



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Presentation of Our Lord
February 2, 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

The Presentation of Our Lord is referred to in some corners of the church as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel. Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world.

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, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **Amen.**

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Mighty and loving God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We seek our own way.

We divide the body of Christ.

In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.

Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives."

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **Amen.**

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

Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

 WORD

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the lector

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

⁸**LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.**

⁹Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your anointed.

¹⁰**For one day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹¹For the LORD God is both sun and shield, bestowing grace and glory;
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

¹²**O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:14-18

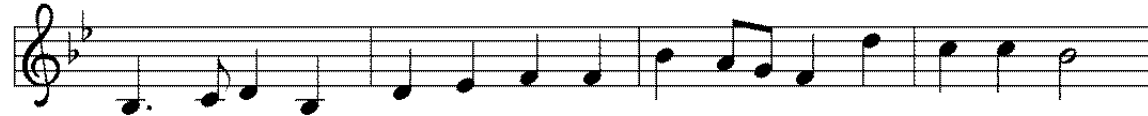
¹⁴Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

¹⁸Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

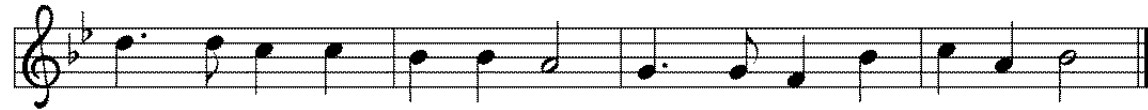
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

In His Temple Now Behold Him

ELW #417

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 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.

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.

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT 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

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

SENDING

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 HYMN

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

ELW #313

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory Dana Haugsdal's birthday, February 1, from Craig & Cindy, Kari & Jared and Michael & Jaci.

Noisy Offering collection to support the **Good Samaritan ministry** at Salem will be received today. Thank you for continuing to help those in need.

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 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 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 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, 22, 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.



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.

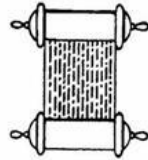
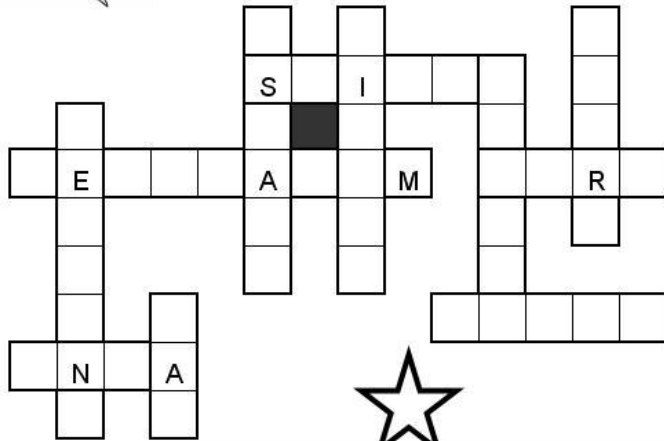


Skiing, Snowboarding, Tubing Event! Join us on March 1st at Mt Kato for some winter fun. Registration, waiver, and payment are due to church office by Sunday, Feb 16th. Detailed information and registration will be on the Bulletin Board across from Pastors' offices. Hope you and your friends and family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



Church Dashboard for Contributions 01/28/2020
LAST SUNDAY, 01/26/20: \$5,324
Year-to-date as of 01/28/20: \$16,722
Last year as of 01/18/19: \$16,278
DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: \$444
Attendance: Those worshipping January 25/26: 107

**Presentation
of Jesus**



Make all the words fit into this crossword

- Jerusalem
- Simeon
- Jesus
- Spirit
- Temple
- Servant
- Glory
- Israel
- Mary
- Anna
- Law



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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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
- 11:30 a.m. Welcome & Farewell Brunch for New Board Members – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Room #7
- 2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
- 3:15 p.m. Cadette/Senior Scouts – Room #2

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 2:15 p.m. Junior Scouts – Room #2
- 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Bowling.....

Confirmation Fellowship Event...Bowling – SuperBowl, Forest City
 Wednesday, February 5th...Cost is \$7.50 (2 games & shoes)
3:30 p.m. Meet at Salem; 4:00 p.m. Bowl. Drivers are needed.
 Contact Pastor Joel if you can help out driving.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 9:30 a.m. Grace Circle & Sarah Circle – Fellowship Hall; Ruth Circle – Darlene Behr
- 2:00 p.m. Martha Circle - Library

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 5:30 p.m. Casual Worship Service – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Play & Pray – Lounge, Faith Formation; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. Family Game Day & Meal...Bingo Edition – Fellowship Hall

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