

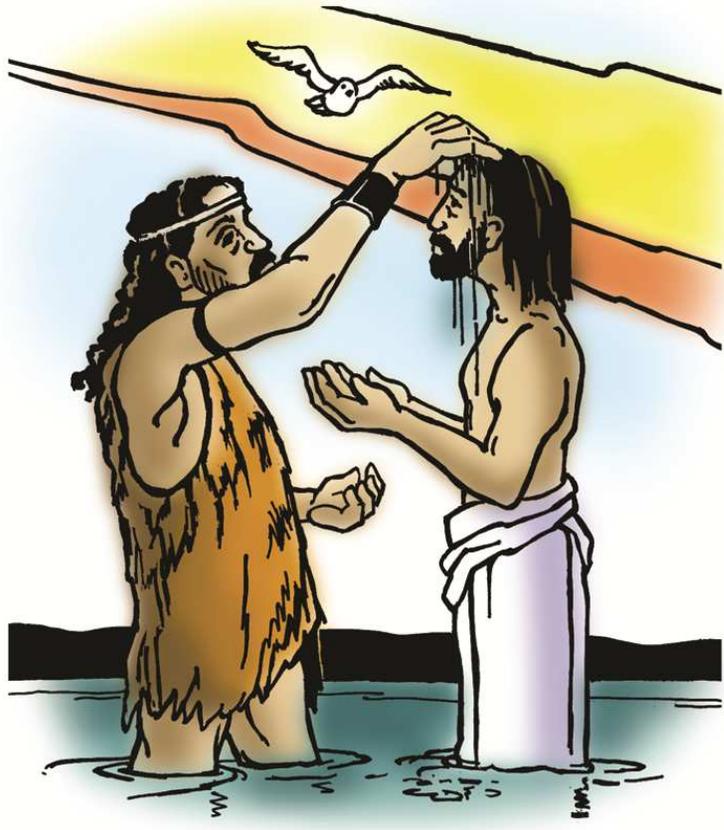


# Salem Lutheran Church

401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Baptism of Our Lord  
January 10, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

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## INTRODUCTION

The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again, for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

## GATHERING

Prelude     *Sonata in D Major*     Demenico Scarlatti (1685-1757)

Bells

### Call to Worship

L: We are marked as God's beloved ones.

**P: What have we done to deserve God's love.**

L: God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

**P: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,**

L: God's love never vanishes from us.

**P: Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, AMEN.**

Song     *We Know that Christ is Raised*     ELW #449

### Prayer of Confession (Based on Isaiah 43, Psalm 29, Luke 3)

L: Creator of the universe,

**P: we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God.**

**Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world.**

**Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon (Based on Isaiah 43)

L: Hear the words of our creator,  
spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“I have called you by name.

You are mine. Do not fear,  
for I have redeemed you.”

## WORD

### Psalm 29 (Read Responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory  
thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips  
the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O Lord, give strength to your people;  
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

**Second Reading    Acts 8:14-17                      Page 131 in the Bible**

A reading from Acts

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Song    *Jesus, Name Above All Names*    Verse 1, on insert**

**Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22                      Page 61 in the Bible**

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

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

Sermon                      *Why We Worship*

Sermon Song              *You Are Mine*                      **ELW #581**

### 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 hell. 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.**

### Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

As you greet those around you, look at each person and offer these words from Isaiah: "You are precious in God's sight."

**Offering Song              *Baptized in Water*                      **ELW #456****

### Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Announcements

## Prayers of Intercession

Giving thanks for the gift of baptism and the gifts of grace in the world, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*Please respond at the end of each petition:*

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

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all of your beloved for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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.**

**SENDING**

## Blessing

You are each precious in God's sight.

**We go from this place,**

**claiming our identity as children of God.**

God has called you by name.

**We go into the world to answer God's call. Alleluia!**

**Sending Song**      *Baptized and Set Free*      ELW #453

## Dismissal

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

**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Dahlen

**Assisting:** 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 Arlen Pals birthday, today.*

*Happy Birthday Arlen!!!*

**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 9:00 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.**

**Come and meet and greet Pastor Joel Dahlen at coffee this morning in the fellowship hall.**

**Annual Report:** Board/Committee/WELCA/Altar Guild reports should be emailed to the office by Monday, January

**Sending of Communion will be held Sunday, January 17. Please call the office (641.592.1771) if you would like to receive communion at home.**



High School 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter will be held January 29 and February 5 at the Mills Theater, following the home basketball games.

**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.**

# PRAYER

*changes things*

**Please remember in prayer this week:**

**The family & friends of Rudy Nelson**

**Linda Ellingson, Michael Thune, Gavin Thompson, Darlene Madson**

**Prayer Families:** Sabrina Roll, Derek Rosen, Lynn/Kathleen Rosen, Michael Rosen, Rhonda Rosen, Carmen Rusley, Darin/Jodi Ruud, Renae Ryerson

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**Those worshipping December 30/January 3: 10/127**

**Last week’s giving to the Glory of God: \$4960**



**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11**

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

2:00 – 5:00 Food Shelf Open

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

5:30 p.m. Council – Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12**

10:00 a.m. LMAMA – Food Shelf

1:00 – 6:00 p.m. LifeServe Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**

3:30 p.m. Piano Lessons - Lounge

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Pizza – Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Large Group – Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Casual Worship – Chapel

7:00 p.m. St. Pat’s Youth Group - Room #9

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**

High School 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter following the basketball game – Mills Theater

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**

9:00 a.m. Communion Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall



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!

**Next Week’s Lessons:**

Isaiah 62:1–5, 1, Psalm 36:5-10 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11