



# Salem Lutheran Church

401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Second Sunday of Christmas  
January 3, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.



## INTRODUCTION

Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

## BELLS

## GATHERING

## PRELUDE

*Variations on "Pur Nobis Nascitur"*

Arr. Hag Hopson

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Red Book Page 94

## GATHERING SONG

Red Book # 283

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

Red Book Page 147

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Red Book Page 149

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Page 816 in the Bible

A reading from Jeremiah.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>12</sup>Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion,

<sup>13</sup>**who has strengthened the bars of your gates  
and has blessed your children within you.**

<sup>14</sup>God has established peace on your borders  
and satisfies you with the finest wheat.

<sup>15</sup>**God sends out a command to the earth,  
a word that runs very swiftly.**

<sup>16</sup>God gives snow like wool, scattering frost like ashes.

<sup>17</sup>**God scatters hail like bread crumbs.  
Who can stand against God's cold?**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD sends forth the word and melts them;  
the wind blows, and the waters flow.

<sup>19</sup>**God declares the word to Jacob,  
statutes and judgments to Israel.**

<sup>20</sup>The LORD has not done so to any other nation;  
they do not know God's judgments. Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Page 204 in the Bible**

A reading from Ephesians.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-18**

**Page 94 in the Bible**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:* The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Red Book #298**

*The Bells of Christmas*

**CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Please respond at the end of each petition:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of your love, we offer our prayers in the name of Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

**PEACE**

**Red Book Page 152**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

## COMMUNION

*When Holy Communion is served, all Christians who recognize the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament and the offer of forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table. Children are invited forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the ushers' instructions in coming for communion. Communion will be continuous.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

**Red Book #631**

*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

**Preaching:** Pastor Melinda McCluskey

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Sound:** Al Skellenger

**Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey

**Altar Guild for January:** Candy Hanna and Medara Winter



*The radio broadcast this morning is in honor of Pastors Scot & Melinda McCluskey's 25th wedding anniversary, January 5<sup>th</sup>.*

*Happy Anniversary!*

**The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.**

**Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2016 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 2016 is \$83.**

**Available dates are: Jan. 17 Feb. 28, March 6, 20, 27, May 8, June 5, 12, July 10, 17, Aug. 7, 14, Sept. 4, Oct. 9, 16, 23, Nov. 6, 20, Dec. 4, 11.**

**We 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 2016.**

**Salem has a wheel chair available for use. It is kept in the narthex closet near the coat rack.**

## Sunday Worship Schedule

The new worship schedule begins today, January 3. There is one worship service at 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship is at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School resumes January 10 at 10:00 a.m.

**Annual Report** Board/Committee/WELCA/Altar Guild reports should be emailed to the office by Monday, January 11. Thanks for your help!

### Salem's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 24.

Worship that day is at 9:00 a.m. Coffee will be served in the fellowship at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School is at 10:00 a.m. Brunch will be served in the fellowship hall at 11:15 a.m., following Sunday School. The Annual Meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m., in the fellowship hall. **All members should attend. The Agenda is posted.**

**\*\*\*Two Salem members are needed to be placed on the Annual Meeting Ballot to attend the North Eastern Iowa Synod Assembly, June 10-12, 2016 at Wartburg College, Waverly IA. Please contact the office or Scott Hagenson.\*\*\***

## PRAYER

*changes things*

Please remember in prayer this week:

The family & friends of Roger Juveland

**Bonnie Steffens, Michael Thune, Gavin Thompson, Darlene Madson**

**Prayer Families:** Dennis/Darla Rogstad, Jeremy/Stacie Rogstad Family, Robert/Karla Rogstad Family, Roger/Linda Rogstad, Adeline Rolands, Linda Rolands, Mark Rolands, Michael Rolands



Salem offers a safe and easy way to give online. Scan the 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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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
3:00 p.m. Call Committee – Room #9

### MONDAY, JANUARY 4

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open  
3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4  
4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle – Char Keltner  
6:00 p.m. Call Committee – Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Worship & Music Board

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

2:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Piano Lessons - Lounge  
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Pizza – Fellowship Hall; Life & Growth Board  
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Large Group – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Casual Communion Worship – Chapel  
7:00 p.m. St. Pat's Youth Group - Room #9

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Fellowship Hall; Rhoda Circle – Phyllis Moen; Sarah Circle – Carole Hagen  
2:00 p.m. Elizabeth Circle – LeAnn Peterson

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

12:00 p.m. Property Board Meeting  
3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4  
9:00 p.m. High School Basketball 5th Quarter – Mills Theater

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

9:00 – 12:00 p.m. Clara Smeby Baby Shower – Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

**Next Week's Lessons:** Isaiah 43:1–7, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Those worshipping December 24/27: 515/91**

**Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$13,000.05**