

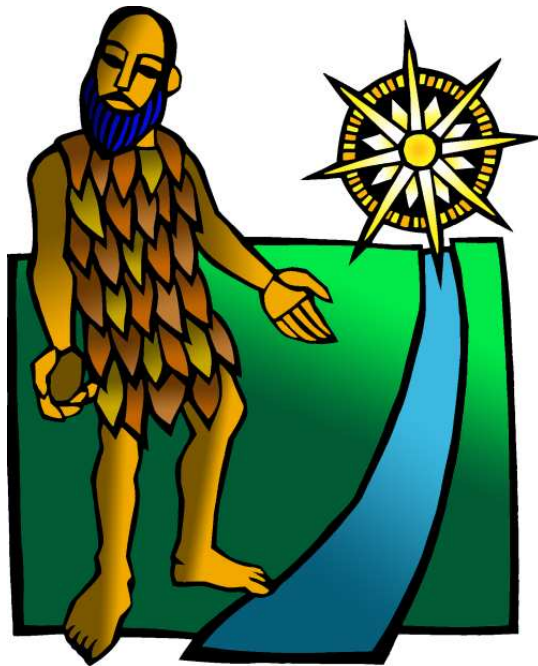


Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Third Sunday of Advent
Service of Installation
December 11, 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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom. Jesus points to signs of God's reign: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

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

PRELUDE

*From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
The First Noel*

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)
English Carol

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.

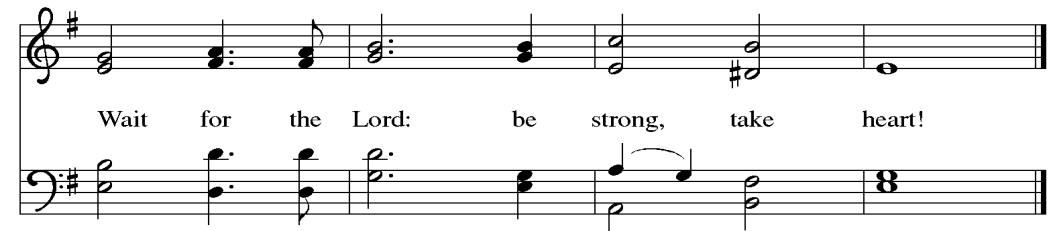
Blessed be God forever. Amen.

ADVENT SONG

Wait for the Lord

ELW #262

The Advent wreath will be lit during the Advent song.



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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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 the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming,
 that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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 READING

Isaiah 35:1–10

Pew Bible Page 735

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 146:5-10

Sung responsively beginning with the cantor

- ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
 whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- ⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
 who keeps promises forever;**
- ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
 The LORD sets the captive free.
- ⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
 the LORD loves the righteous. R**
- ⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
 the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- ¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R**

SECOND LESSON

James 5:7–10

Pew Bible Page 249

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Magnificat

ELW #236

1
Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num.

2
Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

3
Ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat, ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

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GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

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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

We Are Called

ELW #720

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR MELINDA MCVEY MCCLUSKEY

The assembly stands. The pastor to be installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.

Presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Having been authorized by the church to install Rev. Melinda McVey McCluskey, our co-worker in the gospel, as associate pastor of Salem Lutheran Church, I now ask for certification of this call.

A representative of the calling body addresses the presiding minister.

After prayerful deliberation, we, of Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills, have called Melinda McCluskey as pastor. I present her and this letter certifying the call.

The representative gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted. The representative moves aside, and the assembly is seated.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

The presiding minister questions the pastor being installed.

Pastor Melinda, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace?

Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

The assembly responds: Amen.

The assembly stands.

People of God, will you receive Pastor Melinda McCluskey as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard her as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you pray for her, help and honor her for her work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.

Rev. Melinda McCluskey the office of Pastor of Salem Lutheran Church is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

BLESSING

The newly installed pastor may kneel as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. A representative of the congregation says:

You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation says:
You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.*

*They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation says:
You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.*

*The presiding minister may address the assembly with these or similar words.
People of God, I present to you Melinda McCluskey, your pastor.
Let us welcome her in the name of Christ.
The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is
seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

OFFERING
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

MUSICAL OFFERING
*During this time, the table is set.
Assembly song or other music may accompany or follow the gathering of the offering.*



OFFERING SONG *Come Lord Jesus*
*After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands.
Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.*

Musical notation for the first line of the offering song, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes. The lyrics are:

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

Musical notation for the second line of the offering song, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes. The lyrics are:

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

Musical notation for the third line of the offering song, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes. The lyrics are:

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**

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

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Preaching: Rev. Steve Brackett
Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Travis & Ashley Hoffman Family
Acolytes: Emma Hoffman and Thea Hoffman
Reader: Willie Skellenger
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey
Videographer: Hope Levine
Altar Guild for December 10-16: Joan Kloster, Phyllis Moen, Kathy Nelson

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The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of David Rasmussen from his wife Esther, from Clear Lake.

A service of installation will be held for Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey this morning
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.

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.



Hospice of North Iowa Tree Lighting Service will be held in Salem's Chapel 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.



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.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on K10W-FM 107.3 and can be heard on WCTA Cable Channel 2. Radio Broadcast 2017 Sponsorship Dates Available: March 26, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 11, July 9, 16, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 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.

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.

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 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!

Peace & Good Will To All - After an Angel announced Jesus' birth to Shepherds in the fields, a heavenly hosts of angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" Stephen Ministry is a calling to bring the good news of God's love and peace to people who are hurting. Stephen Ministers bring God's love through listening, being present, through prayers. If you hear God calling you to bring the good news of Christmas, of God being Immanuel, God with us, please call Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. We are planning to start a new training class of Stephen Ministers in January (at least one more student is needed). Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.



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

We will have one service at 8:30 a.m. followed by brunch. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. 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,

Please contact one of the council members:

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Those worshipping December 3/4: 194 Giving: Not Available

2017 Pledges may still be returned to the office.

Any donations that you would like credited for 2016 must be received or be postmarked by December 31, 2016.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

8:30 a.m. Worship/Installation Service - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Reception in honor of Pastor Melinda – Fellowship Hall

9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation Practice - Sanctuary

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

5:30 p.m. Council – Library

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

6:00 p.m. Hospice Tree of Life Program – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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 15

2:00 p.m. WELCA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

5:30 p.m. Communion Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

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

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

9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Faith Formation Christmas Program Practice - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Service of Lessons & Carols led by Youth – Fellowship Hall

Next Week's Lessons: Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 18-19, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25

Keep in Prayer this Week:

Prayer Families: Teresa Clough family, Mary Coffey, Ariana Colby, Betty Colby, Dean and Kristin Colby, Duane and Janice Colby, Emily Colby

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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Candlelight Communion Services will be held at 5:00 & 10:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of loved one, let the office know and it will be included in the bulletin.

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 hats & gloves. Monetary donations are also welcomed.