

# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF FONTANELLE

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Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FONTANELLE, NEBRASKA  
January 15, 2023 - 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GATHERING HYMN

*Shall We Gather at the River*

*ELW 423*

*Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?*

***Refrain:***

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.*

*On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day.*

***Refrain:***

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.*

*Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.*

***Refrain***

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace.*

***Refrain***

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.*

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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.

**+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior, let us confess our sin.

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

P: God of life,

C: you promise good news of great joy for all people, and call us to be messengers of your peace. We confess that too often we hoard our joy, our resources, and our security. We nurture conflict and build barriers. We neglect the needs of our neighbors and ignore the groaning of creation. Have mercy on us. Where we are self-centered, open our hearts. Where we are reluctant, give us courage. Where we are cynical, restore our trust. Renew us with your grace and give us again the hope of eternal life in you. Amen.

**+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

P: Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.

C: Amen.

**+HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Arise, Your Light Has Come (Vs. 1 & 4)*

*ELW 314*

*Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.*

*Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.*

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**+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray,

**C: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

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 10:34-43

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Baptized in Water (Vs. 1 & 3)*

*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,  
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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**+GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.** (Matthew 3:3-17.)

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**SERMON SONG**

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized  
(please stand for last verse)*

*ELW 304*

*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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### Community

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

### +CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

**C:** 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 into hell. 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 THE PEOPLE

**P:** Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

At the end of each petition:

**P:** Merciful God,

**C:** receive our prayer.

### +SHARING OF PEACE

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

**C:** And also with you.

*Now the silence Now the peace  
Now the empty hands uplifted  
Now the kneeling  
Now the plea  
Now the Father's arms in welcome*

*Now the hearing Now the pow'r  
Now the vessel brimmed for pouring  
Now the body  
Now the blood  
Now the joyful celebration*

*Now the wedding Now the songs  
Now the heart forgiven leaping  
Now the Spirit's visitation  
Now the Son's epiphany  
Now the Father's blessing  
Now Now Now*

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**+OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Liberating God,

**C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. 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.**

**+COMMUNION LITURGY**

*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*

*ELW P. 146*

*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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#### *Here I Am, Lord*

*ELW 574*

*"I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"*

#### ***Refrain:***

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*"I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?"*



**Refrain:**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

*"I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?"*

**Refrain:**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

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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:**

*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 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:**

*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 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:**

*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 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:**

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

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***We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus***

***ELW 451***

*We are baptized in Christ Jesus,  
we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious,  
we might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united  
in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.*

*In the water and the witness,  
in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus  
who is risen from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning  
from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.*

*Glory be to God the Father,  
glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit,  
ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning,  
glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. Amen*

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**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

**+POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Holy One,

C: we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

**Sending**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS**

**+BENEDICTION**

P: God bless you and keep you, † Jesus grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**+SENDING HYMN**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

*ACS 942*

***Refrain:***

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.*

***Refrain:***

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*All around me looked so fine,  
asked my Lord if all was mine.*

***Refrain:***

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

*Jordan river, chilly and cold,  
chills the body but not the soul.*

**Refrain:**

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

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**+DISMISSAL**

P: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

+indicates congregation stands (for those able)

**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.

- Rev. Allison Siburg --- Pastor
- Tricia Siburg --- Musician
- Mason Smith, TBA--- Acolytes
- Dave Siburg --- Lector
- Dan Meier --- Communion Assistant
- TBA --- Ushers
- Ruwe Family --- Greeters
- Ruwe Family --- Fellowship
- Matt Cone, Dan Meier --- Counters
- Technology Team --- Sound Room
- Jody Meier, Koni Shallberg --- Altar Guild

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM:**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15:	Fellowship	11:30 am
	Worship and Music Mtg.	11:30 am
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17:	Shalom deadline	
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18:	Confirmation	6:00 pm
FRIDAY, JANUARY 20:	Couple's Club	7:30 pm
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22:	Choir Practice	9:30 am
	Youth Group	9:45 am
	Sunday School/Children's Church	10:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Annual Meeting/Cemetery Meeting	11:30 am
	Potluck following Annual Meeting	
	Fellowship Hall Res. - Wilkening	2:00 pm

**MANY THANKS TO** Tricia Siburg for providing our music for us this morning.

**SUPPER AT THE FIRE STATION** - on the first Monday of every month from 5:00-7:00 pm, 101 N. Maple St. in Nickerson. Age 11+ - \$10.00/Age 10 and under \$5.00/First Responders - \$5.00 - includes 1 entrée and a water/soda. Check the flyer on the bulletin board for all the information.

**NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 22** is Dorothy Wilkening's 103rd birthday - let's shower her with cards on this great milestone. Her address is 652 W. 21<sup>st</sup>., Apt. 314 in Fremont. Also next Sunday afternoon - following the Annual Meeting and potluck Dorothy's family invites anyone in the congregation to join them for coffee and cake. So plan to stay after the meeting and potluck and wish Dorothy a Happy Birthday.

**ANNUAL MEETING** - will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2023 following worship. Potluck to follow. Please plan to stay.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** - Save the date for this year's women's retreat: Saturday morning, February 25, 2023 here at church. Guest speaker Anna Lind Thomas--again!! More details to come from Heather Ruwe and Merry Muhsman, but save the date on your calendars now!

**CHOIR PRACTICE** - Sunday 1/22 is our next choir practice, before church, at 9:30. Contact Deacon Timothy if you have any questions (or requests) (360) 536-1963.

**YOUTH GROUP** - Middle and High schoolers, jump back into Sunday Youth Group! You can find them in the basement at 9:45 before worship. Contact Erin Miller for any questions.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP** Methodist Fremont Health is offering a grief support group for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Grief enters all of our lives at some point and the purpose of this group is to help you travel this difficult journey. The group is supportive and educational in nature. It does not matter when the death occurred, everyone is invited. The group will meet on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16 from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. Please register by contacting Scott Jensen, Methodist Fremont Health's Chaplain, at (402) 727-3663.

**SIGNUP SHEETS** are now available on the table in the narthex - please sign up where you can.

**SERVANTS FOR WORSHIP, SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023:**

Acolytes - Ashton Vollmer, TBA;	Ushers - TBA;
Lector - Dan Meier;	Fellowship - Potluck;
Musician - Deacon Timothy Siburg	Counters - Merry Muhsman, Rod Gnuse;
Sound Room - Technology Team;	Greeters - Ruwe Family;
Altar Guild - Jody Meier, Koni Shallberg;	

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