

Salem February 21

First Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Two

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

Good Morning. Welcome to Salem Lutheran Church. We welcome all of you to worship today, especially those of you who are worshipping with us on Big Dog radio 98.9, KHUB 1340, or viewing on Spectrum cable or Facebook Live. If you are joining us on Facebook, please take a moment now to share a greeting in the comments so that we know you are worshipping with us today.

This morning we welcome Jeremy Murman at the piano and thank him for sharing his musical talents with us today.

Today is also a special Sunday as I am sure you have noticed a group of young people joining us in worship. Today is Scout Sunday and members of our Scout Troop will be participating in worship, and Don Godfrey will be sharing the message today.

During this season of Lent, we pause to reflect, knowing that our sin led Jesus to the cross. We treasure the gift of our Savior, and we love so great that would suffer such pain for us, but during this season, we pause, to remember, that he did that for us and that we needed that because we are broken people, dependent on an amazing, gracious God.

At this time I invite our scouts to post the colors.

POSTING OF THE COLORS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are **†** forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Sanctuary*

**Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You**

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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

Let us pray.

**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.**

SONG OF PRAISE (Jesus Messiah)

**He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing love so amazing**

Chorus

**Jesus Messiah Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all**

**His body the bread His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
Love so amazing love so amazing**

Chorus

**All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world**

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

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SONG OF PRAISE (Build Your Kingdom Here)

Come set Your rule and reign

In our hearts again

Increase in us we pray

Unveil why we're made

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope

Like wildfire in our very souls

Holy Spirit come invade us now

We are Your church

We need Your pow'r in us

We seek Your kingdom first

We hunger and we thirst

Refuse to waste our lives

For You're our joy and prize

To see the captives' hearts released

The hurt the sick the poor at peace

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause

We are Your church

We pray revive this earth

Build Your kingdom here

Let the darkness fear

Show Your mighty hand

Heal our streets and land

Set Your church on fire

Win this nation back

Change the atmosphere

Build Your kingdom here we pray

**Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth (chorus)**

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WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8-17 (Read by Scouts)

Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is

in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 25:1-10 (Read by Scouts)

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**⁴Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

**¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and
faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and
your testimonies.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22 (Read by Scouts)

As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which

also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Speak O Lord, vs. 1*

Speak O Lord, as we come to You

To receive the food of Your Holy Word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;

Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the Light of Christ Might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak O Lord, and fulfill in us

All Your purposes for Your glory.

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GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am

well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON – DON GODFREY

HYMN OF THE DAY *Listen, God is Calling* (WOV 712)

Refrain
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

1 2



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma, ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy, joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri,
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world,
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu,
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize,
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

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Music: NUNO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Bless our scouts with wisdom and integrity, guide their steps, and give them your spirit of service. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to

those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son

Give thanks

OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus draws the whole world to himself.
Come to this meal and be fed.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor. God bless you + that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

SENDING SONG *We are Marching in the Light of God*
(ELW 866)

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen'kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen'kwen-khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha - nyen'kwen-khos',*
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO

Musical notation for Exercise 6, Part 1, showing a treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and a melody starting on G4.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

<i>Si - ya - ham - ba</i>	(<i>ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba</i>)	OO
We are march - ing	(march - ing, we are march - ing)	OO

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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RETIRE THE COLORS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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Serving Christ This Sunday, February 21st 8:30 a.m.

Assisting Minister: Mary Magstadt

Lay Reader: Boy Scouts

Tech Team: Gene Schultz, Dale Stahlecker, Don Durand

Choral Director: Rosie Parde

Music: Jeremy Murman

Lead Pastor: Rev. Shari Schwedhelm

Radio Broadcast is given by Janis Emry Memorial in memory of Janis Emry.

Altar Flowers are given by Leo and Janice Spes in thankfulness for their health and to the Glory of God.

Prayer Requests:

The family and friends of Vern Schaff-(friend to Jaki and Dennis Heinrich-Vern passed away on February 16th from complications of Covid-19)

Roy Kusaba (Pastor Shari's father)

Kay Schwedhelm (Alan Schwedhelm's father)

Malee Zardo (Marilyn Ackerman's daughter)

Kendra Remington

Randy Bartunek (Nancy Bartunek's husband)

Michael Phelps

DeAun Lucu

Paul Harms

Todd Niemeier (Rosie Parde's nieces husband)

Jo Sanders (sister to Bob Flittie)

Debbie Saunders (sister to Nancy Bartunek)

Scott Anderson (Lori Dunn's cousin's husband)

Heather Dooley (niece to Verna Kimball)

Shut-Ins: Pat Anderson, Derwin Anderson, Pat Eden, Evelyn Hansen, Gretchen Johannesen

Military Personnel: Frank Hewett (Ann Carlson's grandson), Christopher Tank, Seth Osterloh, Ronald Schultz, Jodie Morgan, Patrick Cone, Austin Cone, Adam Morehouse, Patrick Godfrey, Dale Stahlecker Jr., Tony Andersen, Taylor Knipp (Wanda Kruger's granddaughter)

Ongoing Prayers: Salem's Intergenerational Education, Stephen Ministers, Living Grace Church (mission in west Omaha), St. Timothy Lutheran Church, those persecuted for their faith. All the people who have been affected by Covid-19.

Announcements:

Lenten Devotionals - This year we will again have devotional booklets available for the season of Lent. Paper copies in regular or large print can be picked up in the narthex. You can also sign up to receive them via email each day. If you would like the email version, please call or email Pastor Shari and she will sign you up.

Support Our Camp

The women of St. Timothy are preparing and selling soup and bars to support Camp Carol Joy Holling. The weekend of February 20-21 chicken noodle soup and chili. The weekend of March 6-7 ham and bean and vegetable beef soups will be sold. Bars will also be available. We ask for free will donations when you pick up your order. Checks should be written to St. Timothy WELCA.

Salem Lutheran Church will be offering "to-go" meals on two Wednesdays during Lent. They will be available on March 3rd and 17th with a free will donation to Carol Joy Holling Camp. Please complete the blue order form and return it to the church office by the deadline indicated for each week.

Your participation and donation is greatly appreciated!