



Salem Lutheran Church

401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
First Sunday in Lent
February 14, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Call to Worship

When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself. **We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.**

Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him. **In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.**

May our commitment be as strong.

May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey. AMEN.

Song *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Prayer of Confession (Based on Luke 4, Deuteronomy 26)

L: Holy Lord,

P: as we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded of our weakness and our need for your strength. We ask your forgiveness when we succumb to the temptations of this world, when we tread paths that are contrary to your will. We ask your forgiveness when we fail to look beyond our own desires to see another's need. We ask for your presence in our wilderness wanderings. May your hand guide us from the arid land of sin into a land flowing with milk and honey—a land made rich and abundant by your saving love. Amen.

Assurance of Assurance (Based on Romans 10)

L: No one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Rejoice and celebrate, for forgiveness is ours through the confession of faith in Christ. **Amen.**

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.**



INTRODUCTION

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues; to receive the gifts of God's grace; to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus; and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

Prayer

Let us pray.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Song *You Are My Hiding Place*

WORD

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Read Responsively)

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

²**you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading **Romans 10:8b-13**

Page 167 in the Bible

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Page 62 in the Bible

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Song *On Eagles Wings*

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.

Special Music *You Raise Me Up*

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 *Give Thanks*

Offering Prayer (Based on Jeremiah 1, 1 Cor. 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

Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

Please respond at the end of each petition:

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

To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 (Psalm 91:9-12)

God will command the angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear us up.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High will be your dwelling place.

No evil shall befall us.

Go in peace, in the provision and protection of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sending Song *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* **ELW #618**

Dismissal

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

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Jay Fjelstad, from Roger & Dorothy Fjelstad and family.

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

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McCluskey

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Reader: Roy Kvale

Acolytes: Kate Groe, Megan Groe

Ushers: Bruce & Dolly Gregor

Sound: Al Skellenger

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

Videographer: Hope Levine

Altar Guild for February: Janet Swenson, Pat Thorson, JoAnn Villa

Reserve your special date to for 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: **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 on Sunday, February 21.

If you provided white candles for the 2015 Christmas Eve service and did not pick them up, you may still do so. Candles are on the back steps from the sacristy.

The Lake Mills Care Center is hosting a Pie & Ice Cream Social February 16 at 2:30 p.m. Come and meet the new ad current staff members.



Creature Praise Choir (4-6th grades)

10:40 - 11:00 a.m.

Practices are held on Sundays, after Sunday school, at 10:40 a.m. They will meet & practice in the Chapel. Kids will sing for about 20 minutes and then be ready for parent pickup.



Wednesdays at Salem during Lent

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Meal

served by Confirmation Families in the fellowship hall.

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

Welcome to Week One (Feb. 17) in the Living Lent series, based on the word **PURPOSE**. We are reminded today that Lent is a time to find God's purpose for our lives, fulfilled in our redemption by Jesus, who seeks and saves the lost and gives us new life. May this service's readings from Scripture, children's sermon, sermon and hymns all serve to help you to remember that we are people of the resurrection living in Lent.



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 February 3/10: 138 (Feb. 3 service cancelled)
Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$3988.92



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

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

10:40 a.m. Youth Choir - Chapel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

2:00 – 5:00 Food Shelf Open

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

2:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

3:30 p.m. Piano Lessons – Lounge

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Meal – Fellowship Hall

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

7:15 p.m. Lent Service - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

2:00 p.m. WELCA – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

9:00 a.m. Communion Service/Praise Creature Choir Sings - Sanctuary

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

10:40 a.m. Youth Choir - Chapel

PRAYER
changes things

Please remember in prayer this week:

Mylan Johnson, Ila Grothe, Gavin Thompson, Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: Carlton Shaw, Casey/Rebecca Shaw, Craig/Kari Shifflett, Madison Shifflett, McKinley Shifflett, Viola Simmons, Ben/Natalie Simonet Family, Cami Simpson, Hazel Skatter, Loren Skatter, Alan/Willemina Skellenger

Next Week's Lessons:

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35