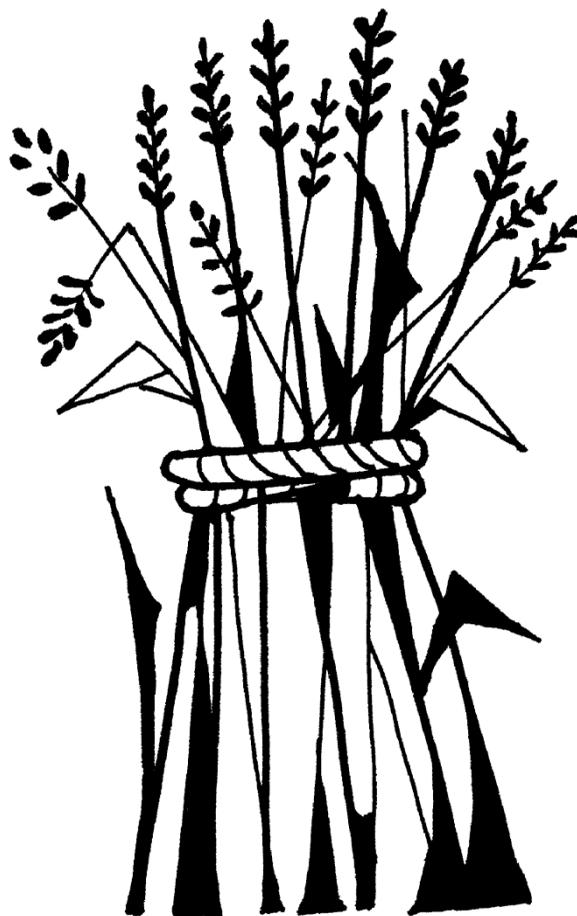




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450
Welcome to the House of the Lord
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 24, 2019 - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of the glory of God revealed in the Christ.

PRELUDE **Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above**

Hymntune: "Mit Freuden zart"

GATHERING MUSIC

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. 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 fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

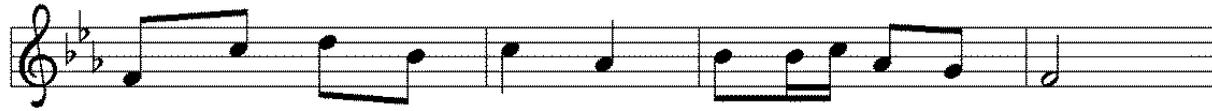
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

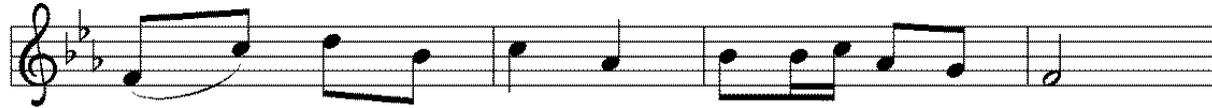
SONG OF PRAISE 8:30

Now the Green Blade Rises

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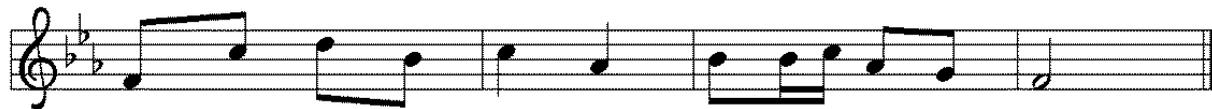
1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

10:30

Our God

Vol. 2

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 Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A reading from Genesis.

³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 *Read responsively by verse beginning with the pulpit side.*

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

¹⁰**In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

¹¹But the lowly shall possess the land; they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them; you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you they seek refuge.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written,

"The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. The word of the Lord.

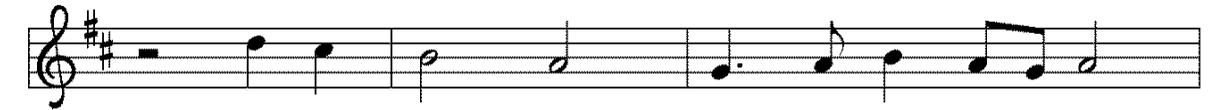
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

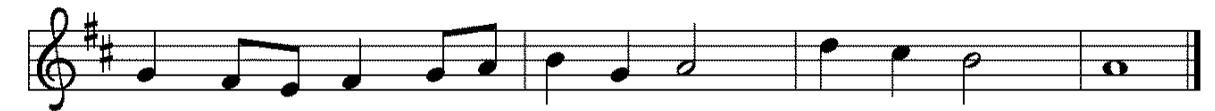
8:30

Alleluia

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



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

10:30

This Little Light of Mine

ELW #677

Gospel: Luke 27:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²"If you love those

who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY	8:30	Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive	ELW #605
	10:30	Giver of Life	Vol. 1

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

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

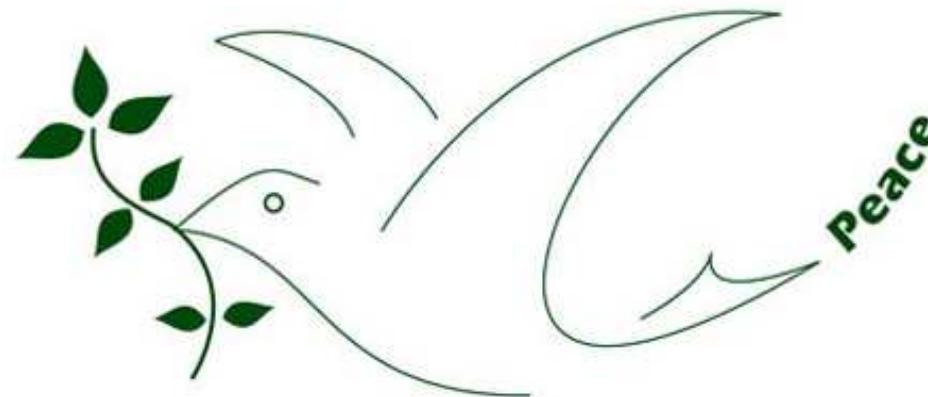
A brief silence. response to the prayers: **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

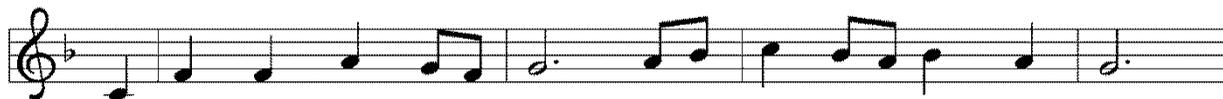
And also with you.



MEAL

OFFERING MUSIC **We Sing the Mighty Power of God** **Senior Choir**

OFFERTORY **8:30 Let Justice Flow Like Streams** **ELW #717**



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of all creation,
 all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
 You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.
 Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world
 signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

The 8:30 Worship Service continues with the Lord's Prayer.

THANKSGIVING (10:30 Worship Service Only)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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; 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.

Feast on God's abundant life for you.

COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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 8:30 **O Christ, Our Hope**
10:30 **Cannons**

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: (8:30) Thea Hoffman, Becca Holtan
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	(10:30) Kyla Johanson, Kelsey Kirschbaum
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Reader: (8:30) Janet Vinson
Ushers: (8:30) Dennis Madson & Janet Vinson	Altar Guild for February:
(10:30) Jason & Abby Holtan Family	Shelley Hagenson, Sharon Johnson, Pat Young

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory and in honor of Mary Nelson's 100th birthday that she would have celebrated on the 26th of February. From Charles (Doc) Nelson Family. Lucretia, Frona, Gregg, Maren, Dana and Bill.

Flowers on the altar have been placed in loving memory of Mary Nelson.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Eleanor Ness from her family. Services for Eleanor were held Friday at Salem.

Church Dashboard for Contributions 02/21/2019**LAST SUNDAY, 02/17/18: \$2,243****Year-to-date as of 02/21/19: \$29,783 - Last year as of 02/21/18: \$38,158****DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: -\$8,375****Attendance: Those worshipping February 16/17: 95****Ongoing Financial Needs: \$6,500 - \$7,000 per week helps us to do the Lord's work.****Readings for next week:**

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-43a

THIS WEEK AT SALEM**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

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

9:35 a.m. Faith Formation; Praise Creature Choir– Choir Room;
Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

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

12:30 p.m. **Family Ski/Tubing Trip – Meet at Salem****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

8:00 a.m. Monday Coffee - Lounge

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Room #7

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:00 p.m. Staff

7:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry - Lounge

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. Lake Mills Care Center Communion

5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge

6:30 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2

5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Board - Library

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Service - Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

9:35 a.m. Play & Pray – Lounge; Praise Creature Choir– Choir Room; Faith Formation – Chapel;
Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary (4 years old – 2nd Grade Sing)

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