



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 15, 2015 - 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.

***Please stand as you are able.**

GATHERING

Prelude

Bells, Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Red Book Page 94

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who spoke light into creation,
who calls us to listen and follow,
who sends us to shine like stars.

Amen.

Let us come before God, confessing our sin. *(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

Holy and merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned
against our sisters and brothers
and against you.**

We cherish the values of this world.

We cause others to stumble.

The earth is wounded by our excess.

Have mercy, O God.

**Forgive us, renew us,
and raise us up on eagles' wings,
that we may do your will
with courage and delight.**

Amen.

Hear the voice from heaven:

"You are my own, my beloved."

God gives power to the weary
and strengthens the powerless.

Be cleansed, be healed,

for in the name of + Jesus Christ,

I declare to you the forgiveness of your sins
and the revealing of God's reign.

Amen.

- *Gathering Song** *Gather Us In* **Red Book #532**
- *Greeting** **Red Book Page 94**
- *Kyrie** **Red Book Page 147**
- *Hymn of Praise** *This is the feast...* **Red Book Page 149**

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: 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. **All: Amen.**

WORD

Scripture Readings

Old Testament	2 Kings 2:1-12	Page 369
New Testament	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Page 190

***ELW Page 151** **Gospel Acclamation and Response**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

***The Gospel** Mark 9:2-9 **Page 45**

Response to Gospel Announcement & Conclusion are sung

Sermon

- *Hymn of the Day** *Christ, Be Our Light* **Red Book #715**
- *Prayers of Intercession** **Red Book Page 152**
- *Sharing the Peace**

MEAL

Offering

***Offertory** *"Let the Vineyards be Fruitful"* **Red Book #182**

***Offering Prayer**

Pastor: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Red Book Page 154

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.

"Lamb of God..."

Red Book Page 154

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be served in a continuous manner using intinction. Ushers will direct you from both sides down the center aisle. You receive the bread at the center station and then walk to the side where you will dip the bread in the wine or grape juice. All who believe in the real presence of Jesus in the sacrament are welcome at the table.

***Table Blessing**

***Song**

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

Red Book #207

***Prayer after Communion**

Pastor: Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

Pastor: God the Father, light-creator; God the Son, Light from Light; and God the Holy Spirit, light-revealer, bless you and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Red Book #884

***Sending Song**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Red Book #815

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Preaching & Presiding: Pr. Melinda McCluskey

Assisting: Pr. Peter Soli

Organist: Karen Harthan

Reader: Tami Alphs

Sound: Brad Evenson

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Royden & Lorraine Johnson, from their family.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Alvira Kloster, from her family. Services for Alvira were held February 2nd at Salem.



Salem Lutheran Church Valentine Roller Skate Party

Sunday, February 15th 1 – 3 pm

Roller City in Mason City

A party for members, friends, neighbors AND Your Valentine!!

Meet at Roller City...1:00 PM - Cost \$5.00

Bring a snack to share or visit the concession stand.

Time to think about Bible Camps!

Registrations forms for area Bible Camps are available on the Education Board table or online at these websites:

www.ewalu.org www.okoboji.org www.riversidelbc.org

Salem WELCA will provide scholarship funds to help with camp costs.

Contact Pastor Soli with any additional financial needs.

Contact the Salem office if you plan on attending any Camp and **register early to take advantage of Camp discounts!**

The Lenten season offers an opportunity to focus on a particular theme from scripture. This year's focus for Wednesday Lenten services will be **Our Need...God's Healing.** Jesus our healer, has inspired churches to establish hospitals, nursing homes, to provide counseling, and more. During Lent we are reminded of his healing power and presence.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 18th with Ash Wednesday. On each of the five Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday, we will consider five basic needs for healing. Each service will include hymns, scripture, the message, and individual or family healing prayer. For those who would like to enjoy a soup supper a weekly **fellowship meal will be served every Wednesday from 6-7 pm.**

Lent Soup & Sandwich Suppers Served 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

February 18: Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Beef Sandwiches

February 25: Vegetable Beef & Broccoli Cheese Soup
Beef & Turkey Sandwiches

New Worship Service Opportunity in Lent Wednesday Morning Worship Starts February 25

Throughout his ministry Jesus offered healing to those suffering from physical and emotional ailments. Join us to study how Jesus offers healing to the broken and sinful world in which we live. This Lenten Season Salem is offering an alternative to the evening Lenten service. Salem will be offering a service at 10:00 a.m. on five Wednesdays: February 25, and March 4, 11, 18, and 25. On these Wednesday mornings you are invited to gather in the Chapel for worship, hymns, scripture, prayer, and a Bible Study. This morning worship service will complement the evening service which will take the form of a healing service.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KLOW-FM 107.3.

Cost for 2015 is \$83. Call the office to reserve your dates.

Dates available for 2015: Feb. 22, March 8, April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 31, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27

You may pick up your 2015 offering envelopes and Annual Reports in the narthex.

This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's **BASKETS of PROMISE** campaign. Each week we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble **Personal Care Kits** that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble 175 LWR Kits during Lent.

HERE IS OUR CARE KIT COLLECTION SCHEDULE - Bring items to the narthex or office:

February 22: Bars of Soap (4 – 5 ounces any brand, in original wrapping)

March 1: Bath Towels (Light-weight, dark color, maximum 52" X 27")

March 8: Toothbrushes (Adult size, in original packaging)

March 15: Combs

March 22: Nail Clippers (Metal, attached file optional)

March 29: Bars of Soap

Here's what people are saying about Stephen Ministry ...

"Before I had a Stephen Minister, I struggled with whether I even believed in God. Now I have seen God's love face-to-face through my Stephen Minister. It is life-changing."

Stephen Ministry is a spiritual caring ministry where a Stephen Minister walks with you through a time of crisis. If you think you could use a Stephen Minister to walk alongside you, call Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

Learn About New VA Programs

New programs available for Veterans and their Families presented by Thomas Coffman, Winnebago County Veterans Affairs Director. Tuesday, February 15 – 1:30 p.m. at the Lake Mills Care Center Dining Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please remember in prayer this week...Trena Nelson

The family & friends of Everett Shaw, (father of Pastor Carlton Shaw) and Alvira Kloster

Please remember the following Prayer Families in your prayers this week:

Randy/Christi Grothe Family, Kermit/Blanche Grunhovd, Duane/ Judy Gudmonson, Courtney Gulick, Zachary Gulick, Anthony Nelson/Miranda Gulick Family, Jed/Tiarria Hacker Family, Holly Hagen Family, Michael Hagen Family, Vern/Carole Hagen

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

1:00 p.m. Valentine’s Day Skate Party – Roller City

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

7:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Room #4

4:00 p.m. Tai Kwon Do – Room #2

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge

6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal – Fellowship Hall

7:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

2:00 p.m. Women of the ELCA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary

Next Week’s Lessons: Genesis 9:8–17, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

Salem Women of the ELCA will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, February 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship. All women are encouraged to attend. Deborah Circle’s program will be given by Pastor Melinda McCluskey, sharing her and her husband Scot’s journey into the adoption of their daughter.

Those worshipping at Salem last week: 165

Last week’s giving to the glory of God: Not available