



Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Second Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

GATHERING

Prelude

Andante

W. A. Mozart

Bells

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who brings us safely through the sea, who gives us water from the rock, who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

Amen.

Let us come home to God, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful Father,

we have sinned against heaven and before you.

We do not fully live as your sons and daughters.

We use your gifts to our own ends.

Forgive us and restore us,

that we may resist all that draws us away from you,

and be at peace with one another. Amen.

We are reconciled to God through Christ;
for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us.

Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God.

Once lost, we now are found.

God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of † Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation. **Amen.**

*Gathering Song

Blessed be the God of Israel

ELW #552

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 of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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 Genesis 15:1-6

Page 13 in Bible

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel:** Luke 13:31-35

Page 78 in Bible

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Fear or Faith

Hymn of the Day *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ELW #588

Nicene Creed

C: 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.

Creature Praise Choir

Turn Me On, Light Me Up

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.

A brief silence.

Please respond at the end of each petition: Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Institution

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.

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 (gluten-free available) at the center which you will dip into the wine or grape juice. Communion will be continuous.

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending of Communion

Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are homebound In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty,
the wisdom and power of ☩ Christ Jesus,
and the light of the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Song *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art* ELW #863

*Dismissal

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

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Joel Dahlen

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Special Music: Creature Praise Choir

Reader: Connie Sabin

Ushers: Steph Lorenson & Family

Acolytes: Mason Fritz, Madison Holtan, Jackson Rice

Sound: Al Skellenger

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

Videographer: Hope Levine

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

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Royden & Lorraine Johnson, from their family.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Mylan Johnson.

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

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.

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, March 20.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 6, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

Purpose of the meeting is to vote on the candidate for the new lead senior pastor at Salem.

Agenda

Call to order

Confirmation of a Quorum

Vote to extend a call to Pastor Joel Guttormson to be lead senior pastor at Salem Lutheran Church

Vote on the compensation package for the new lead pastor position

Adjournment

Service Groups

We are God's hands and voice on earth and to do God's work in the church needs the help of all. Since we have been given a variety of gifts we can all find a different way to help.

Salem's congregation is being divided into 13 service groups to make this more manageable. Each group will be given a month to serve. Since there are 13 groups the month your group serves will rotate from year to year, Members in each group will be able to sign up for things like usher, communion server and lesson reader to name a few. The duties will vary slightly from month to month along with the church calendar. (For instance –you might sign up to be the sidewalk-salt-sprinkler on a cold January Sunday.)

We hope that you will prayerfully consider how you can put your time and talent into God's service. --- **Life & Growth Board**



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 (Feb. 24) two in the Living Lent series, based on the word PEOPLE. We are reminded today that we are called to be among people in this world. People matter to God; he sent Jesus to save them. People should matter to us; we are sent to love them. 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.

Next Week's Lessons:

Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9



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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 p.m. Stephen's Ministry – Lounge

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. Lake Mills Care Center Communion

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

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

10:40 a.m. Youth Choir - Chapel

On Sunday

February 28th

Salem will be featured at 8 a.m as the first church in a monthly series on Churches of North Iowa, compliments of Dewey Kruger Music in Northwood. It will be aired on KCMR_FM radio, Inspiration 97.9!

PRAYER

changes things

Please remember in prayer this week:

The family and friends of Mylan Johnson

Ila Grothe, Gavin Thompson, Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: Gretchen Skellenger, Caitlin Skjeie, Clyde Sletten, Neal/Gaye Sletten, Roy/Rebecca Sletten, Kati Smalley, Joa Smeby, Mark/Lori Smeby, Brandon Smeby, Donald/Janice Smith

World Day of Prayer
Friday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Winnebago Church

Receive Children.

Receive Me.

Those worshipping February 10/14: 283

Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$4565.47

SUMMER 2016 RELEASED

Riverside Bible Camp Summer Programs

Alpha Camp (entering grades 3-4)

Alpha Camp is an awesome half-week opportunity to experience camp for the first time. During this two-night adventure, you will experience the daily life of camp at Riverside, giving you a glimpse of how awesome a full week here would be! Your adventure will include learning more about Jesus through Bible Study, singing, chapel fun, swimming at the brand new pool, large group games, art fun, meeting new friends, and much more! We are excited to have you at Camp for the first time!

Fee: \$220 before Feb. 15, \$235 after Feb. 15

The only discount honored for alpha campers is the member congregation discount of \$15

Dates: June 19-21*, June 22-24*, July 17-19, July 20-22, July 31-August 2, August 3-5

*Denotes Peanut free week

Juniors (entering grades 4-6)

Juniors Camp is a great time to experience all camp has to offer for an entire week in a community of other fourth through sixth graders. There will be great counselors, great food, tons of fun, and learning more about the amazing love of Jesus!

Fee: \$425 before Feb. 15, \$445 after Feb. 15

Dates: June 19-24*, July 17-22, July 31-August 5

*Denotes Peanut free week

Junior High (entering grades 6-9)

Junior High Week has all the amazing parts of camp that you are used to at Riverside but it also features our Challenge Course where you get to do team-building and problem-solving alongside your cabin.

Fee: \$425 before Feb. 15, \$445 after Feb. 15

Dates: June 12-17*, June 26-July 1, July 10-15*, August 7-12

*Denotes Peanut free week

Riverside Summer Ranch Camp

Junior's Ranch Camp (entering grade 5)

June 12-17 only, this week will be for campers entering 5th grade. It won't matter if you have had experience with horses or not. Our awesome wranglers will help you every step of the way. Junior Ranch Campers will experience Ranch Camp at a somewhat slower pace than the older Ranch Campers. The campers will have 2 hours per day with their horses. It's going to be fun! See the "What to Bring" page for a packing list for ranch camp, but know that Ranch Campers will no longer be allowed to wear flat soled shoes for riding. They are not a safe riding footwear. Feet slide through the stirrups. Western riding boots are best, but even an inexpensive tennis shoe with a sole that has grip and a slight heel is fine.

Fee: \$475 before Feb. 15, \$495 after Feb. 15

Dates: June 12-17* *Denotes Peanut free week

Riverside Ranch Camp (entering grades 6-9)

This week has all of the normal camp experiences as our regular week-long camps, but with the addition of being a part of the Riverside Ranch. You'll spend two hours a day with our wrangler staff learning to groom, saddle, arena ride, and trail ride on our amazingly well trained horses. See the "What to Bring" page for a packing list for ranch camp, but know that Ranch Campers will no longer be allowed to wear flat soled shoes for riding. They are not a safe riding footwear. Feet slide through the stirrups. Western riding boots are best, but even an inexpensive tennis shoe with a sole that has grip and a slight heel is fine.

Fee: \$475 before Feb. 15, \$495 after Feb. 15

Dates: June 12-17*, June 19-24*, June 26-July 1, July 10-15*, July 17-22, July 31-August 5, August 7-12 *Denotes Peanut free week

Intermediate Ranch Camp

Intermediate Ranch Camp is for you if:

You are attending High School Week (entering grades 10-12).

You have attended Ranch Camp one year and are 14 by June 1, 2016.

You have attended Ranch Camp two years and are 13 by June 1, 2016.

(You will learn to canter – if you don't feel ready to canter, please attend another week of Ranch Camp.)

Intermediate Ranch Camp will begin where you left off the last time you were here. You will spend two hours a day at the ranch learning lots more great stuff, including how to canter, as well as being a part of everything else we do at Riverside. See the "What to Bring" page for a packing list for ranch camp, but know that Ranch Campers will no longer be allowed to wear flat soled shoes for riding. They are not a safe riding footwear. Feet slide through the stirrups. Western riding boots are best, but even an inexpensive tennis shoe with a sole that has grip and a slight heel is fine.

Fee: Before February 15 - \$475; After February 15 - \$495

Dates: June 26-July 1, July 10-15*, July 24-29 (entering grades 9-12 and entering college only), August 7-12 *Denotes Peanut free week



RELEASED

INGHAM OKOBOJI

With two sites, nine weeks, and camp programs designed for every age level, you're sure to find a summer camp program that fits your camper!

Our program, built on a solid theme found in the Word, sets the foundation for fun activities, meaningful worship services, and a dedication to introducing campers to the God who loves them!



From one-day programs (called Camp-in-a-Day) for our youngest campers, to weeklong specialty camps for middle or high school students, your camper is sure to have a great time this summer at Ingham Okoboji!

**We are taking registrations for ALL summer youth camp programs!
Register your camper for an experience they won't forget!**

Register before March 1 for \$40 Off!



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**1- 800-OKOBOJI or
712-337-3306**
Web: www.okoboji.org

2016 Youth Camps

Summer Kick-Off (K-6th) a FREE Event at Ingham- June 5

at Ingham Lake unless otherwise listed

Camp-in-a-day (K-2nd)

June 22
June 23
July 13
July 14

Junior High Camp (6-9th)

June 12-17 (Okoboji)
July 10-15 (Okoboji)
July 24-29

Senior High Camp (9-12th)

July 17-22 (Okoboji)

Pathfinders (2-5th)

June 19-21
June 26-28
July 10-12
July 17-19

LiveWire Music Camp (7-12th)

July 31-August 5

Trailblazers (4-6th)

June 19-24
June 26-July 1
July 10-15
July 17-22

Outdoor Adventure Camp (7-12th)

July 31-August 5

Register before March 1 for \$40 Off!
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EWALU CAMPS

Elementary Camp Programs: Grades 1-5

Mini-Camp

Youth completing 2nd Grade

Mini-Campers get three action-packed days bunking in a cozy cabin, learning about nature, making new friends, hearing Bible stories, swimming in our pool and singing songs around a warm campfire – all with wonderful staff who are excited to play and pray with our first-time campers.

2016 Fees: \$220 (\$200 Early Bird Rate)

2016 Session A Dates (Sunday-Tuesday): June 19-21, July 17-19, July 24-26, July 31-Aug. 2

2016 Session B Dates (Wednesday-Friday): June 22-24, June 29-July 1, July 20-22, July 27-29, Aug. 3-5

Junior Ranch Day Camp - new!

Youth completing 1st-2nd Grades

For kids that love horses – and fun! This new 3-day version of Ranch Day Camp will be a blast. Care for your special assigned horse in a safe introduction to horsemanship. Arrive each day, Monday-Wednesday, at 9 am and return home at 3 pm. Time is set aside each day for other camp fun, too – like Bible stories, lunch, skits, songs and games led by caring camp counselors.

Please note the schedule: Monday-Wednesday, 9 am - 3 pm

This is NOT an overnight program.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for transportation to and from camp each day.

2016 Fees: \$170 (\$150 Early Bird Rate)

2016 Dates: June 20-22, Aug. 8-10

Explorers

Youth completing 3rd Grade

Explore your faith as you explore the trails! You'll learn about God's awesome love, swim, play cool games, hike in the woods, enjoy nightly campfires and even make real S'mores! As an Explorer, you will also love "creek-stomping," sleeping in cabins and meeting fun animals at our farm.

2016 Fees: \$450 (\$410 Early Bird Rate)

2016 Dates: June 19-24, June 26-July 1, July 10-15, July 17-22, July 24-29, July 31-Aug. 5

Trailblazers

Youth completing 4th Grade

Blaze new trails in the forest and in your faith! Cook tasty meals over the fire and make homemade root beer. Sleep in Ewalu's cabins across the mighty Maquoketa River. Play amazing outdoor games, swim at the pool, learn orienteering, sing cool songs, and experience great outdoor adventures!

2016 Fees: \$450 (\$410 Early Bird Rate)

2016 Dates: June 19-24, June 26-July 1, July 10-15, July 24-29, July 31-Aug. 5, Aug. 7-12

Native Americans

Youth completing 5th Grade

Learn about the amazing beauty and culture of the Midwest's indigenous peoples. Experience stories, songs, games and more from the rich traditions of Native Americans. Cook over an open fire, practice archery, sleep in teepees, and enjoy meaningful crafts! Explore connections with God, nature, and people through this unique program of Christian community.

2016 Fees: \$450 (\$410 Early Bird Rate)

2016 Dates: June 19-24, June 26-July 1, July 10-15, July 24-29, July 31-Aug. 5, Aug. 7-12

Ranch Day Camp

Youth completing Grades 2nd-5th

These programs are for youth completing 1st through 5th Grade

Note: Campers completing grades 2-7 may register up or down one grade level.

To reserve your spot, we must receive your registration and \$100 deposit. Additional sibling discount of \$15 is given for each additional camper from the same family. To receive the Early Bird Discount price listed (\$40 off, for week-long programs), registration forms must be received or postmarked by February 29th, 2016. Our second deadline, for a \$20 discount (\$10 for Mini-Camp, Junior Ranch Camp, or Ranch Day Camp), is April 15th. Financial assistance is available; contact Ewalu for more information.

Middle School

These programs are for youth completing 6th through 9th Grade!

Note: Campers completing grades 2-7 may register up or down one grade level.

We must receive your registration and \$100 deposit to reserve your spot. Additional sibling discount of \$15 is given for each additional camper from the same family. To receive the early bird discount price listed, registration forms must be received or postmarked by February 29th. Our second deadline for a \$20 discount is April 15th. Financial assistance is available; contact Ewalu for more information.

Pioneers

Youth completing 6th Grade

Experience the “good old days” as a pioneer! Take care of animals by day, then sing songs by firelight and rest in your covered wagon on the tall-grass prairie. Enjoy pioneer traditions like growing and cooking food from a garden, swimming in the pool, taking the High Ropes Course challenge, and participating in an old-fashioned hoe-down! We’ll explore how to live closer to God and to the earth.

2016 Fees: \$450 (\$410 Early Bird Rate)

2016 Dates: June 19-24, June 26-July 1, July 10-15, July 17-22, July 31-Aug. 5

Night Camp

Youth completing 7th Grade

See the dark side of the forest... Enjoy world class campfires, adventures on the High Ropes Course, late-night faith conversations, night-time wildlife, and a midnight swim! We will transition to a nocturnal schedule and back by the end of the week. Call real owls, share faith stories and experience the natural “night life” of the woods.

2016 Fees: \$450 (\$410 Early Bird Rate)

2016 Dates: June 12-17, July 10-15, July 17-22, July 31-Aug. 5

Confirmation Camp

Youth completing 6th-9th Grades

Experience confirmation in a new way! Enjoy campfires, the High Ropes Course, a camping / canoeing trip down the Turkey River, and active Bible studies led by highly devoted, fun-loving counselors. Grow in faith while adventuring with new friends in the outdoors. Experience in new ways the grace you’ve been learning about, together in this action-packed week of Christian community.

Confirmation Camp 2016 Fees: \$450 (\$410 Early Bird Rate)

1st Chaperone: Free

Each Additional Chaperone: \$250

2016 Dates: June 12-17, June 19-24, July 10-15, Aug. 7-12

Ranch Camp

Youth completing 6th-8th Grades

Are you ready to saddle up for a trail ride? Get to know one special horse and spend time each day training him/her. You’ll camp under the stars in a covered wagon at Ewalu, cook over a fire, and enjoy life on the ranch! Then use your new skills on a trail ride at a state park. You’ll learn better horsemanship as you grow closer to God, bond with your horse, and meet other youth who love riding.

NOTE: Due to the size of our horses, riders must weigh less than 200 lbs.

2016 Fees: \$460 (\$420 Early Bird Rate)

2016 Dates: July 10-15, July 24-29, July 31-Aug. 5

M.A.D. Camp

Youth completing 6th-8th Grades

Express your gifts at Music, Art and Drama (M.A.D.) Camp! Learn guitar chords, photography, pottery – and enjoy singing, acting and more. Develop film in the darkroom, harvest blue clay from a stream, and fire pottery in a kiln. You’ll also swim, hike, play games, have thoughtful Bible studies and cool campfires! Use your creative side to glorify God in fun ways.

2016 Fees: \$450 (\$410 Early Bird Rate)

2016 Dates: June 26-July 1, July 24-29

Pack & Paddle

Youth completing 7th–9th Grades

Canoeing, backpacking, rock climbing and tent camping... Pack and Paddlers enjoy an all-around immersion experience in the outdoors. You and your group will enjoy three days of hiking and rock climbing in Backbone State Park! Then gear up to canoe and camp on the scenic Turkey River. Enjoy awesome staff, wildlife, power-packed Bible studies, outdoor challenges, and a memorable Christian community.

2016 Fees: \$475 (\$435 Early Bird Rate)

2016 Dates: June 19-24, July 17-22, July 31-Aug. 5, Aug. 7-12

Register Online (www.ewalu.org) or mail/fax the registration form.