



Salem Lutheran Church

401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 17, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sonata in A

Wolfgang A. Mozart

BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Corinthians 12)

There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

But there is only one Spirit.

There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

But it is the same Lord we all serve.

There are many activities we can do to serve God:
teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...

But all these are activated by God.

There are many manifestations of God's Spirit in the world.

It is impossible to list them all.

To say that one is better than another is foolish.

God gives to each as God chooses. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW #167

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, how we must try your patience! We often doubt, when we should place our faith in your abiding presence. We think that we have to have all the answers, and judge others who fail to live up to our expectations. We think that we are the one thing that matters most in life. So we place ourselves at the center of our own universe. Forgive us when we show how shallow our faith is. Help us to really understand the miraculous ways in which you have already worked in our lives and will continue to work as we journey in faith. Bring to us the Light of Joy, and let it flood through our whole beings, that we may be transformed into people of joyful service and faith. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones. In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven! **AMEN.**



INTRODUCTION

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of the glory of God to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at the baptism of Jesus—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people "as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride." By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

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: Isaiah 62:1-5**

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A reading from Isaiah.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM: Psalm 36:5-10 (Read Responsively)**⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**⁷How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;****you give them drink from the river of your delights.**⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.****GOSPEL SONG** *Jesus, Name Above All Names***Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.****Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, Living Word.****GOSPEL: JOHN 2:1-11**

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The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.***The gospel concludes:* The gospel of the Lord.**Praise to you, O Christ.****CHILDREN'S SERMON****SERMON****SERMON SONG** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW #310**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.**

Trusting your love and healing, O God, we commend to you all for whom we pray, knowing you will hear and answer, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACEThe peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.****MEAL****OFFERING SONG***Now the Silence*

ELW #460

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

P: In the still of this hour, we come to find rest for our hearts and contentment for our minds.

C: We are caught up in the activity of our life and need to pause and be refreshed.

P: In the quiet of worship, we come to touch the grace of God in the bread and the wine.

C: We praise you, God, for your heavenly food given in love for us.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 THE LORD'S TABLE

P: This Is the Victory Feast of God.

C: This is the feast of the Lamb of God, who was sacrificed for all sin, for my sin.

P: We praise Christ, whose blood was shed, and whose body was broken.

C: We share a heavenly food as we now come to his table.

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. We will be communing by intinction. You will receive a wafer at the center which you will dip into the wine. Communion will be continuous.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: Our living Master take us as unworthy as we are, into the fellowship of Your redeemed. We acknowledge our shortcomings and our sins, our inconsistent minds and hearts, and our slackness of devotion. But You do not forsake us even when we betray You—so accept us not for what we are, but for what You can create in us. We thank You that our individual lives can be more complete as we live in communion with You, O Christ, and with others. In your Spirit. Amen.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick or homebound*. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Oh, Sing to the Lord*

ELW #822

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

Preaching & Presiding: 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

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Leila Kloster from her family.

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

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

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2016 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KLOW (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: Feb. 28, March 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.

Sending of Communion will be held today and the third Sunday of each month. Please call the office (641.592.1771) if you would like to receive communion at home.



High School 5th 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.



*Kathy Nelson and Kathy Chose
are organizing a choir for kids in grades 4-6.*

*The initial practices will be held on Wednesday, after school,
at 2:10 p.m. They will meet & practice in the Chapel
January 20 & 27 and see how it is received.*

*The choir will sing on Sunday, January 31 at 9:00 a.m.
No registration necessary.*

Encourage your child and ask them to bring a friend!

PRAYER

changes things

Please remember in prayer this week:

The family & friends of Leila Kloster and Rudy Nelson

Linda Ellingson, Michael Thune, Gavin Thompson, Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: David Rygh, Eleanor Rygh, James Jr/Deb Rygh, Michael Rygh, John/Connie Sabin, Crystal Sanden Family, Lynn Sanden



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

2:00 – 5:00 Food Shelf Open

7:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

2:10 p.m. 4th – 6th Grade Choir Practice – Chapel; Girl Scouts – Room #4

3:30 p.m. Piano Lessons – Lounge

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge

6:00 p.m. Informal Communion Service – Chapel

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

2:00 p.m. WELCA – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

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

11:00 a.m. Brunch – Fellowship Hall

11:45 a.m. Annual Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Next Week's Lessons:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

Those worshipping January 6/10: 156

Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$2299.94



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!