

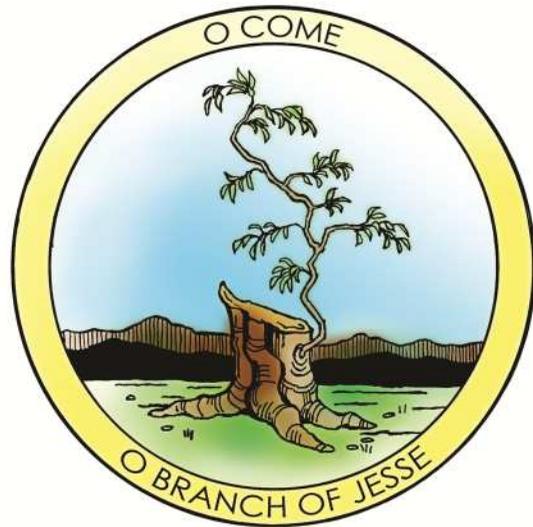


Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.

TAIZÉ ADVENT LITURGY 2016 – Service of Holy Communion

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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases we turn toward the light of Christ's coming. For Christians he is the root of Jesse, the righteous judge who welcomes all, especially the poor and meek of the earth. We wait with hope for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and there will be no more hurt or destruction. From the Lord's table we are sent in the spirit of John the Baptist to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of God has come near.

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Hymntune: *Veni Emmanuel*
J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

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.

John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way
for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be a light shining in the darkness
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
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

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

ELW #249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as
people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

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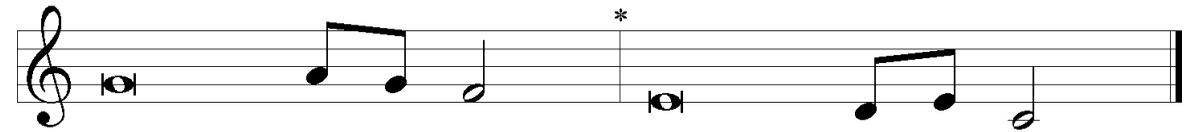
Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Sung responsively beginning with the cantor



¹Give the king your jus - tice, O God, and your righteousness to | the king's son;

²**that he may rule your | people righteously and the | poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people, and the | hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy a - | mong the people, rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure, from one generation | to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field, like showers that wa - | ter the earth.**

⁷In his time may the | righteous flourish;

and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.

¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel; you alone do | wondrous deeds!**

¹⁹And blessed be your glorious | name forever,

and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A - | men. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 15:4-13

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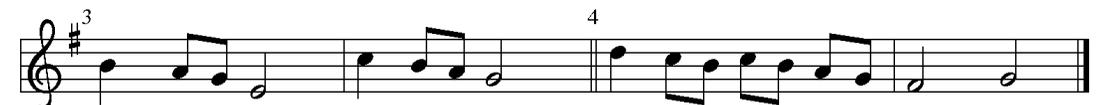
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 3:1-12

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

The assembly is invited to stand as the Holy Gospel is read

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW #250



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2 With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS

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

PEACE

All may greet each other with a sign of peace

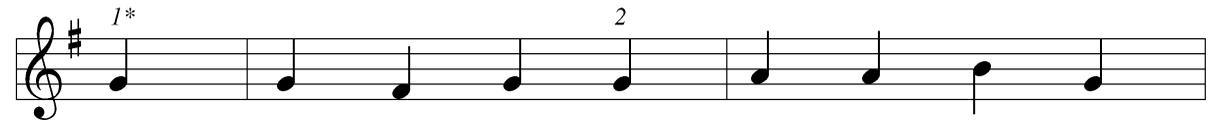
MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Come Lord Jesus"

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 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

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

COMMUNION HYMN

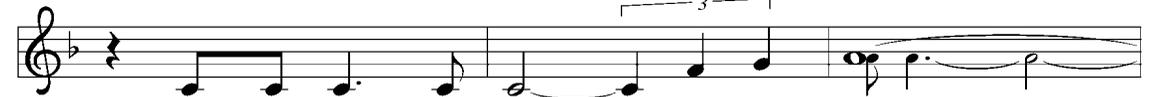
Taste and See

ELW #493

Refrain – All



Leader or All



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
- 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . me.
- 3 Wor - ship . . . the Lord, all you peo - ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
I called the Lord, . . who an - swered me;
Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!



Refrain
 You sat - is - fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain
 so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n-ly food.
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
 whom all the world can - not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW #264



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Acolytes: Sam Hagenson, Ella Stene & Armani Garcia

Reader: Jackson Rice

Ushers: Dan Rice Family

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

Communion Servers: Doug & Vivian Richards

Videographer: Hope Levine

Altar Guild for December 1-9: Sharon Casey & Marilyn Hoffman

The radio broadcast this morning is sponsored by Diana Haugen and Family.

The live streaming of the service this morning is in loving memory of our family from Sharon Hoffmann.

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.

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 or Faith Forming Worship.



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

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 18th.

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.



Hospice of North Iowa Tree Lighting Service will be held in Salem's Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, December 13th 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.



Salem's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22, 2017.

Watch for time and the schedule that day.

In preparation, we will begin preparing the Annual Report late December into January.

The Nominating Committee is beginning work on the ballot.

There may be council positions and committee positions to fill.

If you are interested in helping with the "Work of the Church" in this capacity, contact one of the council members:



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.



Angels for the Angel Tree are in a basket on the table by the tree. You may place an angel 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.

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.



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!

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Those worshipping November 19/20: 203

Giving: \$9204.88

Those worshipping November 26/27: 161

Giving: \$8579.00

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00 a.m. Choir Practice
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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle - Library

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

11:00 a.m. Miriam Circle - Teluwut
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall – Bring Goodies to Share

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

11:30 a.m. Martha Circle – Teluwut

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:30 p.m. Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 a.m. Choir Practice
8:30 a.m. Worship/Installation Service - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Reception in honor of Pastor Melinda – Fellowship Hall

Next Week's Lessons: Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11



Keep in Prayer this Week:

Prayer Families: Kim Christianson, Terry Christianson, Bonnie Clark, Brandon Clark, Bill/Diane Clark, Mildred Clementson



Gifts - A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion and gives encouragement to and intercedes for those he or she cares for. Many Stephen Ministers say that they receive much more from the caring relationship with their care receiver than they give. If you have the gift of compassion and encouragement consider becoming a Stephen Minister. We are looking to start a new training class soon. If you are interested, please call Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

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