



# Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
First Sunday in Lent  
February 22, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.



## INTRODUCTION

On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

## Gathering Music

## Welcome and Announcements

## Song

*Ancient of Days*

## Call to Worship

**Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed...**

We follow our faithful Lord.

**These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...**

We follow our faithful Lord.

**It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...**

We follow our faithful Lord.

**In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...**

We follow our faithful Lord.

**Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...**

We follow our faithful Lord.

## Opening Prayer (spoken together)

**Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Blessing of the Lector

Let us pray...Oh, that today we would hear God's voice. May we hear your voice today, Lord, as Melinda reads us the scriptures. Let not our hearts be hardened, but open to the word of life. **Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

Old Testament	Genesis 8:9-17	Page 7
New Testament	1 Peter 3:18-22	Page 252
<b>*The Gospel</b>	Mark 1:9-15	Page 35

## Prayer of Praise & Adoration

One: God of storms and rainbows, God of rain and sunshine, God of all creation we worship and adore you.

**All: We gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation and marvel at stormy skies transformed with the vibrant colors of a rainbow. Like Noah and his family, we praise you for this everlasting sign of your love and care for the whole creation in your desire to preserve and not destroy life.**

One: And at Jesus' baptism, the sky again revealed your love when you identified him as your beloved Son, strengthening him with the same Spirit who empowers and strengthens each of us.

**All: For all these assurances of your love for us and for the whole creation, we praise and worship you, O God, in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Sermon and Sermon

Sermon Song *Better Is One Day*

**\*Apostles' Creed** *(spoken together)*

**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.**

## Installation of Communications Director

Prayers, Peace

Offering *Above All*

Offertory *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**\*Offering Prayer** *(Spoken together)*

**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.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Preaching:** Pr. Peter Soli  
**Assisting:** Pr. Melinda McCluskey  
**Pianist:** Bill Georgia  
**Video Coordinator:** Anna Ramaker

**The radio broadcast** this morning is in loving memory of their parents, from Delane & Darlene Behr.



**Today we welcome to Salem's staff**

**Janelle Gilbertson.**

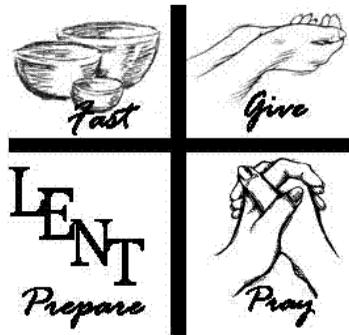
Janelle has accepted the position of Communication's Director. This is a very part-time position with critical responsibilities. She will assume responsibility for editing Salem's monthly newsletter and will maintain the congregation's new website.

She will also coordinate the congregation's presence on Facebook and other social media. Other responsibilities include news releases and updating the electronic sign board. Janelle's professional experience and both her previous work with youth and her current volunteer position with education at Salem help qualify her to assume this position.

## Lenten Healing Journey – Our Need and God’s Healing

Throughout his ministry Jesus offered healing to those suffering from physical and emotional ailments. During this Lenten season our midweek worship will center on healing. The 7:15 evening service will include hymns, scripture, the message, and individual or family healing prayer. The 10:00 morning service will include Bible study how Jesus offers healing to the broken and sinful world in which we live. Each week will focus on a different healing need.

<b>March 4</b>	7:15 pm	Healing for Anger and Resentment
<b>March 11</b>	7:15 pm	Healing for Disease and Disability
<b>March 18</b>	7:15 pm	Healing for Destructive Habits and Addictions
<b>March 25</b>	7:15 pm	Healing for Broken Relationships
<b>April 2</b>	7:15 pm	Maundy Thursday – First Communion
<b>April 3</b>	7:15 pm	Good Friday



For those who would like to enjoy a soup supper a weekly **fellowship meal will be served by the Youth each Lenten Wednesday before worship.**

<b>Lent Soup &amp; Sandwich Suppers Served 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>February 25:</b>	Vegetable Beef & Broccoli Cheese Soup Beef & Turkey Sandwiches
<b>March 4:</b>	Chicken Tortilla & Tomato Basil Soups Ham & Beef Sandwiches

This Lent we’re joining Lutheran World Relief’s

## BASKETS of PROMISE

campaign. Each week we’ll collect a different item that we’ll use to assemble **Personal Care Kits** that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life’s most challenging situations.

**Our goal is to assemble 175 LWR Kits during Lent.**

**HERE IS OUR CARE KIT COLLECTION SCHEDULE - Bring items to the narthex or office:**

**February 22: Bars of Soap (4 – 5 ounces any brand, in wrapping)**

**March 1: Bath Towels**

**(Light-weight, dark color, maximum 52” X 27”)**

**March 8: Toothbrushes (Adult size, in original packaging)**

**March 15: Combs**

**March 22: Nail Clippers (Metal, attached file optional)**

**March 29: Bars of Soap**

## Time to think about Bible Camps!

Registrations forms for area Bible Camps are available on the Education Board table or online at these websites:

[www.ewalu.org](http://www.ewalu.org) [www.okoboji.org](http://www.okoboji.org) [www.riversidelbc.org](http://www.riversidelbc.org)

Salem WELCA will provide scholarship funds to help with camp costs.

**Contact Pastor Soli with any additional financial needs.**

Contact the Salem office if you plan on attending any Camp and **register early to take advantage of Camp discounts!**

## Here’s what people are saying about Stephen Ministry ...

“I felt guilty about being angry at God. But my Stephen Minister didn’t think I was terrible. He was very patient and just listened and cared. He demonstrated Jesus’ unconditional love and helped me to trust God again.” If you could use a Stephen Ministry to listen to you, please contact Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior’s and Salem.

**The 10:30 worship service is streamed live on Salem's new website.** Navigate to [www.salemlakemills.com](http://www.salemlakemills.com) on your computer, phone, or tablet to view and listen to the service. Broadcasts are recorded and are available to watch at any time using the link on the Live Streaming page.

**Wednesday, March 4 is packing day for "Stop hunger. Start hope" at the Waldorf Atrium.** All ages are encouraged to participate in the packaging event. This year macaroni & cheese meals will be packaged for local Iowa food banks as well as rice-casserole meals for Tanzania. Each meal costs 25 cents. All donations are welcome. Last year 72,000 meals were packed which translates to \$18,000. **If you would like to get a group together to participate or go on your own contact Pøtt Van Auken at [pva@wctatel.net](mailto:pva@wctatel.net).** You can choose 2, 3, 4, or 5 o'clock. We will have a container in the narthex for cash/check donations today and March 1.

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

**Cost for 2015 is \$83. Call the office to reserve your dates.**

**Dates available for 2015:** March 8, April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 31, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27

**Please remember the following Prayer Families in your prayers this week:**

Peter Hagenson, Scott/Shelly Hagenson Family, Adrian Halvorson, Michael Hamilton, Tammy Hamilton, Alex Haney, Heather Haney Family, Andrew/Alyssa Hanna Family, Doug/Candy Hanna, Ovila Hanna

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#### **THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

##### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary

##### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

##### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

10:00 a.m. Lent Service/Bible Study - Chapel

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Room #4; LMCC Communion

4:00 p.m. Tai Kwon Do – Room #2

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

7:15 p.m. Lent Service - Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Choir

##### **SUNDAY, MARCH 1**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

#### **Next Week's Lessons:**

Genesis 17:1–7, 15-16, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

**Those worshipping at Salem last week: 182**

**February 2/8 giving to the glory of the God: \$5441**

**Last week's giving to the glory of God: \$4780**

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