



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

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PRELUDE

Coronet Voluntary

Starling Goodwin (18th Century)

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

With our feet still wet from the waters of our baptism, we have sinned yet again. Ever dependent on the grace of God, let us affirm our brokenness and trust God's goodness to carry us through to a new day, with a new name, and a new song.

God of our baptismal waters,

You sent the Baptist to point to your Son.

But too often, we abandon his message and point only to ourselves.

We point to our worship preferences rather than the God we worship.

We point to our status rather than the grace that makes us all equal.

We point to our values rather than the One who has always valued everyone.

We point to our traditions rather than to the One who calls us to let go.

We point to our past rather than to the One who calls us into the future.

Forgive us, Lord, for pointing in all the wrong directions.

(A time for silent confession can be made)

God of our baptismal hope,

Forgive us when we do not wait patiently for your direction.

Forgive us when we are too patient with our misdirection.

Hold our gaze on your baptismal promise sealed in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.

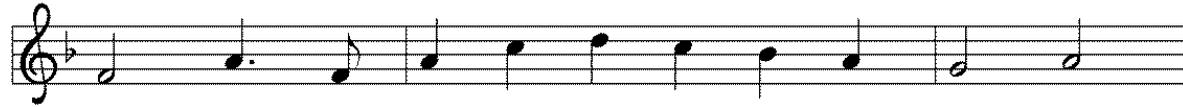
Through the power of your Spirit, give us the courage to speak what we have seen and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God called each of us before we were even born.

It is God who named us and it is God who claims us.

It is in the light of God's love for us that we are forgiven. **Amen.**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God said, "Let there be light."

And there was light.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

And the light shone in the darkness.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

And the light shall not be quenched.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

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Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

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Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

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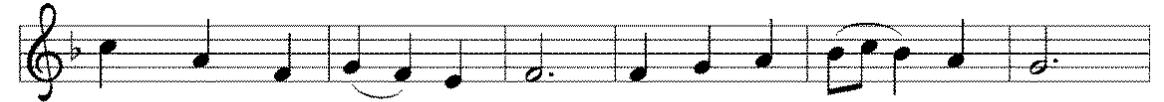
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SONG

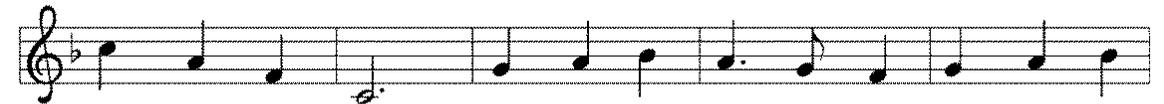
God, Whose Almighty Word

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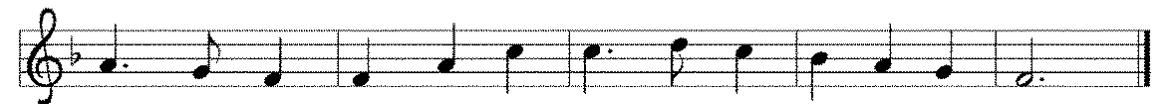
*Verse one will be sung before the reading of the gospel;
 verse two will be sung after the reading of the gospel.*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

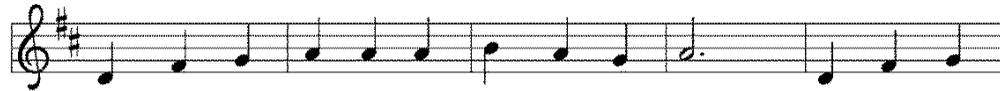
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose 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.

SERMON

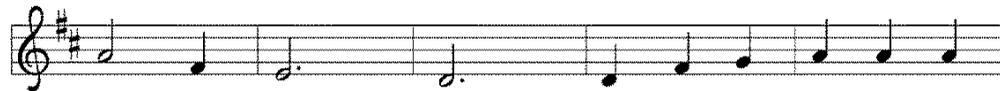
HYMN OF THE DAY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

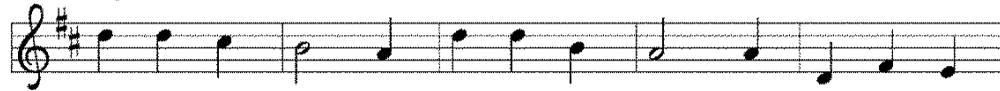


fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

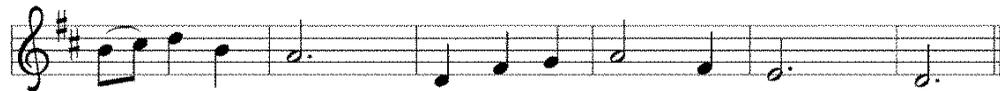
Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

Please respond at the end of each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

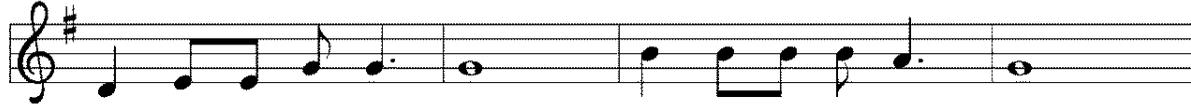
And also with you.

OFFERING

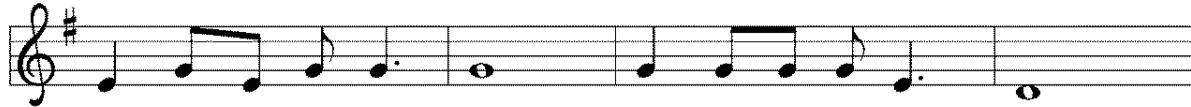


OFFERING SONG*This Little Light of Mine*

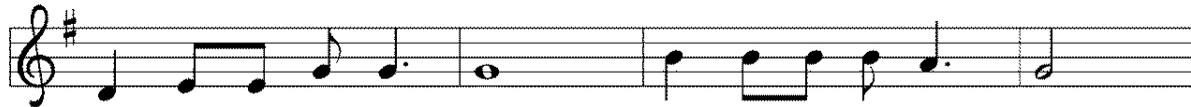
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1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

P: In the still of this hour, we come to find rest for our hearts and contentment for our minds.

C: We are caught up in the activity of our life and need to pause and be refreshed.

P: In the quiet of worship, we come to touch the grace of God in the bread and the wine.

C: We praise you, God, for your heavenly food given in love for us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

THE 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. 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 THE LORD'S TABLE

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Come. Be filled with light and life.

COMMUNION**POST COMMUNION BLESSING****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—
 today, 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 \dagger Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

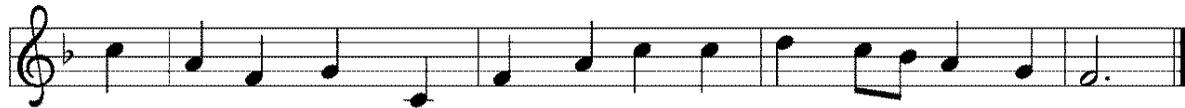
SENDING SONG

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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

Presiding: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Ushers: Al Sterrenberg, Rolly Moe

Acolytes: Chris Jamtgaard, Kelsey Kirschbaum, Riley Kirschbaum

Reader: Margaret Okland

Communion Servers: Steve & Melissa Groe

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

Videographer: Hope Levine

February Altar Guild: Shelley Hagenson, Sharon Johnson, Pat Young

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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 2017 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 dates. Cost for 2017 is \$83. Dates available: March 26, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 11, July 9, 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19.

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. **Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.**

Pledges may still be returned to the office.

2017 Offering envelopes are on tables in the elevator entry.



The Chipped Inscriptions Class at Salem Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, February 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Cost of the class is \$30. Class size is limited to 25.

Light snacks and beverage will be provided.

Signup and payment due Feb. 19.

Checks made payable to Jackie Stevenson

Signup sheets are in the narthex.

Samples will be available Sundays and on Salem's website.

If you cancel after Feb. 22 you will not be refunded.

You may pick up your board & stencils and complete the project yourself.

Signup after services or by calling Kathy Chose: 592.1222

Confirmation

February 8...Bowling with One In Christ Parish. Meet at Salem at 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$7 for shoes and 2 games; cost of snacks while bowling is not included. We are in need of parents to help transport students to bowling and back. We should return to Lake Mills by 6:00 p.m. We have 30 students and will need 5-6 drivers. Please contact Pr. Melinda.

February 15...Parent meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We are asking all 7th/8th grade parents to gather together for an informational meeting. Topics include: planning for Lenten meals, confirmation date/banquet, confirmation stoles and faith statement. Please be sure to have at least one parent or grandparent at the meeting. We will be setting the schedule for the Lenten meals and worship at this time.

Confirmation classes will continue to meet from 2:15 – 4:00 p.m.

Alzheimer's: Get The Facts Educational Series

A series of meetings are designed to inform individuals how to identify Alzheimer's, strategies for living with Alzheimer's and planning for the future. The series will be presented in three evening meetings beginning at 7:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room in the Lake Mills Care Center. Brandi Folkerts, Lake Mills Care Center (LMCC) Director of Nursing and Chris Johnson, LMCC Social Worker will be providing information and answering questions each evening. Coffee and cookies will be provided. The series of classes are free and individuals may attend as many meetings as they wish.

The dates and the information for each meeting are listed below.

February 21 Living Each Day - Special Guest Speaker - Lois Johnson

March 21 Preparing for the Future - Special guest speaker Amanda Green, LMCC Administrator



*Open House Bridal Shower
for Grant Brekken & Shannon Pearce*

Will be held Saturday, February 25th, 2017

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

at the home of Jane Christianson

908 South Grant St.

Lake Mills, IA

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship – 3 year old–2nd Grade youth sing - Chapel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle – Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle - Library

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Altar Guild

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #10

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:30 p.m. Worship Service – Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship - Chapel

Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 112:1-10, 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, Matthew 5:13-20

Those worshipping January 28/29: 151

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