



Salem Lutheran Church

401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

GATHERING

Prelude

Bells

Call to worship

People of God, come hear the good news.

**But we hear the voice of God calling us
to places we are afraid to go.**

People of God, take courage in the loving,
sustaining presence of God.

**We are here to find strength and courage,
to find faith and hope, to lean on
the everlasting, loving arms of God.**

Song *Here I Am To Worship*

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.**

Prayer

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Special Music **Creature Praise Choir**

Children's Sermon

Song *Thy Word*

WORD

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Page 183 in the Bible

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Song *Shine Jesus Shine* ELW #671

Apostles' Creed

C: 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.

Offering

Offering Song *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

Offering Prayer (Jeremiah 1, 1 Corinthians 13)

Let us pray. **Gracious and loving God, receive our gifts of self and substance. They have belonged to you since our very beginning. We give them freely, joyfully, prayerfully. With them we praise you. With them we celebrate the great power that is love—a love that abides always, a love that radically transforms, a love that makes us whole. Amen.**

Announcements

***Prayers of Intercession**

Gathered as children of the same Lord, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

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**

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 (Jeremiah 1, Psalm 71, 1 Corinthians 13, Luke 4)

Go forth, celebrating faith. Go forth, celebrating hope. Go forth, celebrating love. Go forth to be the transformed people that God calls us to be. Go forth to transform the world—in times of prosperity, but most especially, in times of disbelief, hostility, fear, and rejection. Go forth with the knowledge that you are always surrounded by the presence of our steadfast, loving God, our rock and our redeemer.

***Sending Song *Go, Make Disciples* ELW #540**

***Dismissal**

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

Preaching: Pastor Joel Dahlen
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Sound: Al Skellenger
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey
Videographer: Hope Levine
Altar Guild for January: Candy Hanna and Medara Winter

The radio broadcast Sunday this morning is loving memory of their twin infant sons, from Arlie & Joan Olson.

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: Feb. 28, March 20, 27, May 8, June 5, July 10, 17, Aug. 7, 14, Sept. 4, Oct. 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 the third Sunday of each month. Please call the office (641.592.1771) if you would like to receive communion at home.



A Noisy Offering to support LMAMA
(Lake Mills Ministerial Association Assistance Fund)
will be taken this morning and Wed., Feb. 3rd.



High School 5th Quarter will be held February 5 at the Mills Theater, following the home basketball games.



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

Creature Praise Choir

Practices will be held on Sundays, after Sunday school, at 10:35 a.m. They will meet & practice in the Chapel. Kids will sing for about 20 minutes and then be ready for parent pickup at 11:00 a.m.

The choir is singing this morning!

No registration necessary.

Encourage your child and ask them to bring a friend!



Ash Wednesday is February 10th.
The service will be held at 7:15 p.m.
in the sanctuary.



Wednesdays at Salem during Lent Begin February 17th.

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Meal served by Confirmation Families
in the fellowship hall.

7:15 p.m. Lent Services each week in the sanctuary.

Next Week's Lessons:

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-43a



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!

Those worshipping January 21/24: 175 (Jan. 21 service cancelled)
Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$5124.28

PRAYER

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Please remember in prayer this week:

Ila Grothe, Michael Thune, Gavin Thompson, Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: Robert/Rose Sanden, Sterling/Bonnie Sanden, Adam/Jennifer Sauer Family, Phyllis Schat, Christopher Schauer Family, Morgan Scheib, Matthew/Sheri Schmidt Family

Confirmation Bowling
Wednesday, February 3
Meet at Salem at 3:30 p.m.
Cost is \$6.50



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Worship & Music Board - Lounge
10:35 a.m. Youth Choir Practice - Chapel
4:00 p.m. VBS Planning – Winnebago Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Norma Thompson
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:30 a.m. Fine Arts Guild - Lounge
9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Fellowship Hall; Rhoda Circle – Gloria Kvale;
Sarah Circle – Dominy Twito

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

12:00 p.m. Property Board Meeting
9:00 p.m. High School Basketball 5th Quarter – Mills Theater

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:00 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:35 a.m. Youth Choir - Chapel

