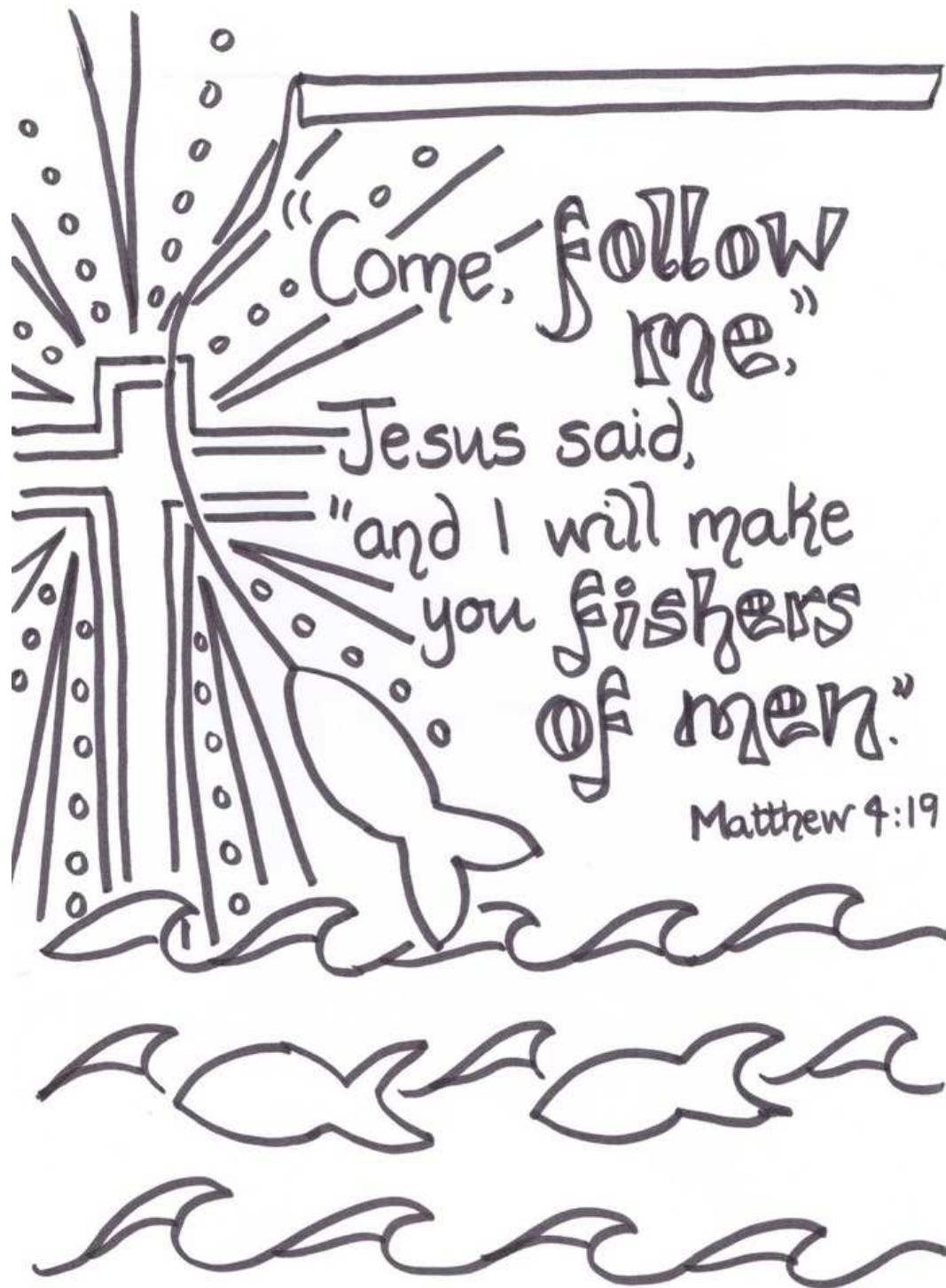
We will provide a meal and BINGO fun for the whole family.



Skiing, Snowboarding, Tubing Event!

Join us on March 1st at Mt Kato for some winter fun. Registration, waiver, and payment are due to church office **by Sunday, Feb 16th**. 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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