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SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
FONTANELLE, NEBRASKA
January 9, 2022 - Baptism of Our Lord

Gathering + The Word + Community + Sending

Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us into one body all together (online and in person!) by God's grace.

PRELUDE

Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light...Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

+GATHERING HYMN

Baptized in Water

ELW 456

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

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+APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

ELW P. 140

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches, wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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+PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word

We listen to the Word.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

PSALMODY: Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.

11 O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Change Our Heart, O God

ELW 801

Refrain:

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray. Refrain

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+GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** (Reading of Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.)

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

This Little Light of Mine
(please sing as the children come forward)

ELW 677

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine; this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine; ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine; Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

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SERMON

SERMON SONG

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
(please stand for last verse)

ELW 310

*Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.*

*Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.*

*Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.*

*Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.*

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Community

God calls us to be united in God's love, one in Christ.

+CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED

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.

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church,
the world, and all that God has made.

At the end of each petition:

P: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

+SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you now and always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with
these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in
feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen.

+DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the water of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW P. 144

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

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+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

P: 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.

+THE 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

ELW 800

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love you as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.*

*Have you not bid me love you, God and King; all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling. Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!*

*Teach me to love you as your angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended dove, my heart an altar, and your love the flame.*

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Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

Refrain:

*Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

*You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **Refrain***

*You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. **Refrain***

*You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. **Refrain***

*You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. **Refrain***

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: God our shepherd,

C: You have gathered us again from scattered places and nourished us with rich food in Word and sacrament. Go with us now, that we may seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak, until you gather us and all the saints into your eternal feast with Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending

We are sent from the worship service, to our serving of God & our neighbors in the week ahead.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS *for in-person and online
worshippers for departing and the week ahead*

*Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.*

*God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n, God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.*

*Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.*

*Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.*

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BENEDICTION *(please stay seated - ushers will dismiss by pew)*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God. We will!

POSTLUDE

We Three Kings...arr. Langlois

+indicates congregation stands (for those able)

Rev. Allison Siburg --- Pastor
Nancy Schroeder --- Musician
Aislinn Miller, Ava Miller --- Acolytes
Carrie Flynn --- Lector
Shallberg family --- Ushers
TBA --- Greeters
TBA --- Communion Assistant
Technology Team --- Sound Room
TBA --- Counters
Koni Shallberg, Jody Meier --- Altar Guild

WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Enter in stillness...know that the Lord is God.

Listen in reverence...it is God who had made us.

Sing with delight...it is God who hears us.

Depart in peace...it is God's gift to you.

Serve with joy...it is your gift to God.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9:	Fellowship/Ruwe Family	11:30 am
MONDAY, JANUARY 10:	Council Mtg.	7:00 pm
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11:	Faith Circle	10:00 am
	Rachel Circle	10:00 am
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12:	Confirmation	6:00 pm
FRIDAY, JANUARY 14:	Faith Food Pantry setup	4:00 pm
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15:	Faith Food Pantry distribution	8:00 am
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16:	Sunday School/Confirmation class	9:30 am
	Worship w/Holy Communion	10:30 am
	Fellowship	11:30 am

MANY THANKS TO Nancy Schroeder for sharing her musical talent with us this morning.

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE. They will be passed around this morning - please be a Servant for Salem and add your name where you can.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022 are out in the upper narthex - pick yours up today!

FELLOWSHIP WILL NOW TAKE PLACE FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM. Please sign up to do Fellowship! If no one has signed up there will be no fellowship that day. Thanks in advance for having your families sign up to lead Fellowship in the coming weeks!!

PICTURE WALL - please find Merry Muhsman if your picture on the wall outside the fellowship hall needs to be updated.

JUST A REMINDER with the Annual Meeting happening on January 23, 2022. If you haven't turned in your written or financial report, please let Jody know. Financial material will have to audited, so please get it turned in in a timely manner. Plans are to assemble the report on Saturday, January 15 beginning at 9:00 am

WOMEN OF SALEM Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hooper will be holding a Women's Retreat on January 29, 2022. This year's presenter is Lauren Eberspacher. Lauren is a blogger and author, living intentionally for Jesus, with a desire to give heartfelt encouragement to everyday women. Learn more about Lauren at <https://www.fromblacktoptodirtroad.com/about/>.

Eberspacher's deepest desire is to help other women break the stigma of seeking the world's perfection, but instead help them seek the purification of Christ. She is just like every other mom out there in her sweatpants – an imperfect woman, serving a Perfect Savior and raising children for His glory. Her writing has been published on many sites, including Her View From Home, the Today Show, FaithIt, Us Weekly, PopSugar Moms, Dearly, Love What Matters, and Simply Wholehearted.

Call the Redeemer Church office 402.654.3835 and get registered today for the Women's Retreat. Registration Deadline is January 23rd. Encourage women of all ages to attend. Bring your daughters, daughters-in-law, your neighbor, your aunts, nieces, or the woman sitting next to you.

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