



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 27, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The glory of the Lord is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of the glory of God. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

PRELUDE/GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

Belonging means:

..that we all belong! We all have a place! We all fit!

Healing means:

...that we all have brokenness and are in need of wholeness.

**God's Word, the Bread of Life, and so much more,
helps us to take these important steps forward!**

Growing means:

...we are designed by God to change, to grow, to evolve.

We are committed to that process for everyone who is open to it!

Serving means:

...that Jesus made clear that being a servant was central to being a disciple.

Therefore, we see that everyone who is a follower is a servant, as well.

Believing means:

...that faith and not works is central to our life. Simple, and yet profound trust in the promise of forgiveness and mercy, and the presence of the Spirit, guides us in all we do.

GATHERING SONG

We All Are One in Mission

ELW #576

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

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from Nehemiah.

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 19 Read responsively by verse starting with the pulpit side.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31a

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC FAITH FORMATION

Let the Light of Jesus Shine

This Little Light of Mine

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The gospel of the Lord.

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

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW #715

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERTORY

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW #717



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

OFFERING PRAYER

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.

Feast on God's abundant life for you.

COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Special Music

Creature Praise Choir

*I Am A C
Abba, Father*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of wonder,

in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near.

As you have come among us now,

send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **Amen.**

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 \dagger Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

We Are Marching in the Light

ELW #866

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your Light

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson Pastor Pianist: Kathy Nelson Ushers: Delane & Darlene Behr	Acolytes/ Communion Servers: Kyla Johanson, Kelsey Kirschbaum, Elijah Menke, Sophia Nelson Reader: Margaret Okland Altar Guild for January: Candy Hanna, Medara Winter
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The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of their twin infant sons from Arlie & Joan Olson.

Potluck Dinner and Annual Meeting will be held today, January 27. One service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Potluck and meeting will follow the service.

COME JOIN US @ MOUNT KATO! ALL welcome to join us for skiing, snowboarding, or snow tubing at Mount Kato [Mankato, MN] on Sunday, Feb 24th. **Registration Deadline is Feb 1st!** Details and registration forms are posted in the narthex and on the Family Bulletin Board [outside Pastors' offices]. Invite your friends and family! Questions? Contact Jill Budach at 641.590.2329

**Pre-Game Day Bake Sale and Meal
Fundraiser for the Lake Mills Food Shelf**

Saturday, February 2, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at The Lake Mills Senior Center
Signup for free basket giveaway. Drawing at 1 p.m. – need not be present to win.

<p>Breakfast Meal \$5.00 Sausage, egg, cheese, English muffin Hash brown patty, Sweet roll, Drink</p> <p>Lunch Meal \$5.00 Chili dog, sloppy joe, bowl of chili Fries or onion rings, Pie, Drink</p>	<p>Kid's Meal Mini Joe or Cup of Chili Fries, applesauce, juice box</p> <p>Desserts Cinnamon roll, Caramel roll Turnover, Pie, Bar</p>
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Bake Sale
Homemade breads
Turnovers, cinnamon & caramel rolls

Readings for next week: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Cor. 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2019 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The 8:30 a.m. worship service is heard on KIWOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2. Cost for 2019 is \$83. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE - 641.592.1771.

2019 BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE: March 24, 31, April 21, May 5, 12, June 9, 16, 30, July 21, 28, Aug. 18, Sept. 1, Oct. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 1, 22, 29

Church Dashboard for Contributions 01/22/2019
LAST SUNDAY, 01/13/18: \$2,403
Year-to-date as of 01/22/19: \$12,128 - Last year as of 01/22/18: \$13,948
DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: -\$1820

Attendance: Those worshipping January 19/20: 119

Ongoing Financial Needs: Remember whether you are at worship or on vacation, Salem still needs to keep working. **We need \$6,500-\$7,000 per week** to do the Lord's work.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30 a.m. Broadcast of the Tapestry Advent Concert on KIWOW-FM.
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship Service – 4 year olds-2nd Grade Sing
11:00 a.m. Potluck/Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 a.m. Monday Coffee - Lounge
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Room #7
2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

1:00 p.m. Staff
7:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry - Lounge

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion
2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion
5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Service - Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service
9:35 a.m. Praise Creature Choir– Choir Room; Faith Formation–Chapel;
Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

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