



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Transfiguration of Our Lord
Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 22, 2020 - 5:30 p.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

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

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?

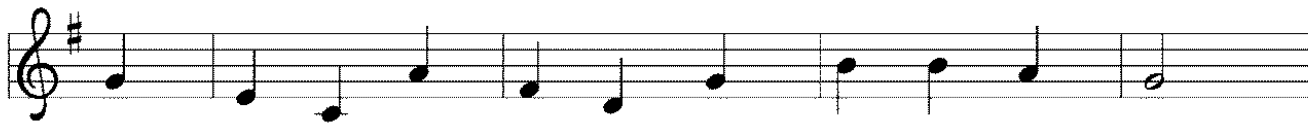
**Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

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.**

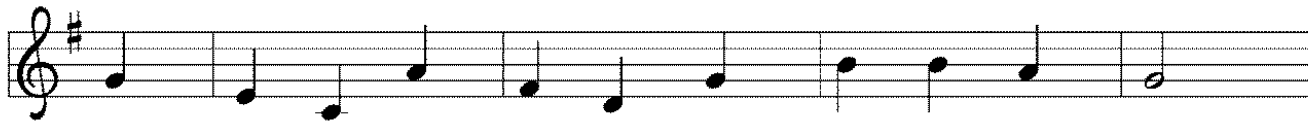
GATHERING SONG

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

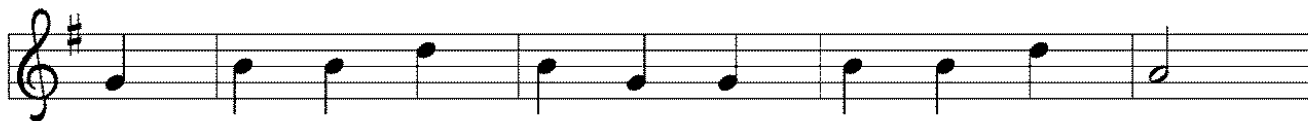
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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

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

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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

Exodus 24:12-18

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders

he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 2

The psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the lector

¹Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,
against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

³"Let us break their yoke," they say; "let us cast off their bonds from us."

⁴**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶“As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”

⁷Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

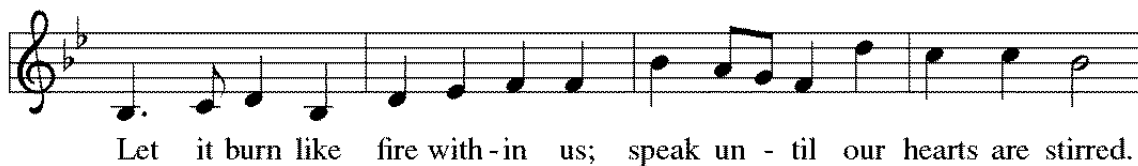
¹⁰And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹²lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.

Happy are all who take refuge in God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then

Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Good, Lord, to be Here!

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1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
 we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
 we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
 but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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.

PRAYERS 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.

Holy God, your loving power is at work among us. Rouse and embolden your church, that we too might be transfigured, set alight in the world for the sake of the gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awesome God, you speak and the earth trembles. You display your majesty in the mountains and your mystery in the clouds. Grant that we discover your magnificence in all of your created world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Ruler of nations, your reign extends across all human borders. Guide world leaders (*especially*) in justice and righteousness, that they may work for equity for all people and protect the world that you have made. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, you are a refuge for all who are neglected and abused. Bring freedom to those who are oppressed and give comfort to those experiencing pain of any kind (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of Moses and Elijah, you made your dwelling place at the top of a mountain with Jesus and his disciples. Dwell also in this congregation, that all who enter this community might be transformed by your dazzling brilliance. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Everlasting God, you offer eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the witness of those who lived and died in the faith (*especially Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, whose martyrdom in the early church we remember*

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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson Acolyte: Alexis Anderson	Altar Guild for February: Shelley Hagenson, Sharon Johnson
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The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Mary Nelson from Doc and family.

Rescheduled...

Sunday, February 23, 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.



Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2020 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is heard on KLOW (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:

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

Upcoming Faith Formation Events...

FEBRUARY

23 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

Lent/Holy Week Schedule:

February 26 - 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (No Confirmation)

March 4, 22, 18, 25, April 1 – 7:00 p.m. Lent Services (Confirmation Class as Scheduled)

April 9 – 5th Grade Family Meal – 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday & 5th Grade First Communion Service – 7:00 p.m.

April 10 – Good Friday Service – 7:00 p.m.

April 12 – Traditional Easter Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast - 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt - 9:45 a.m.

Contemporary Easter Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Save Local Lives

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Salem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
401 South Lake Street, Lake Mills IA

To make an appointment,
contact LifeServe Blood Center
at 800. 287.4903 or visit

www.liveservebloodcenter.org



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.

The Good Samaritan Ministry Team meets the last Wednesday of the month at 6:15 pm.

The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



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G P Y C S L P P J O H N E Y Y
X P O J A F X B D Y Y C M R D
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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Faith Formation; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting – Winnebago Lutheran Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Room #7; Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 1:00 p.m. Staff
- 3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2
- 7:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry – Lounge

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion
- 2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion
- No Confirmation Class

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6:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Library
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,870 Attendance: Those worshipping February 15/16: 115

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

5:45 p.m. Worship & Music - Library

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

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 – 4 year olds-2nd Grade Sing

12:30 p.m. Ski Trip to Mt. Kato

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