



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Transfiguration of Our Lord  
Eighth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 26, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



#### INTRODUCTION

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 the mount of transfiguration 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.

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PRELUDE

*Sonata in D Major K. 288*

Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (inspired by Mark 9:2-9, Matthew 17:1-9)

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully.  
We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises,  
and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.

You have given us a love more fully  
than anything we could experience in this world  
but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it,  
and we look to our own means of assurance and security.

Forgive us.  
Call us back to You  
that we may put our trust in You and not be afraid.

May we hear the words so clearly  
as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration;  
may we rise up, and not be afraid.  
In the name of Jesus,  
who loves us and offers us forgiveness, we pray. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

You are God's Beloved;  
with you, God is well pleased.  
You are renewed and restored.  
You are forgiven and loved.  
You are a new creation in Christ,  
everything old has passed away;  
see, everything is becoming new.  
Go and share the good news of God's love. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*How Good, Lord, to be Here!*

ELW #315

**WORD**



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.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

God touches the world,  
**and the world changes.**  
 God touches us,  
**and we are transformed.**

In the brightest of day,  
**in the deepest of night,**  
 on mountain,  
**in valley,**  
 everywhere.

**In this time, together, we invite God to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives.**

And through the change –  
**we worship God. Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

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.**

**FIRST READING**

**Exodus 24:12-18**

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*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the Lord” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

**Bible Page 255**

*At the transfiguration, God’s voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God’s voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

Word of God, word of life.

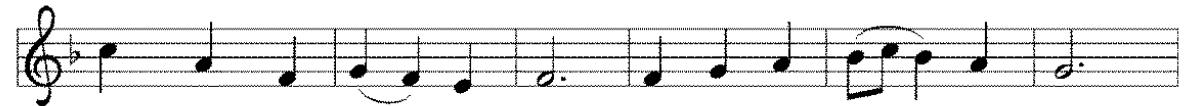
**Thanks be to God.**

**SONG**

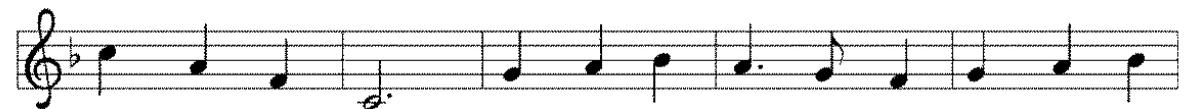
**God, Whose Almighty Word**

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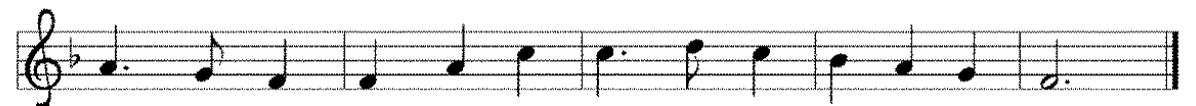
*Verse one will be sung before the reading of the gospel;  
 verse two will be sung after the reading of the gospel.*



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 17:1-9**

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

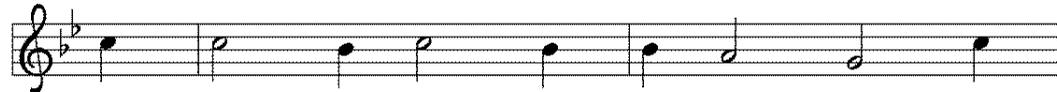
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair*

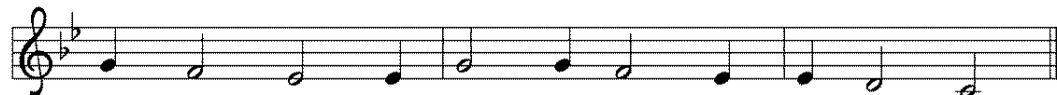
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1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the  
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the  
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Installation of Leaders of the Congregation (See insert)**

**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.

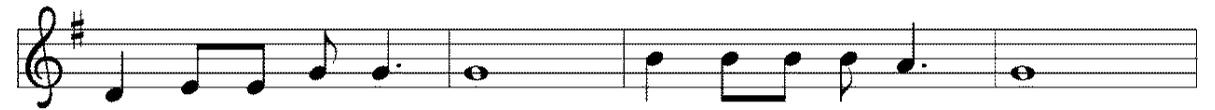
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

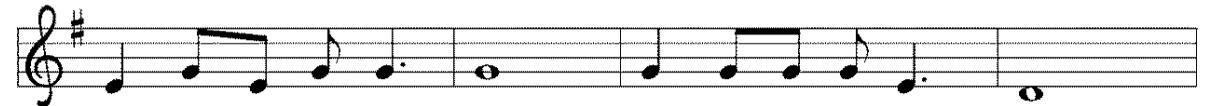
**OFFERING SONG**

*This Little Light of Mine*

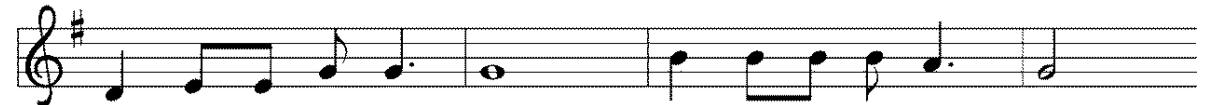
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1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### 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.**

### SENDING

#### BLESSING

Come down from the mountain with mountain-like faith.

Walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights. Live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love.

Go into the world transformed and renewed!

**Amen.**

#### FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

We are an Easter people.

**And Alleluia is our song.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The author of Ecclesiastes writes:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

A time to be born and a time to die.

**A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted.**

A time to break down and a time to build up.

**A time to weep and a time to laugh.**

A time to mourn and a time to dance.

**A time to keep silence and a time to speak.**

As a sign of our repentance, we now say Farewell to the Alleluia until our rejoicing at the resurrection of our Lord.

### SENDING SONG

#### *Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

ELW 318



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
- 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
- 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
- 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



- al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



- in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

### DISMISSAL

How good it is for us to be here.

**Amen! Alleluia!**

Go in peace and do not be afraid. Christ is with you. Alleluia, alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson

**Assisting:** Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Ushers:** Jeremy & Janelle Gilbertson Family

**Acolytes:** Karli Helgeson and Madison Levine

**Reader:** Wayne Vanveldhuizen

**Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey

**Videographer:** Hope Levine

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

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**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:** April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 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 18/19: 181 Giving: \$11,754.30**



**The Chipped Inscriptions Class at Salem Lutheran Church will be held this afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

### **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 date and the information for the last meeting:**

March 21 Preparing for the Future - Special guest speaker Amanda Green, LMCC Administrator

### **About Thrivent Choice**

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program and a unique member benefit. Eligible Thrivent members are designated Choice Dollars that they can direct to enrolled charities. They can even recommend organizations to be added to the list of those eligible to receive Choice Dollars grant funding.

If you have available Choice Dollars®, now is the perfect time to make a direction. **Direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31, 2017.** Salem Lutheran Church is enrolled in Thrivent Choice. Since 2010, eligible Thrivent members have used the program to help direct more than \$270 million to nonprofits nationwide.

### **If you're eligible, you can direct Choice Dollars now:**

Help the organizations you care about strengthen communities and change lives. Direct available Choice Dollars now, following one of these easy steps:

- Go online at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).
- Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



## PERSONAL CARE KITS

### **SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER**

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

### **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT**

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
  - TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
  - ONE** adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*
  - ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
  - ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging
- \* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

### **HOW TO PACK YOUR PROJECT PROMISE KITS**

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**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

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

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers - Lounge

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1**

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

6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Choir Room

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2**

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Library, Rhoda Circle – Gloria Kvale; Sarah Circle – Mavis Bergo

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle - Library

5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board - Library

**SATURDAY, MARCH 4**

5:30 p.m. Communion Worship – Chapel

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. First Communion Class

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Fellowship Hall

**NO PRAISE CHOIR MARCH 5.**

**Readings for next Sunday:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11



*Farewell.*

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