



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Third Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to worship (Isaiah 55)

Seek the Lord while God is to be found.

Call upon God while God is near!

Repent of unrighteous ways.

It is never too late to turn to God!

Get rid of evil thoughts.

Let us turn to God, that God may have mercy on us!

For God will pardon our sins and cleanse us
of our transgressions.

We will praise God for the new life we have found!

Song *Step by Step*

Prayer of Confession

A broken and contrite heart is the acceptable sacrifice to you, O God. And so we come before you today, as sinners in need of your mercy. Grant us your forgiveness, O God. Help us turn from our old ways. Lead us into newness of life, that our actions may be found pleasing in your sight. Amen.

Words of Assurance

You are given another chance! God has heard your cries. Turn again to the Lord. Find comfort and strength in God's eternal love for you. Be healed. Amen.

Song *Thy Word*

WORD

First Reading **Isaiah 55:1-9**

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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*Gospel: **Luke 13:1-9**

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

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Message

Song *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Baptism of Kaci Laine Osheim **ELW Page 227**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

Special Music *Just As I Am* **7th Grade Girls**

Offering Song *Make Me A Servant*

Offering Prayer

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.

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.**

Lord's Prayer

L: 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

Turn to the Lord, for God is good.
We have found new life in Christ!
Repent of your sins and find God's forgiveness.
We have found new life in Christ!
Go forth as new creatures, able to serve
and quick to love.
We have found new life in Christ!

Sending Song *The Trees of the Field*

*Dismissal

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

Presiding: Pastor Melinda McCluskey

Message: Jesse Klosterboer

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Reader: Dan Rice

Ushers: Steph Lorenson & Family

Acolytes: Tyler Helgeson, Michelle Jones

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 honor of Don Adams' Leap Year birthday, February 29th, from Bruce Adams & David & Pat Young and their families.

Flowers have been given to celebrate the Baptism of Kaci Laine Osheim.

Flowers have been placed in honor of Ozzie & Muriel Rognes' 73rd wedding anniversary, February 26th, from their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thank you to the Jesse Klosterboer, a staff member from EWALU Bible Camp, for sharing his message at worship this morning.

This morning we welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Kaci Laine Osheim. Kaci is the daughter of Jerod & Kari Osheim. His godparents are Michael & Jaci Haugsdal and Ryan & Andrea Castle.

Beth Nyguard, Thrivent Financial Associate, will be speaking and updating the congregation on the **Thrivent Choice Dollars** program this morning at the 10:00 a.m. coffee fellowship.

Be sure to Direct 2015 Choice Dollars

Eligible Thrivent Financial members have until March 31, 2016, to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars. After that date, Choice Dollars expire.

Choice dollars can be directed to thousands of enrolled nonprofit organizations and congregations, including Salem Lutheran Church.

Act soon, before Choice Dollars expire! Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice today. Or, contact Beth Nyguard (641.592.0064)

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.

This morning Salem is 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!

**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

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 4 at 9:00 a.m. at Winnebago Church

Receive Children. Receive Me.

Program and Fellowship

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Each week during Lent we are collecting Personal Care Kit items for the Baskets of Promise project. Basket will be in the narthex. Any questions, contact Sue Langerud. No date yet to assemble kits.

March 6: Combs

March 13: Nail Clippers (Metal, attached file optional)

March 20: Bars of Soap



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 Three (March 2) in the Living Lent series, based on the word **PROCLAIM**. We are reminded that our proclamation of the Savior brings faith to 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.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

The night before Jesus was crucified he went to the upper room and had the last supper with his disciples. Afterwards he went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He asked his disciples to watch and pray for an hour. Jesus went further into the garden and prayed "Father, if it be possible—take this cup from me. But not my will but Thine be done." After an hour, he went back to his disciples and found them asleep. He woke them and again asked them to watch and pray for an hour. He went back to pray to his heavenly Father. When he returned an hour later to his disciples they were still asleep.

To commemorate Jesus hour of trial in the Garden of gethsemane, Salem Church will be holding a 24-hour prayer vigil in the chapel. It will take place from after the Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2016 until the Good Friday service begins on March 25. Please sign up for 1-hour time slots to "Watch and Pray with Jesus." Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.



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!

PRAYER

changes things

Please remember in prayer this week:

Our newest sister of the body of Christ, Kaci Laine Osheim

The family and friends of Mylan Johnson

Ila Grothe, Gavin Thompson, Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: Laura Smith, Susan Smith, TJ Smith, Wendy Smith, Karen Snell, Peter Soli, Amy Solland Family, Danny/Debra Solland, Levi Solland, Owen Solomonson



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

2:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Piano Lessons - 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, MARCH 3

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Fellowship Hall; Rhoda Circle – Faye Aamodt;
Sarah Circle – Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle Potluck – Lounge; Elizabeth Circle – Ardis Langfald

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

9:00 a.m. World Day of Prayer – Winnebago Lutheran Church
3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Sunday School; Congregational Meeting, Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. First Communion Class – Room #6
10:40 a.m. Youth Choir - Chapel

Next Week's Lessons:

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Those worshipping February 17/21: 215

Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$6173.75