



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 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

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.

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, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters. **Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,

you have shown us what is good,

but we have looked to other lights to find our way.

We have not been just in our dealings with others.

We have chosen revenge over mercy.

We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you.

With what shall we come before you?

Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation

in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Beloved of God,

you have not received the spirit of the world,

but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus

Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; ✚ your sins are

forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven. **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

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.**

WORD

FIRST READING**Isaiah 58:1-12**

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. ^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the

needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY**Psalm 112:1-10**

The psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the lector

¹**Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD**

and have great delight in God’s commandments!

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³**Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.**

⁴Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

⁵**It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.**

⁶For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

⁷**They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.**

⁸Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹**They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.**

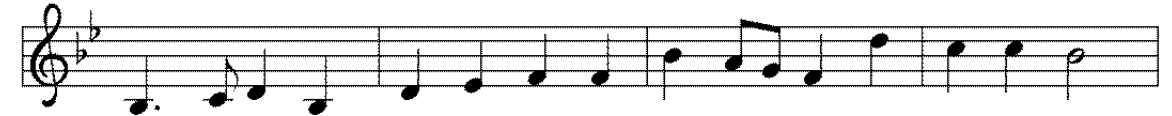
¹⁰The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]**

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life.

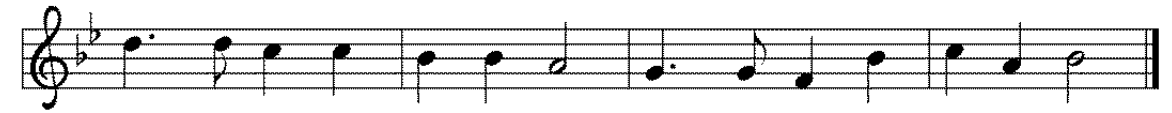
Thanks be to God.

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

Matthew 5:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW #715

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.

PRAVERS OF INTERCESSION

Response to the petitions: **your mercy is great.**

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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.

SENDING

BLESSING

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People

ELW #665

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Jay Fjelstad from Roger & Dorothy.

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

LAST SUNDAY, 02/02/20: \$6,563
Year-to-date as of 02/05/20: \$23,842
Last year as of 02/04/19: \$22,492
DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,350
Attendance: Those worshipping February 1/2: 148

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 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

Chocolate Extravaganza at the Lake Mills Care Center

Tuesday, February 11 • 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

A Progressive Dessert Affair

Chocolate Covered Fruit, Cupcakes, Hot Cocoa Bar

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP by Feb. 10 to Jennifer at the Care Center. 641.592.4900

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.



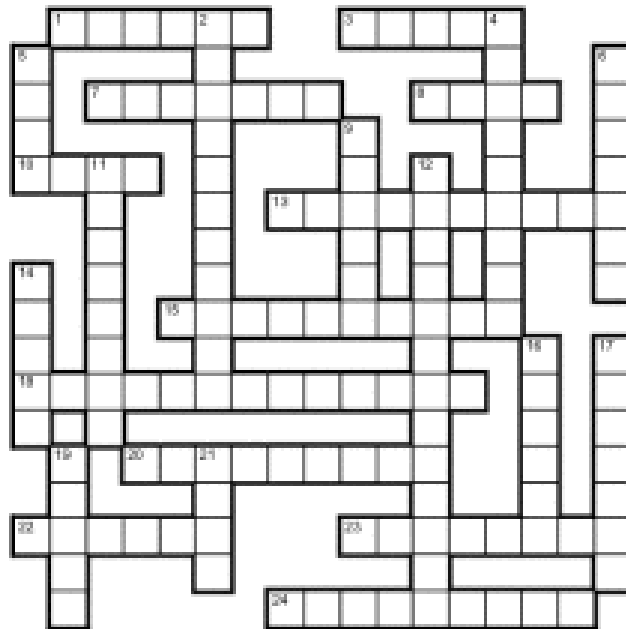
Skiing, Snowboarding, Tubing Event! Join us on March 1st at Mt Kato for some winter fun. Registration, waiver, and payment are due to church office **by Sunday, Feb 16th**. Detailed information and registration will be on the Bulletin Board across from Pastors' offices. Hope you and your friends and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



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Across

- 1 Not to be put under a bushel. (6)
- 3 Let yours shine before men! (5)
- 7 Moth and rust will do this to your earthly store. (7)
- 8 If you do this, you will find. (4)
- 10 These should not be done in view of men. (4)
- 13 The eight sayings by Christ at the beginning of his sermon. (10)
- 15 They sound trumpets in the streets when they are being charitable. (10)
- 18 The peacemakers will be called this. (8,2,3)
- 20 They were with Jesus when he gave the sermon. (9)
- 22 You can't serve God and this. (6)
- 23 Fellow believers. (8)
- 24 The earth is this to God. (9)
- Down**
- 2 Jesus gave this as example of how to communicate with God. (5,6)



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- 4 Don't lay these upon the earth. (9)
- 5 Whoever says this to his brother shall be in danger of the council. (4)
- 6 Those who are given happiness and good fortune. (7)
- 9 When engaging in this, you should enter into your closet and shut the door. (6)
- 11 Where the sermon was given. (8)
- 12 You should search for this first, before worrying about food and clothing. (13)
- 14 What you should do to your eye if it offends. (5)
- 16 They which do this shall be filled. (6)
- 17 The hypocrites disfigured their faces while doing this. (7)
- 19 If you are forced to go a mile with someone, this is how far you should go. (5)
- 21 The foolish man built his house on this. (4)

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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 - 4 year old-2nd grade sing

11:30 a.m. Family Game Day & Meal...Bingo Edition – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall; Clothes Closet Open – Room #7

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

5:30 p.m. Council - Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group - Lounge

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:30 a.m. Fine Arts – Lounge

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Service – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

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