



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Merciful God,

you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.

**We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.**

**We fail in love, neglect justice,
and ignore your truth.**

Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.

Create in us clean hearts

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.

Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins,

and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

LENTEN HYMN

Canticle of the Turning (Verses 1-2)

ELW #723

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

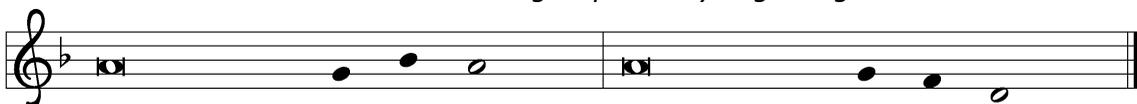
Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 22:23-31

Sung responsively beginning with the cantor



²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them; but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.**

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD, who rules o- | ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The 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. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For 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, ¹⁷as 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord, Your God

ELW #142



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW #324

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS

Renewed in the promises of baptism, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. *Response after each petition: hear our prayer*

Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

All may greet each other with a sign of peace

MUSICAL OFFERING

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Senior Choir

OFFERING SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #186

The offering is received and the table is set

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ☩ peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

ELW #767

DISMISSAL

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: Jadyng Hengesteg, Kelsey Kirschbaum
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	Reader: Lisa Johanson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Altar Guild for February:
Ushers: Dan & Riley Kirschbaum	Doris Tweed and Pat Thorson

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Mary Nelson's 99th birthday, February 26, from her kids, Lucretia, Frona, Gregg, Maren, Dana and Bill.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2018 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.

CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR 2018 DATE - 592.1771. Cost for 2018 is still \$83
2018 - 8:30 A.M. KIOW RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:
April 1, 22, 29, May 6, 20, June 10, 17, July 8, 15,
Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, Dec. 23, 30

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date in 2018
Salem's Clothes Closet will be open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup and Study: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday during Lent.

In addition to the soup & sandwiches offered before Lent services, you are invited to gather at the tables for a discussion of the book *I Am A Church Member* by Thom S. Ranier. At each meal we will try to discuss the topics in the book and answer questions at the end of each chapter. Books (25) are available in the narthex. More info in the March Outreach. You need not read the book to enjoy a good bowl of soup and a sandwich and our usual time of fellowship prior to the 7:15 p.m. Lenten worship.

PROJECTPROMISE	Kits include:
BUILD KITS OF CARE	1 light-weight bath sized towel, dark color
Personal Care Kits	2 or three bath-sizes bars of soap equaling 8-9 ounces, in original wrapping
Kit items will be collected during Lent.	1 adult-size toothbrush in original packaging
You may place them in the basket in the narthex.	1 sturdy comb, removing packaging
	1 metal nail clipper, remove packaging

Looking for Community Singers to Perform a Good Friday Song Service at Salem March 30 - 7:15 p.m.

Practices are at 5:00 p.m. Sundays, February 25, March 4, 11, 25 in the fellowship hall.

Contact Kathy Nelson: 641.592.7744 or Cell: 641.590.6341

Those worshipping February 17/18: 173 Giving: \$6136.81

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir–Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; 5th Grade 1st Communion Class
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Community Singers – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Youth Board Meeting

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:00 -4:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry - Lounge
5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Sanctuary; New Life Nutrition – Room #4
6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup & Study – Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Choir – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. St. Pat's Youth Room – Room #9
7:15 p.m. Lent Service – Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle – Fellowship Hall; Grace Circle – Library; Sarah Circle – Marilyn Pederson
1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle Potluck – Library
2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion
5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board – Library

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 4

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir–Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; 5th Grade 1st Communion Class
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Community Singers Practice – Fellowship Hall

Readings for next week: Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

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