



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017 - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Stir up your power, and come! The psalmist's plea in Psalm 80:2 has become familiar to us in the Advent prayers. Isaiah wants God to rip the heavens open. Both cry out for an apparently distant, angry God to show up, to save, to restore. When we hear Jesus describing the coming of the Son of Man with stars falling from heaven, it can sound dire and horrible, not like anything we would ever hope for. But when we really look at the suffering of people God loves, we can share the hope that God would tear open the heavens and come.

***Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

TAIZÉ ADVENT LITURGY 2017

GATHERING

PRELUDE *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* Setting by Johann Gottfried Walther

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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!

Lord Jesus, we do not lack any spiritual gift as we wait for your coming. Keep us awake and help us use our gifts to serve those who look for the dawn of your justice and mercy. Amen.

8:30 GATHERING SONG
10:30 GATHERING SONG

Creator of the Stars of Night

ELW #245

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 awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

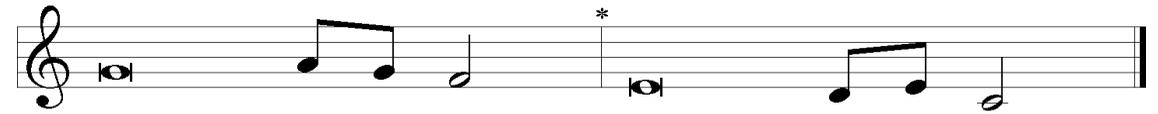
Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Sung responsively beginning with the cantor



¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and | come to help us.

³Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴**O LORD | God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong | for yourself.

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Magnificat

ELW #236

Canon

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

Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

8:30 HYMN OF THE DAY

My Lord, What a Morning

ELW #438

10:30 HYMN OF THE DAY

PRAYERS

Response: hear our prayer.

PEACE

All may greet each other with a sign of peace

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come Emmanuel

Senior Choir

OFFERING SONG

Come Lord Jesus

LS #97

The offering is received and the table is set

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith, increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.
Amen

THE 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 no 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

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.

COMMUNION HYMN

Taste and See

ELW #493

8:30 DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

What feast of Love

ELW #487

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ELW #484

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Amen.

8:30 SENDING HYMN

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW #244

10:30 SENDING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: Megan Knudtson, Courtney Lorensen
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Communion Servers: Kirby & Abby Holtan
Ushers: Dolly Gregor & Margaret Okland	December Altar Guild: All Guild Members
Reader: Tyler Helgeson	

The radio broadcast this morning is given by the members of Salem Lutheran Church.

Pledge cards for 2018 were distributed at the services this past weekend. If you did not get one, please check with the office for your copy. All completed cards can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off/mailed to the church office over the next several weeks. Thank you for your support.
Stewardship Board

*****Confirmation pictures and certificates are available on the safe outside the office.**

Readings for December 3: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Those worshipping November 25/26: 159 Giving: \$6583.90

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 2018 DATE - 592.1771. Cost for 2018 is still \$83

2018 - 8:30 A.M. KIOW RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

Jan. 14, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, April 1, 22, 29, May 6, 20,

June 10, 17, July 8, 15, 29, Aug. 5, 19, Sept. 2, 16,

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 23, 30

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. **Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.**



Tapestry Singers Advent Concert

Join us in the Sanctuary this evening at 4:00 p.m.
All are Welcome!

The Children's Christmas Program *Symbols of Christmas* will be Sunday, December 10th at 10:30am followed by cookies in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate Christmas cookies, please contact Jennifer Sauer at 641-903-1847.

The Good Samaritan/Good Gifts Barnyard Tree

There's a Christmas tree in the entrance near the elevator this year. You are invited to purchase a barnyard animal place a tag on the tree. There are also gift boxes under the tree to receive donations of socks and underwear for Salem's Good Samaritan Clothes Closet.

The Hospice of North Iowa Tree Lighting Service will be held in Salem's Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 14th at 6:00pm. With your gift to hospice, a light will be placed on the Tree of Life. Every light on the Tree of Life celebrates and honors our loved ones and friends in a very special way. A light in memory of a loved one who has died, is a reminder that despite the wintry effect death can bring, life can still be celebrated. Names of those you wish to remember and honor will be listed at the service. Your contribution will help extend hospice care to others, so they can live the last months of their life in dignity, often in their own homes.

2017 OPERATION CLOTHES FOR KIDS!

Eighth Annual Operation Clothes for Kids

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

The tree is located in the narthex.

Pick a Christmas Tag (with a child's needs/sizes on it) from one of the following tree locations: Salem Lutheran Church, Winnebago Lutheran Church, Word of Faith Dominion Church, 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 Wednesday, December 13.

Feel free to team up and share costs.

Cash donations are accepted. Send to the LMCS Nurse's Office, 102 S 4th Avenue E, Lake Mills, IA 50450. Make checks payable to LMCS Clothes for Kids



The Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection box is outside the church office! Unwrapped gifts may be placed in the box. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT

You can now make a contribution with text!

As part of our electronic giving program, we offer a smart tool designed for today's mobile phone users. In less time than it takes to write a check, you can make weekly offerings, respond to special appeals or set up a recurring donation by simply sending a text to our secure account at **1.641.832.5367.**

See the December Outreach for instructions on how to set up Give+Text or stop by the office for help setting up on your cell phone.

Thank you for helping us build a thriving ministry!

Angel Tree – A Little History

The Angel Tree was started in 2000 by the Miriam Circle members. A longtime circle member had passed away and the Angel Tree was dedicated to her memory. People were able to purchase angels and the narthex tree was decorated with these angels each year. The names of all dedications were also recorded in a special book on display near the tree. Through the years over 500 angels have been dedicated.

If you have purchased an angel in the past you can also pick up an angel and either hang it on the Angel Memory Tree or take it home to enjoy on your own tree. All previously dedicated angels are recorded in the memory book.

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.

MAP MISSIONAL ASSESSMENT PROFILE

We will be hosting more *Listening Sessions* on December 4th and 5th. If you were unable to attend the previous sessions, please take a look at the signup times and find one that will work with your schedule. Your input is needed and welcomed as we continue to gather data to help us move into the next chapter of Salem's ministry.

Current and past Salem members can sign up for a listening session at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a4ae2ba24f85-salem>

Dec. 4 listening times are every half hour from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 5 listening times are every half hour from 2:00 - 9:00 p.m.

*****Signup is easy! Or call the office and Helen will sign you up!*****

The congregation is also welcome to join us in the presentation of the MAP results on Monday, December 4th at 7pm in the fellowship hall or Tuesday, December 5th at noon in the fellowship hall.
(please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch if you would like)

Map Result Sharing – MAP Points of Interest

Week 3:

Lack of clarity of purpose is likely impacting the entirety of the ministry. Personal involvement and relationships are important to members and can be a key for moving forward in vitality and impact.

SALEM CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Joel Guttormson: 641.596.0535

Email: joelguttormson@gmail.com

Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey: 563-581-9965

Email: melindamcmc@gmail.com

Ashley Hoffman, Communications:

Email: salemlminfo@gmail.com

Ruth Sheldon, Organist: 641.592.0184

Salem Office: 641.592.1771

Email: salem@wctatel.net

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel

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

4:00 p.m. Tapestry Advent Concert – Sanctuary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Joshua Listening Groups

3:15 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts – Room #4

7:00 p.m. Joshua MAP Survey Presentation – Fellowship Hall

8:00 p.m. Joshua Large Group Listening – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. Joshua MAP Survey Presentation – Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Joshua Listening Groups

3:15 p.m. Brownies – Room #4

7:00 Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

2:15 p.m. Christmas Program Practice

5:00 p.m. Worship & Music Board - Library

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Sanctuary; New Life Nutrition – Room #4

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

4:30 p.m. Stewardship Board Meeting - Library

5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board/Stewardship Board Meeting – Library

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 p.m. Hanson/Proctor Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Christmas Program Practice

10:00 a.m. Decorate for Wedding - Sanctuary

4:30 p.m. Hanson/Proctor Wedding - Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Casual Service – Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel

10:30 a.m. Faith Formation Christmas Program - Sanctuary