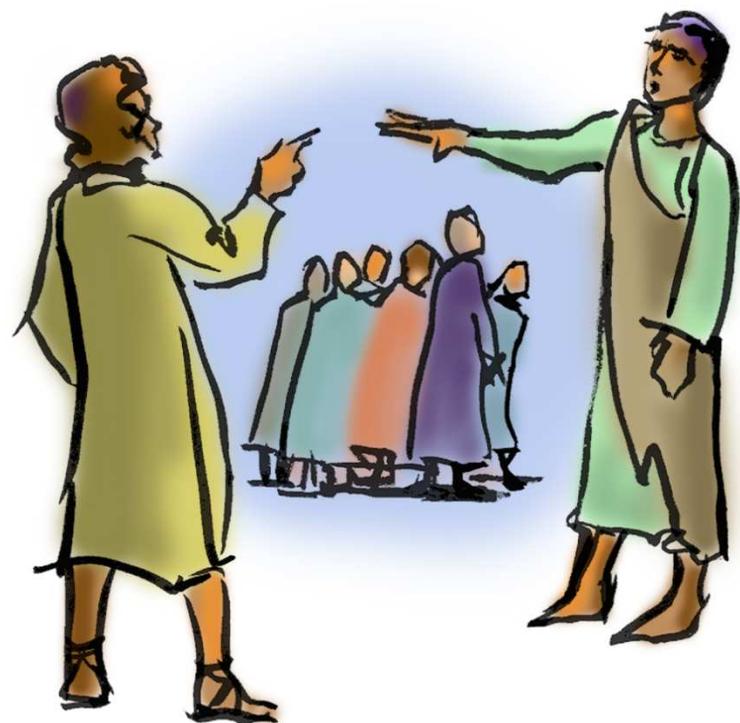




Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
January 28, 2018 - 9:30 a.m.



### INTRODUCTION

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that trumps any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*The assembly is encouraged to respond with the words in bold print.*

Come, let us praise the Lord!

**We praise God with our whole heart!**

God's works are great!

**Open our hearts and spirits to see your works, O Lord!**

Come, let us worship the Lord who has saved us!

**May our lives reflect the wondrous love of God that all may see and know of God's greatness. AMEN.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

### 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

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



People of God, do you promise to support Jayce, her family and sponsors and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

*Response:* **We do.**

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.*

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* **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.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Water will be poured into the font as each of the three statements about God's use and gift of water is shared.*

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **BAPTISM**

Jayce, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized the minister prays*

Sustain Jayce with 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.**

Jayce, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## WELCOME

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### OFFERING SONG

*We Are an Offering*

### 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.**

### 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

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

*Go Make Disciples*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Preaching:** Pastors Joel Guttormson  
**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon  
**Ushers:**  
**Acolytes:** Kadence Henderson, Nora Pederson

**Reader:** Janelle Gilbertson  
**Altar Guild for January:**  
 Candy Hanna & Medara Winter

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

**At the service this morning we will welcome into the family of God** through holy baptism Jayce Kameron Roy, son of James Roy & Cymantha Bendickson. Jayce's godparent is Amanda Elliott.

**Salem's Annual Meeting will be held this morning at 11:00 a.m.**

**Potluck Meal following this service:** 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.**

**One delegates is needed to attend the Northeastern Iowa Synod Assembly, June 8-10 at Wartburg College in Waverly. You may volunteer at 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, 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING TODAY at 4:00 pm @ Winnebago Church.**

We will pick out the which program we like from the two VBS Kits and look at some dates in which to have VBS



**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 5:00 pm-8:00 pm 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.

## **CONFIRMATION FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Bowling – SuperBowl, Forest City

Cost will be \$7.00 (*two games and shoes*)

**3:30 pm - Meet at Salem, Lake Mills**

4:00 pm – Bowling



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

On Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 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!

**Those worshipping January 20/21: 178**

**Giving: \$4749.78**



### INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT

#### You can now make a contribution with text!

Simply send a text message to 1.641.832.5367 with the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.

For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. **Give+ Text** is one of the fastest, easiest ways to give.

We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and we thank you for supporting the church.



#### Lake Mills Care Center February Activities:

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| Thursday, Feb. 1,  | 3:30 p.m. The Nords Music   |
| Saturday, Feb. 3,  | 6:00 p.m. Ralph Campbell Music  |
| Monday, Feb. 5,    | 10:00 a.m. Men on Mondays Coffee  |
| Sunday, Feb. 11,   | 2:00 p.m. Jeff Buege Gospel Music   |
| Tuesday, Feb. 13,  | 2:30 p.m. Friendship Party for resident's friends and family-story teller,<br>JoAnn Lower |
| Saturday, Feb. 17, | 2:00 p.m. Birthday Party with SongQuest barbershop quartet                                |
| Tuesday, Feb. 20,  | 2:00 p.m. Prairie Life Conservation Program by Lisa Ralls                                 |
| Wednesday, Feb. 21 | 3:00p.m. Welcome Wednesday Pie Social   |
| Thursday, Feb. 22, | 1:30 p.m. "Fatigue & Diet" by Dietician Brooke Pederson                                   |
| Monday, Feb. 26,   | 9:30 a.m. Dunnell Lenort Music  |

#### THIS WEEK AT SALEM

##### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

9:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Meal followed by the Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting - Winnebago Lutheran Church

##### MONDAY, JANUARY 29

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

##### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

##### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion

5:30 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall; New Life Nutrition – Room #4

7:00 p.m. Choir – Choir Room; Saint Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9

##### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Library; Ruth Circle – Rita Bakken; Sarah Circle – Sharon Johnson

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle – Library

##### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

##### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

**Readings for next week:** Isaiah 40:21-31, Psalm 147:1-11, 20c, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23, Mark 1:29-39

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