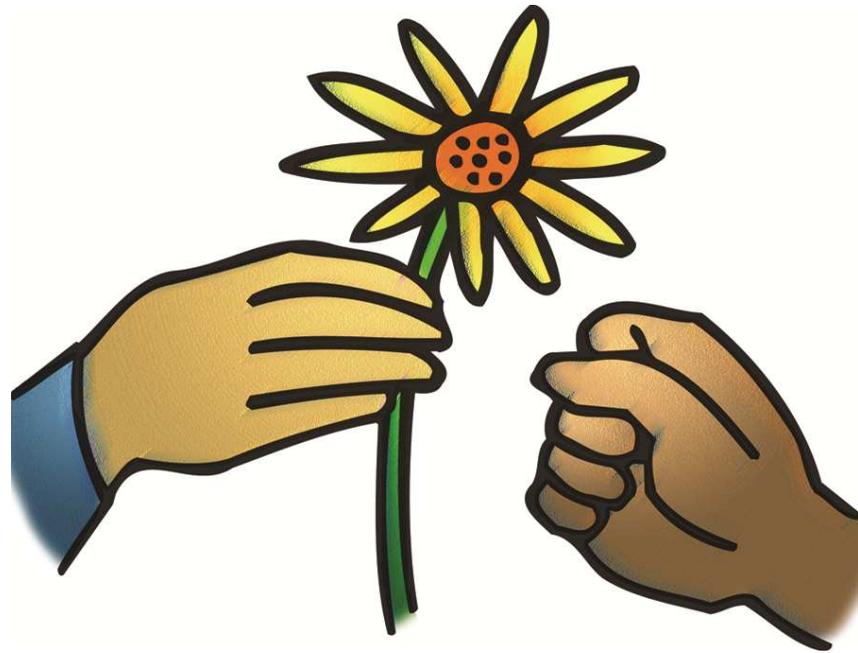




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 19, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

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

PRELUDE

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.

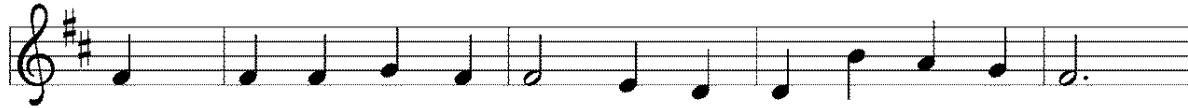
Through the power of your Spirit, give us the courage to speak what we have seen and point to the One who takes away the sins of the world. In the name of your son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

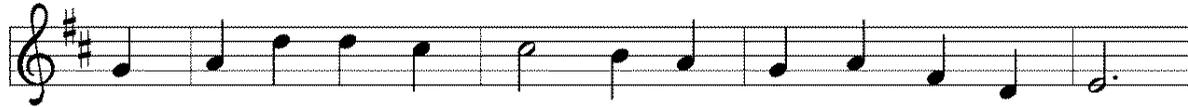
God called each of us before we were even born.

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

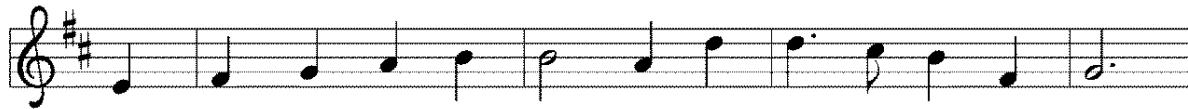
It is in the light of God's love for us that we are forgiven. **Amen.**



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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.

Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING **Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18**

Bible Page 117

The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Siyahamba

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 3:10-23**

Bible Page 175

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



SONG *God, Whose Almighty Word*

ELW #673

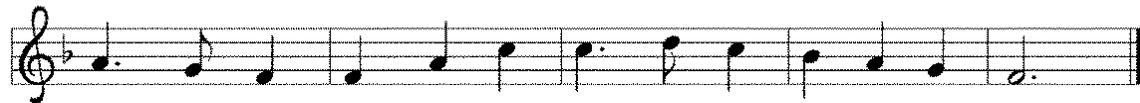
*Verse one will be sung before the reading of the gospel;
verse two will be sung after the reading of the gospel.*



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 5:38-48**

Bible Page 5

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God's people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW #763



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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.

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:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

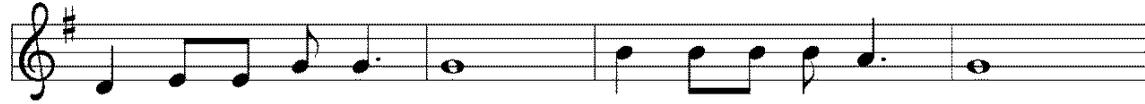
Here at the Table

Senior Choir

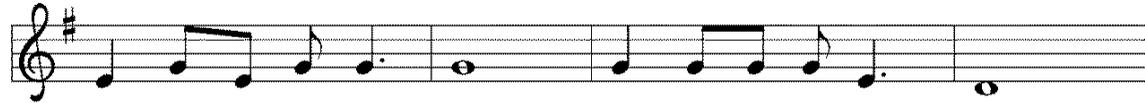
OFFERING SONG

This Little Light of Mine

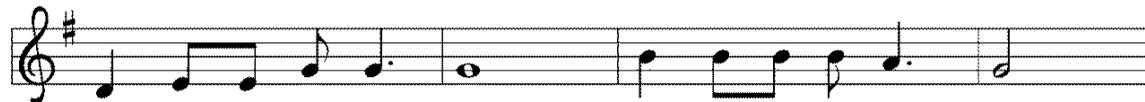
ELW #677



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;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a 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, 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.**

MEAL

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

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

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

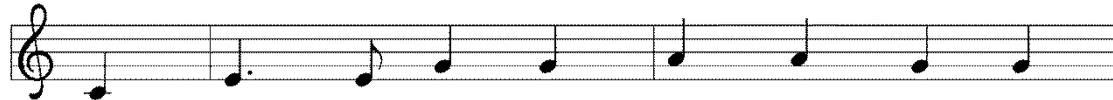
BLESSING

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 ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

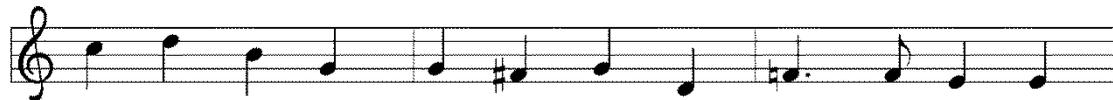
SENDING SONG

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW #597



1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I
3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righteousness; no merit of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - teous -



own I claim, but wholly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Beach Spring

Senior Choir

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Presiding: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Ushers: Jeremey & Janelle Gilbertson Family

Acolytes: DaShawn Linnen, AJ Ramaker, Jack Ramaker

Reader: Mason Fritz

Communion Servers: Bruce Adams, Teresa Fritz

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

Videographer: Hope Levine

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

Copyright © 2016 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS020622. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

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

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Chris Nyguard from his family.

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. 29.

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.**

2017 Offering envelopes are on tables in the elevator entry.

Those worshipping February 4/5: 182

Confirmation Schedule

February 22... 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.

Deadline to Direct Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31, 2017. Call 1.800.847.4836 or online at online at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.



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 TODAY.

Checks made payable to Jackie Stevenson
Signup sheets are in the narthex.

Samples are available in the narthex 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

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 19

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

9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:15 p.m. Stewardship Board - Library

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion

2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge

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 #9

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

5:30 p.m. Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:30 a.m. Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering – Chapel; 5th Grade 1st Communion Class

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

1:00 p.m. Chipped Inscriptions Class – Fellowship Hall

Readings for next Sunday: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

SALEM CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Joel Guttormson: 641.596.0535

Email: joelguttormson@gmail.com

Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey: 563-581-9965

Email: melindamcmc@gmail.com

Ashley Hoffman, Communications:

Email: salemlinfo@gmail.com

Ruth Sheldon, Organist: 641.592.0184

Salem Office: 641.592.1771

Email: salem@wctatel.net

PRAYER
changes things

Please remember in prayer this week...

The family & friends of Chris (Beth) Nyguard, son of Wayne & Judy Nyguard