

# Salem Lutheran Church

## Our Vision:

To be a congregation of disciples  
proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all.

## Our Mission:

To glorify God in all that we do,  
reflecting His love to our community and the world.

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February 17, 2008

The Second Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

*During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as daughters and sons of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From the liturgy we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.*

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## Prayer And Meditation

### Order of Service

Prelude

Dottie Kistler

Welcome In Christ!

*Emphasis: "Re-birth (Born of the Spirit)"*

### \* Apostolic Greeting

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

**Cong.:** **And also with you.**

### \* Order of Confession And Absolution

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Cong.:** **Amen.**

*(please kneel/sit)*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Pastor: O God, we have sinned.

**Cong.:** **In our thinking, in our speaking, in our doing--we have sinned. We have disobeyed your will, and we have neglected your word. We are condemned, "for the wages of sin is death."**

Pastor: But, Jesus Christ died for us, in our behalf, in our stead.

**Cong.:** **Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**

Pastor: Arise, forgiven in Christ.

**Cong.:** **Amen.**

**Cong:** We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

**With voices united our praises we offer  
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!**

\* Prayer Of The Day

**Pastor:** O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises. We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Cong.:** Amen.

Liturgy of the word

First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. {2} I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. {3} I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." {4} So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? {2} For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. {3} For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." {4} Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. {5} But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. {13} For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. {14} If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. {15} For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. {16} For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, {17} as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

\* Lenten Verse

tune: *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"*

**Cong.:** To the Lord your God return. When temptation rears his head.  
Here the blessed lesson learn: Stands a Champion in our stead  
By whose might the strife is won, "Not my will, but thine be done!"

\* Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Pastor: Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him,

A.M.: “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come for God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

**Cong.:** **“Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”**

Pastor: “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”

**Cong.:** **“Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”**

A.M.: “How can these things be?”

**Cong.:** **“Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

Pastor: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Kingdom Kids

Pastor Cox

\* Sermon Hymn

*“God Loved the World”*

tune: *“Puer Nobis”*

**Cong.:** **God loved the world so that he gave  
His only Son, the lost to save,  
That all who would in him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done,  
And justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**

Sermon

"A Conversation with Jesus"

Pastor Schmidt

\* Nicene Creed

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**Cong.:** 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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 Church

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Petitioner: ...Lord, in your mercy,

**Cong.:** "Hear our prayer."

Sharing Of The Peace

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Pastor: Peace be with you.

**Cong.:** And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Music (10:30)

*"For God So Loved the World"*

Sr. Choir

\* Offertory Prayer

A.M.: Almighty God, you have called us into your kingdom.

**Cong.:** You have made us citizens in your holy nation.

A.M.: And even more...

**Cong.:** ...you have adopted us as your children.

A.M.: Receive our offerings---

**Cong.:** signs and symbols of our love for our Father.

A.M.: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Cong.:** Amen.

## the meal

### \* Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this holy supper. In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me. Again after supper, he took the cup...Do this for the remembrance of me.

### \* Lord's Prayer

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**Cong.:** **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.**

### THE DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*We celebrate the Real Presence of Christ*

*as he comes to us "in, with and under" the bread and the wine.*

### \* Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Cong.:** **Amen.**

### \* Benediction

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### \* Closing Hymn

*"Blessed Assurance"*

tune: "Assurance"

**Cong.:** **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*Refrain*

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song.  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission – all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

*Refrain*

### \* Commissioning

Pastor: In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world – to fulfill our calling as the people of God, the Body of Christ. Go in peace!

A.M.:            Serve the Lord!  
Cong.:           **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

ETERNAL LIGHT OFFERING: By Rita Springate in memory of Habibullah & Wallace Khan.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERIES**

**"Delving Into The Bible"**

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

February 13 - *"Delving Into the Four Gospels"*

February 20 - *"Delving Into the Letter to Philemon"*

February 27 - *"Delving Into: How the Bible Came Into Being?"*

March 5     - *"Delving Into Bible Helps"*

March 12   - *"Delving Into Those Life-Impacting Verses"*

**Our Family Table**

**Sunday, February 17, 2008**

The sharing of news and information for  
Congregational friends and family

Welcome to Salem!

**Worship/Educational Opportunities!**

8:00 a.m.	Traditional
9:15 a.m.	Contemporary
9:15 a.m.	Christian Education Hour
10:30 a.m.	Festival

**Commitment to Reading the New Testament!**

Come, be a part of the 200 who commit to reading the New Testament! Our Bishop of the ELCA has challenged every congregation/member to do this in 2008! There's a sign-up sheet at both entrances to the church.

**Lenten Suppers**

Every Wednesday, **from now through March 12<sup>th</sup>**, we will have Lenten Suppers beginning at **5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Bring the family and enjoy a meal of soup, sandwich and salad prior to each of the Lenten services. Adults are \$5.00 each and unconfirmed children eat free. Please sign-up if you are planning to attend. If you would be willing to help provide a homemade soup for one of the dinners, please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall or contact Tammy Ayotte at 407-276-7970 or jimntam@hotmail.com.

### New Member Series!

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month (February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>...) at 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. we have our New Member Series class. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, the third session of our three part series, “*Putting Your Talents to Work*,” will be held. These series are strongly encouraged for those who have recently joined the congregation, those planning to join the congregation and those considering joining the congregation.

### Youth Group Gathering

All middle and high school youth are invited to the February Youth Group Gathering **TODAY from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** The theme will be “Bible Basics,” and Pastor Jeff guarantees that he’ll show you at least one thing in the Bible that you didn’t realize was there. Dinner will be provided. For more information, please contact Pastor Jeff at [PastorJeff@SalemLC.net](mailto:PastorJeff@SalemLC.net) or 407-414-5261 or Andrew Meyer at [kinganm@aol.com](mailto:kinganm@aol.com).

### Lunch Bunch

We will hold one of our “Lunch Bunch” gatherings **TODAY** beginning at **1:00 p.m.** at **Lone Star Steakhouse & Saloon**. The address is 8850 Vineland Avenue. If you go down Apopka Vineland Road, go past the entrance to Downtown Disney and past the overpass of I-4, it will be on your left hand side. We can order off of the menu or they will have a few selections for \$6.00. If you need more information, please see Fred Hart.

### Salem Small Group Bridge Players

If you enjoy playing bridge once a month or so with some fun Salem people, please join us for our **Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>** get together at **7:00 p.m.** at the **home of Joe & Mary Sikora**. If you’d like to come, please call Don or Jo Nelson at 407-351-4388 as early as possible, if you have not already confirmed with them, so that they can work for multiples of 4 people and give you directions to the Sikora’s. All are welcome.

### Medical Mission Trip

Our next trip to the Resurrection House in Dade City, Florida is scheduled for **Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. We are also planning to arrange for one or more non-medical service projects on that same day so that anyone can participate in this service opportunity (for instance, this will be the Youth Group event for the month of March.) If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Jeff at [PastorJeff@SalemLC.net](mailto:PastorJeff@SalemLC.net) for instructions and more information.

### Attention Golfers!

The Fellowship Committee is planning a **Men’s Golf Outing** to be held on Father’s Day weekend to celebrate that special man in your life, whether it be a father, son, grandfather, uncle or friend! If anyone has suggestions or is a member of a golf course i.e.: where we can hold this fun day of fellowship for the men or if you know that you would definitely like to be involved, please contact Tammy Ayotte at 407-903-1455 or [jimntam@hotmail.com](mailto:jimntam@hotmail.com). Don’t worry ladies, we will have our chance too!

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY PRAYER LIST

### New Petitions

#### **Healing:**

For the children of Bryan Hadley, friend of Desmond Taylor, who have been diagnosed with Niemann-Pick type C disease.  
For Cindy Lu, Jenny Cox's brother-in-law's mother, upon being hospitalized.

#### **Presence:**

For Greg Pickrel, son-in-law of the Peery's, as he deals with seizures.  
For Jim Ayotte, Sr., Jim Ayotte's father, as he recuperates from surgery.

### Continuing Petitions

#### **Presence:**

For our congregation as we search for a person(s) to fulfill the positions of Organist, Sr. Choir Director and/or Contemporary Worship Leader.  
For Kenneth Lee, father of Candy Johnson's sister-in-law, as he decides on a protocol for lung cancer.  
For Ramon Johnson, brother of Tom Johnson as he undergoes treatment for liver cancer.  
For David Weller, family member of Rebecca Morales, upon being diagnosed with AML leukemia and recuperating from a heart attack.  
For Ronald Weller, family member of Rebecca Morales, as he awaits a liver transplant.  
For James Macdonald, as he undergoes chemo treatments.  
For Christine Zaloom, niece of Brian and Maria Blackmore, and her infant daughter, as she continues to grow stronger at home and they deal with the challenges ahead.  
For Julie Hachmeister's mom, Patricia Blauert, upon being cared for at Westminster Towers.  
For Scott Cline, friend of Peggy Bohart Baker, as he continues treatments.

#### **Healing:**

For Pam Saunders, teacher at Dr. Phillips Elementary, as she continues further testing and treatment for a degenerative brain disorder.  
For Leila Warmuth as she continues to recuperate at home.  
For Peter Ferdico as he recuperates from back surgery.  
For Lurah Ann Taylor, niece of the Peery's, upon being diagnosed with advanced pancreatitis.  
For Erin Masterson, Gina & Roger's daughter, as she battles chronic respiratory problems.

#### **Safety:**

For Jonathan Cretul, nephew of Scott and Audrey Fetterhoff upon being stationed in Afghanistan.  
For Christopher and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division out of Fort Stewart, GA, upon being stationed in Iraq. Christopher is the grandson of Barbara Hackett.

