



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 23, 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

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.**

## 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.**

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**WORD**


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## FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>The 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." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To 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."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The 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. <sup>17</sup>Now 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. <sup>18</sup>Moses 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.**

*The psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the lector*

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>**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?**

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

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

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>**"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD,

who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup>**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup>**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**

**Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

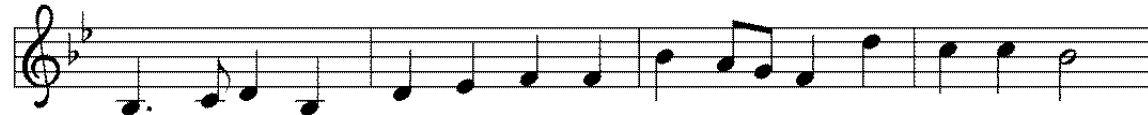
<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

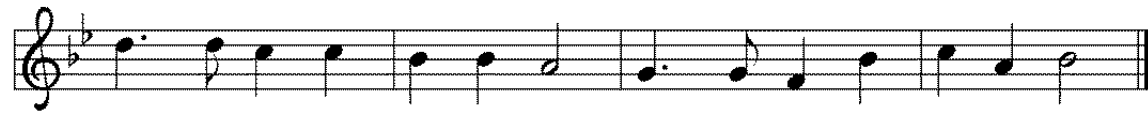
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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 17:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then 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." <sup>5</sup>While 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!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As 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!*

ELW #315

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.*

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.**

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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### 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.

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## SENDING

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### 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

*Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

ELW #318

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Let your light shine.  
Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

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**Reader:** Margaret Okland  
**Altar Guild for February:**  
Shelley Hagenson, Sharon Johnson

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Mary Nelson from Doc and family.

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>  
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

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.



**Lutheran World Relief...Health Kits**

**Kit items will be collected during Lent. You may place them in the basket in the narthex.**

**Kits include:** 1 light-weight bath sized towel; dark color, 2 or three bath-sizes bars of soap equaling 8-9 ounces, in original wrapping; 1 adult-size toothbrush in original packaging; 1 sturdy comb, removing packaging; 1 metal nail clipper, remove packaging.

**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

**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.

# 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



**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](http://www.liveservebloodcenter.org)



**GIVE BLOOD  
 SAVE LIFE**

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**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.**

**CHURCH DASHBOARD FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

**LAST SUNDAY, 02/16/20: \$5,584**

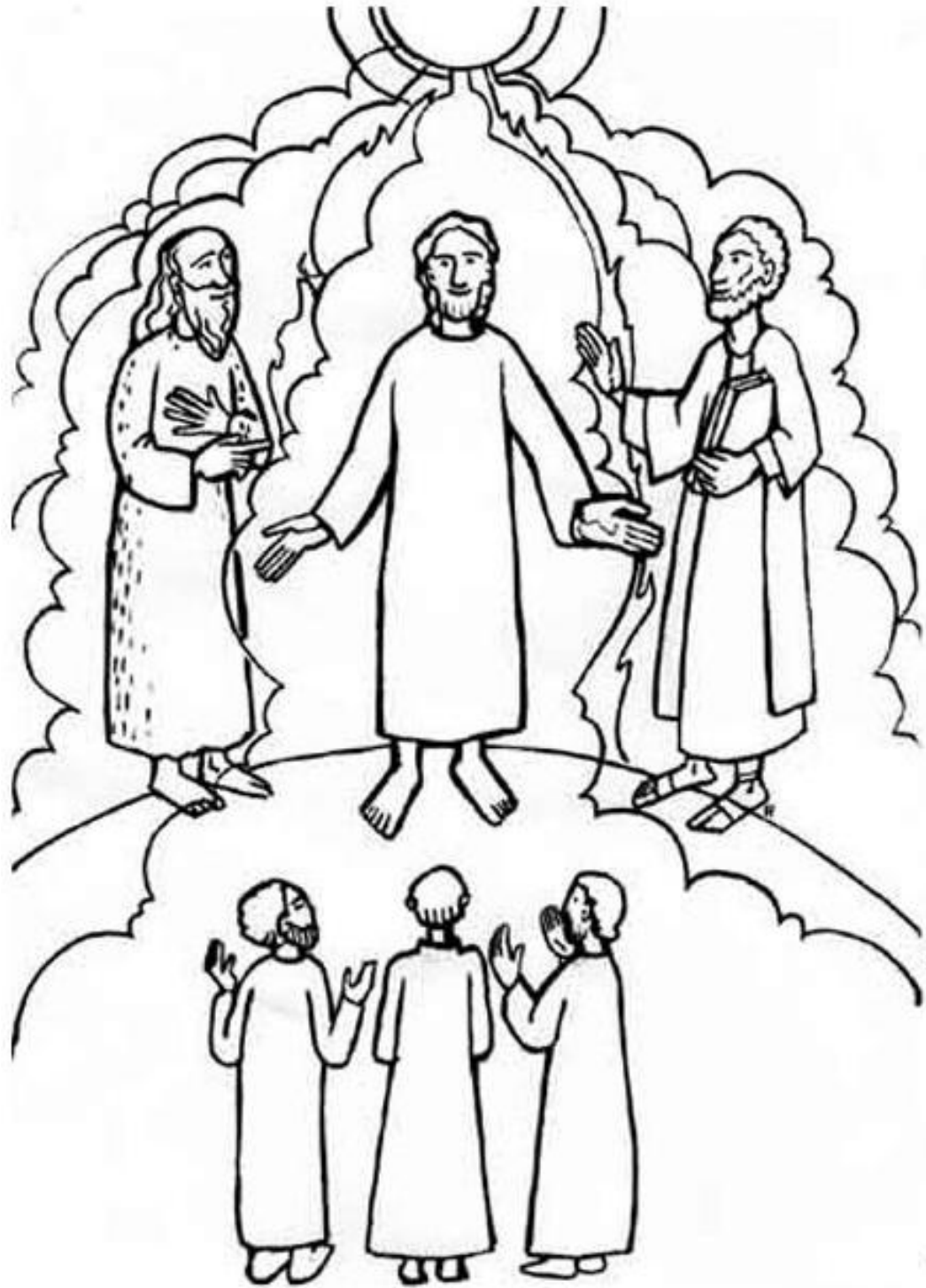
**Year-to-date as of 02/17/20: \$31,528**

**Last year as of 02/17/19: \$29,658**

**DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: \$1,870**

**Attendance: Those worshipping February 15/16: 115**

SIX	PETER	CLOTHES	VOICE	JOHN
LOVE	MOSES	GOOD	WHITE	ELIJAH
JAMES	DAYS	APPEARED	MOUNTAIN	HIGH



## **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

6:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Library

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary

### **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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