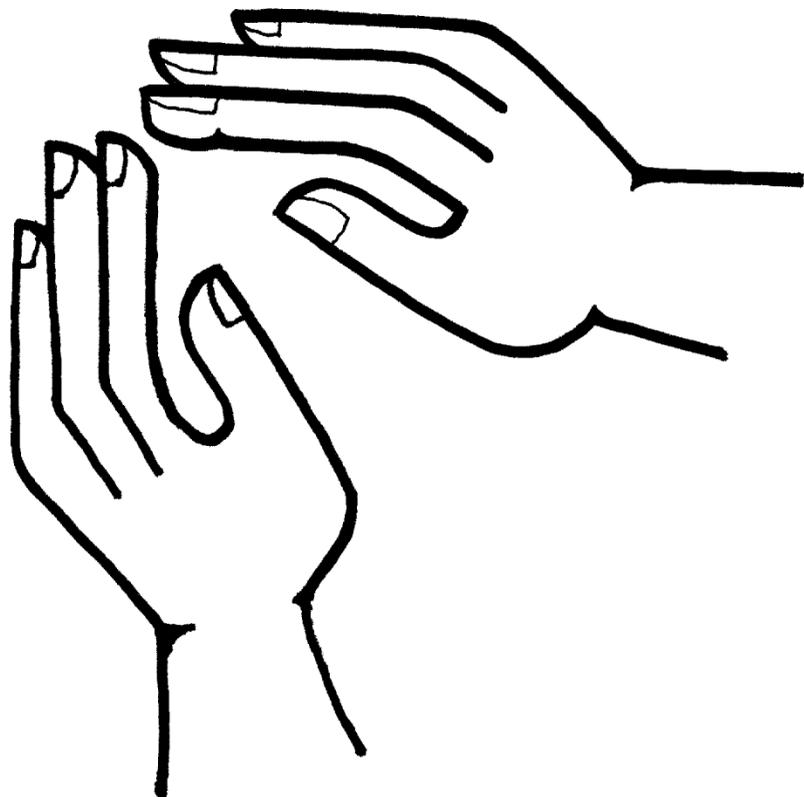




Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 4, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



#### INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah it is the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars—it is that God who strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up to health and diakonia. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

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#### GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Henry Heron (18<sup>th</sup> Century)

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 stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Loving God,

**we confess that we have turned from your way  
to follow our own ways.**

**Forgive us for the times**

**we have spoken or acted too quickly;**

**we have not spoken or acted at all;**

**we have hurt those closest to us;**

**we have hurt those we have yet to know;**

**we have thought more about ourselves than others;**

**we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,**

**so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.

Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

God's love never runs out.

God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Hear God say to you now:

Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW #858

#### 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.**

## KYRIE



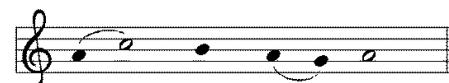
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



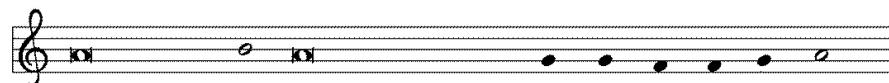
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



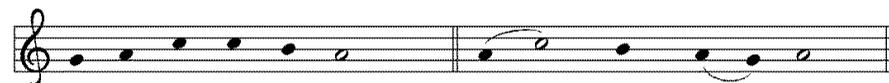
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

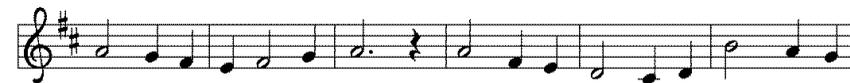
*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



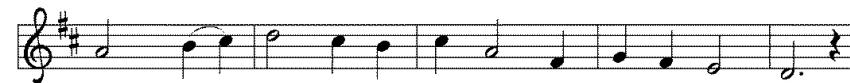
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



*All*  
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

**WORD****FIRST READING Isaiah 40:21-31**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c** *The Psalm is read responsively, beginning with the reader*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.**

<sup>5</sup>Great is our LORD and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.**

<sup>7</sup>Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

<sup>8</sup>**who covers the heavens with clouds**

**and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.**

<sup>9</sup>God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

<sup>10</sup>**God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,**

<sup>11</sup>but finds pleasure in those who fear the LORD, in those who await God's steadfast love. <sup>20c</sup>Hallelujah!

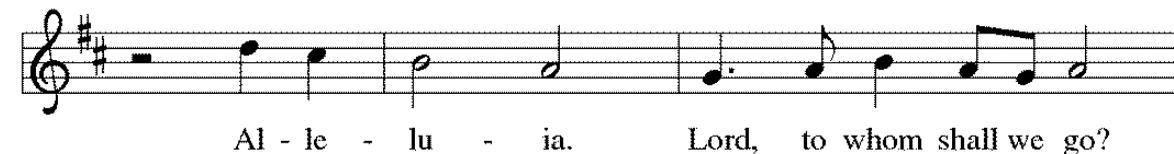
**SECOND READING****1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****GOSPEL****Mark 1:29-39**

The holy gospel according St Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they

found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."<sup>38</sup> He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."<sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

ELW #314

## MEAL

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

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

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.

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. Amen.

### 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.**

### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

## OFFERING SONG



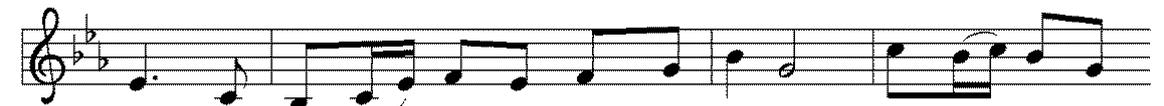
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,  
receive the gifts we bring,  
our selves, our time, and our possessions.  
Through this meal unite us as your body,  
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;  
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: TIME AFTER EPIPHANY**

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.  
By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.  
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

Remembering, therefore,  
his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.  
By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.  
Come. Be filled with light and life.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.  
You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

**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  $\mp$  Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*Rise, Shine, You People!*

**ELW #665**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

<b>Preaching:</b> Pastor Joel Guttormson	<b>Acolytes:</b> Ella Stene, Aidan Johanson
<b>Assisting:</b> Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	<b>Reader:</b> Connie Sabin
<b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon	<b>Altar Guild for February:</b>
<b>Ushers:</b> Matt & Lisa Johanson	Doris Tweed and Pat Thorson

**The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Dana Haugsdal’s birthday, February 1st, from Craig, Cindy, Jerod & Kari and Michael & Jaci.**

**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,**

**Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, Dec. 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.

**Salem’s Clothes Closet will be open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**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!

**Ash Wednesday Worship: Wednesday, February 14 at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.**

**Lenten Soup and Study: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall beginning February 21<sup>st</sup>.**

In addition to the soup & sandwiches offered before Lent services, you are invited to gather at the tables for a discussion of the book *I Am A Church Member* by Thom S. Ranier. At each meal we will try to discuss the topics in the book and answer questions at the end of each chapter. Books (25) are available in the narthex. More info in the Outreach. You need not read the book to enjoy a good bowl of soup and a sandwich and our usual time of fellowship prior to the 7:15 p.m. Lenten worship.

**Those worshipping January 27/28: 141      Giving: \$11,330.87**

**INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT**

**We welcome your donations through any method you choose to give. And for those who choose to give electronically, we want to offer a special word of thanks. e-Giving is faster, more secure, provides much-needed donation consistency and strengthens our stewardship program.**

Electronic and traditions givers accustomed to texting can now give through **Give+ Text**. Make one-time recurring offerings by simply sending a text to our secure account at **1.641.832.5367**. It's a convenient solution when you can't attend services or don't have cash or checks with you.

We hope you'll try this new way to give. Stop by the church office or visit our website to learn more.

We thank you and all givers for supporting our mission.

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM****SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion 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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Salem's Clothes Closet Open

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

3:15 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts – Room #4

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle - Library

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

3:15 p.m. Brownies – Room #4

7:00 Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

5:00 p.m. Worship &amp; Music Board - Library

3:30 p.m. Confirmation Bowling – Meet at Salem

5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

7:00 p.m. Choir – Choir Room, St. Pat's Youth Room – Room #9

Youth Gathering Meeting – Bethany Lutheran Church, Joice IA

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

5:00 p.m. Life &amp; Growth Board – Library

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

5:30 p.m. Casual Service – Chapel

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

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

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship - Sanctuary

**Readings for next week:** 2 Kings 2:1-11, Psalm 50:1-6, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Mark 9:2-9

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