



Salem Lutheran Church
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Welcome to the House of the Lord

Transfiguration of Our Lord
Last Sunday after Epiphany
February 11, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus’ baptism and end with three disciples’ vision of his transfiguration. In Mark’s story of Jesus’ baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus’ three closest friends hear the same words naming him God’s beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus’ face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God’s glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

***Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Fughetta in A
Cornet Voluntary*

Chas Burney (1726-1814)
Starling Goodwin (18th 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

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

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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.

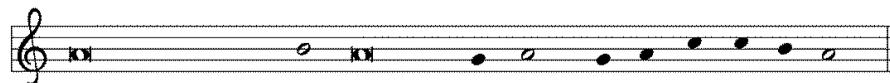
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



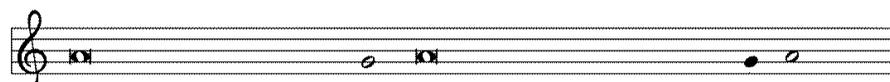
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



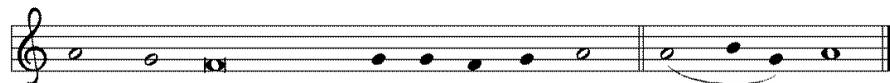
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD**FIRST READING** **2 Kings 2:1-12**

A reading from 2 Kings.

Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." ⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." ⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 50"1-6

- ¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God shines forth in glory.**
³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.
⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgment of the people.**
⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
⁶**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause, for it is God who is judge.**

SECOND READING **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

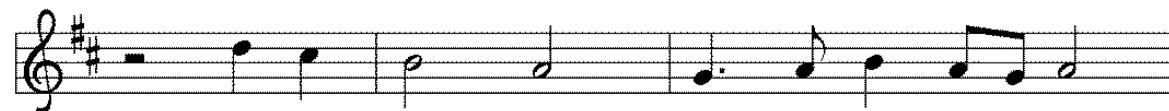
A reading from 2 Corinthians.

⁺*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

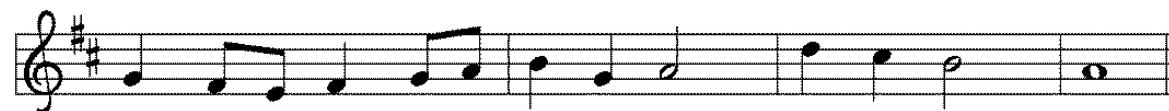
³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY**

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD**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**


Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.**

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**

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

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	Acolytes: Megan Knudtson, Kelsey Kirschbaum
Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Reader: Rhonda Schriever
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Altar Guild for February:
Ushers: Don & Nancy Knudtson	Doris Tweed and Pat Thorson

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

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Eleanor Rygh. Services were held Thursday.

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.



**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 21st.

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 March 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 February 3/4: 117 Giving: \$5,617.11

Please keep in prayer the friends and family of Eleanor Rygh and Manise 'Pete' Erickson.



INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT

The church isn't open just on Sundays. There's something going on every day of the week, and we want to provide convenient giving options that fit into all your church activities.

Electronic giving options like **GIVE+ TEXT** offer you the opportunity to give simply and securely from anywhere in our community. Next time you are in the fellowship hall for an event, in the sanctuary for Sunday service or in a meeting room for Bible study, try texting your payment of gift to our secure account at **1.641.832.5367**.

It takes just minutes to sign up and support the church. So, we hope you'll try this easy, modern way to give.

Stop by the church office for help setting it up on your cell phone.

Thank you for being a vital part of our church community.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
5:30 p.m. Council - Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group - Lounge
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4
6:30 p.m. Choir – Choir Room
7:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir–Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall
9:35 a.m. Play & Pray - Lounge
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; 5th Grade 1st Communion Class
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary (4 year olds – 2nd grade sing)
11:30 a.m. Family Fun Day Fundraiser – Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting – Winnebago Church

Readings for next week: Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

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