



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.

**TAIZÉ ADVENT LITURGY – Service of the Word**

Taizé prayer is meditative in character. Simple repetitive chants anchor the prayer time together and becomes a calming influence during this hectic pre-Christmas season. Songs of praise and thanksgiving frame readings from the Psalms and Scriptures. The focus is on songs that celebrate the Light of Christ. Therefore the symbols of darkness and light play an important part in this celebration.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.

**PRELUDE**

**BELLS**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*The call to worship is led by youth or Children and their families.*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

**You call all nations to walk in your light**

and to seek your ways of justice and peace,

**for the night is past, and the dawn of your coming is near.**

Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.

**Rouse us from sleep,**

that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes

**and welcome him into our hearts and homes,**

for he is our light and our salvation.

**Blessed be God forever.**

**Amen.**

**ADVENT SONG**

*Wait for the Lord*

**ELW #262**

*The Advent wreath will be lit during the Advent song.*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you.  
For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. (Isaiah 30:18)

**GATHERING SONG**

**My Lord, What a Morning**

ELW #438

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

**GREETING**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God,  
who comes to wake us from sleep,  
who leads us into the light of grace.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 2:1–5**

**Pew Bible Page 700**

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshipping community responds: "Let us walk in that light of that Lord now!"*

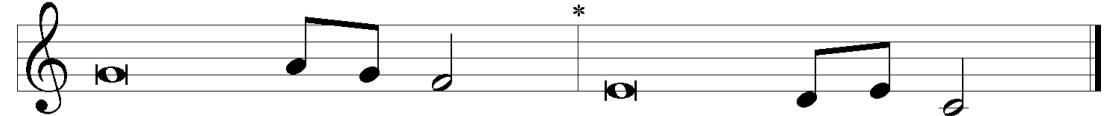
Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

**Psalm 122**

*Sung responsively beginning with the cantor*



<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they <sup>1</sup>said to me, "Let us go to the house <sup>1</sup>of the LORD."

<sup>2</sup>**Now our <sup>1</sup>feet are standing within your gates, <sup>1</sup>O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built <sup>1</sup>as a city that is at unity <sup>1</sup>with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the <sup>1</sup>thrones of judgment, the thrones of the <sup>1</sup>house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace <sup>1</sup>of Jerusalem: "May they pros- <sup>1</sup>per who love you.**

<sup>7</sup>Peace be with- <sup>1</sup>in your walls and quietness with- <sup>1</sup>in your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred <sup>1</sup>and companions, I pray for <sup>1</sup>your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the <sup>1</sup>LORD our God, I will seek to <sup>1</sup>do you good."

**SECOND LESSON**

**Romans 13:11–14**

**Pew Bible Page 169**

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.*

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Magnificat*

ELW #236

Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me-a Do-mi-num.  
 Ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat, ma-gni-fi-cat a-ni-ma me - a!

**GOSPEL**

*Matthew 24:36-44*

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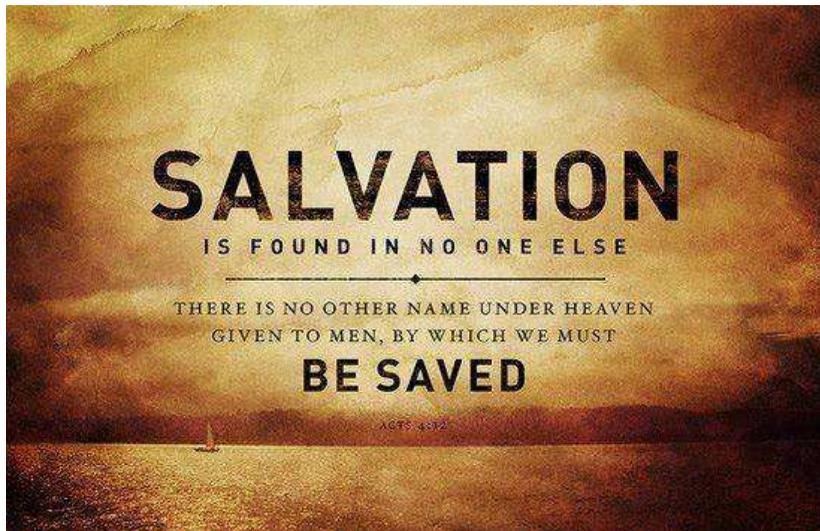
*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, unexpected event that will bring salvation or judgment upon people caught up in the usual affairs of daily life. He urges people to be alert and expectant.*

*Response to the announcement of the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

*The assembly is invited to stand at the Holy Gospel is read*

*Response to the conclusion of the gospel reading: **Praise to you, O Christ***

**SERMON**



**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

ELW #242

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though  
 an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall  
 soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.  
 Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less  
 geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and  
 lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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### GIDEON'S TALK

Roger Solomonson

### PRAYERS

Response: *"Have mercy, O God."*

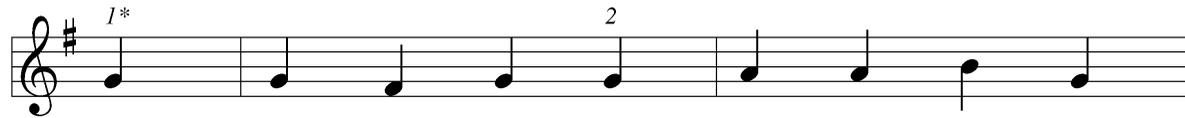
### PEACE

*All may greet each other with a sign of peace*

### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### OFFERING SONG

#### *Come Lord Jesus*



1 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and  
2 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and  
3 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and  
4 Oh, come, Lord Je - sus, be our guest, and



let your gifts to us be blest. Keep us for - ev - er  
let your gifts to us be blest. Oh, may there be a  
let your gifts to us be blest. Guide us a - long the  
let your gifts to us be blest. Come deep with - in our



in your sight, and be our joy, our hearts' de - light.  
good - ly share on ev - 'ry ta - ble ev - 'ry - where.  
ser - vant's way, and lead us to your dawn - ing day.  
hearts to dwell, that we may all your good - ness tell.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us. Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new and our lives reveal your light. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

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### SENDING

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#### BLESSING

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



**SENDING SONG**

*Soon and Very Soon*

ELW #439



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon  
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.  
no more dy - in' there,  
soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson  
**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon  
**Acolytes:** Morgan Brainerd & Nicole Canny  
**Reader:** Elijah Stene  
**Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey  
**Videographer:** Hope Levine  
**Altar Guild for November:** Marilyn Hoffman and Doris Tweed

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of DeVere Steffensen from Clarine and family.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3 and can be heard on WCTA Cable Channel 2. Radio Broadcast 2017 Sponsorship Dates Available: Jan. 8, 15, Feb. 5, March 26, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 11, July 9, 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10.

We 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.



**Happy 90th Birthday to Vern Hagen!**  
Join him and his family this morning at 9:30 for cake and coffee in the fellowship hall.

Sending of Communion is the third Sunday of each month. Please call the office (641.592.1771) if you would like to receive communion at home on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Senior citizens that need a ride to church on Sunday mornings can call the church office (641.592.1771) and a ride will be arranged for you. Leave a message if there is no answer. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those willing to give rides.

Would you be willing to pair up with our confirmation students? Your role would be to support, encourage and pray for them. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Rhonda Harmon at 641-590-0256. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex. Thank you for your assistance.

Salem has lent a nativity for the ticket office window at the Mills Theater.  
Next time you walk by or attend a movie take a look.

For the last few years a local church has been asked to lend a nativity for the Advent season.



Salem offers a safe and easy way to give online. Scan this QR code to go to the website. There you can click the **Donate Now** button to make your gift. You decided the amount. You will need either a credit or debit card to complete the transaction. Thank you for your support of ministry at Salem!



Hospice of North Iowa Tree Lighting Service will be held in Salem's Chapel on **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Salem's Fellowship Hall.** Every light on the Tree of Life celebrates and honors our love ones in a very special way.

**OPERATION CLOTHES FOR KIDS!**

**Seventh annual Operation Clothes for Kids**

*Donations will be distributed throughout the Lake Mills Community School District.*

Pick a Christmas Tag (with a child's needs/sizes on it) from one of the following trees: Salem Lutheran Church Chapel, Winnebago Lutheran Church, Citizens' Community Credit Union, Farmers Trust and Savings Bank, or Manufactures Bank and Trust.

Purchase the items on the child's tag, wrap in one box, attach the original Christmas Tag to the gift, and deliver to the listed sites by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 15th. Feel free to team up and share costs. Tags are available for pick up on the tree outside the Salem office.

*Cash donation are accepted, send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue E, Lake Mills, IA. Make checks payable to LMCS Clothes for Kids.*



**A service of installation will be held for Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey on Sunday, December 11 at the 8:30 a.m. worship service. A reception for Pastor Melinda will be held following the service. All families are encouraged to attend. There will be one service and no Faith Formation.**

**A Service of Lessons & Carols, led by our youth, will be held Sunday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.**



**The Marine Corps Toys for Tots Collection Boxes will be outside the church office & in the narthex. Unwrapped gifts may be placed in the box. Monetary donations are also appreciated.**

**You are welcome to place mittens, caps and scarves on the Mitten Tree by the pulpit** prior to services in December or at any time during the week. Gifts will be distributed locally and in the surrounding area.



To keep the Angel Tree tradition going help is needed to set up and decorate the tree. This usually takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> this year) when the rest of the church is decorated for Christmas.

**All help would be greatly appreciated!**

There is no charge to dedicate an angel. You can pick up an angel in the church office and hang it on the tree yourself anytime you wish. A book will be on the table where you can write the name of your loved one and note who is dedicating the angel. If you have purchased an angel in the past you can also pick up an angel and either hang it on the Angel Tree or take it home to enjoy on your own tree.

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
4:00 p.m. Tapestry Advent/Christmas Concert – Sanctuary

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open  
7:00 p.m. Salem/One in Christ Joint Workshop - Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
1:45 p.m. LMCC Communion  
2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall  
2:30 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion  
6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4  
7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #10

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

9:30 a.m. Rhoda Circle – Teluwut  
11:00 a.m. Grace Circle – Carolyn Rawlings  
11:15 a.m. Sarah Circle - Teluwut  
11:30 a.m. Elizabeth Circle – Main Street Pizza  
5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board – Library

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

8:30 a.m. Communion 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

**Next Week's Lessons:** Isaiah 11:1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19, Romans 15:4-13, Matthew 3:1-12

**Keep in Prayer this Week: The family & friends of Marilyn VanDenBosch**

**Prayer Families:** Roger Christiansen, Shannon Christiansen, Amber Christianson, Derek Christianson, Jill Christianson, Joel and Marlys Christianson

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Thank you for your many donations to the **Clothes Closet!**  
Donations may be brought in at any time. Please limit the donations to clothing, good shoes, coats.  
Monetary donations are also welcomed.