



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Third Sunday in Lent
March 4, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

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 & 3)

ELW #723

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through 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

Exodus 20:1-17

¹God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. ¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM**

Psalm 19

Sung responsively beginning with the cantor

¹**The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God, and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.**

²One day tells its tale | to another, and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

³**Although they have no | words or language, and their voices | are not heard,**

⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.

⁵**It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.**

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it
again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

⁷**The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.**

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹**The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.**

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

¹¹**By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is | great reward.**

¹²Who can detect one's | own offenses? Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

John 2:13-22

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY***Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

ELW #772

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**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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide, together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you. You led your people Israel through the desert, and provided them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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 life, death, and resurrection, we await your salvation for all this thirsty world. Pour out your Spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Return to God with all your heart.

Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Christ, Lamb of God

ELW #196

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take
a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

My Lord of Light

ELW #832

Be Thou My Vision

ELW #793

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW #705

DISMISSAL

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

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: Jadyn Hengesteg, Megan Knudtson
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	Reader: Carol Abbey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Communion Servers: Dave Anderson, Mike Swenson
Ushers: Dolly Gregor and Margaret Okland	Altar Guild for March: Kathy Nelson, Janet Swenson

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Bob Thomson's 90th birthday, March 10th, from Betty and family.

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

Friday, March 11thTwo Friday Forums will be held to discuss Vision and Mission for Salem.

9:00 a.m. meeting held at Main Street Pizza in the back room.

5:00 p.m. meeting at 5 Alarm Brewing Co.

Everyone is encouraged to attend one of these meetings

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 discuss the topics in the book and answer questions at the end of each chapter. Worship at 7:15 p.m.

Lutheran World Relief...PROJECTPROMISE Personal Care Kits

Kit items will be collected during Lent. You may place them in the basket in the narthex.

Kits include: 1 light-weight bath sized towel; dark color, 2 or three bath-sizes bars of soap equaling 8-9 ounces, in original wrapping; 1 adult-size toothbrush in original packaging; 1 sturdy comb, removing packaging; 1 metal nail clipper, remove packaging

Blood Drive - Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Salem's Fellowship Hall. To make an appointment, contact LifeServe Blood Center At 800.287.4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

Thrivent Choice Dollars...We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, Salem Lutheran Church received \$3,379 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. Thrivent Financial members have until March 31st to direct any remaining 2017 Choice Dollars. After that date, 2017 Choice Dollars will expire. Please remember these Dollars can help our church. You can visit www.thrivent.com. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on Thrivent Choice to help you understand how Thrivent Choice Dollars work.



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Do you need an easy, convenient way to contribute to the church? GIVE+TEXT is a powerful way to give in a matter of seconds.

During the most hectic times, you can continue to fulfill your pledges, respond to special appeals and give whenever you are moved from wherever you are.

Send a text to 1.641.832.5367. It's that simple and secure.

We hope you'll make GIVE +TEXT a regular part of your giving routine.

See the December Outreach for instructions on how to set up Give+ Text or stop by the office for help setting it up on your cell phone. Thank you for your spirited generosity!



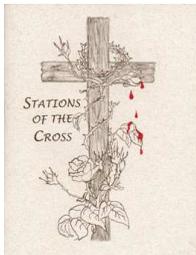
SUNDAY, MARCH 25

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



THURSDAY, MARCH 29

6:15 p.m. 5th Grade 1st Communion Meal – Fellowship Hall
7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday/1st Communion Service – Sanctuary
8:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Easter Vigil - Chapel



FRIDAY, MARCH 30

12:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m. Easter Vigil - Chapel
7:15 p.m. Good Friday Service – Sanctuary



SUNDAY, APRIL 1

8:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Service – Sanctuary
9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:35 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Service - Sanctuary

If you would like to donate an Easter lily for our Easter Sunday services in honor of or in memory of loved ones, please bring them to the sanctuary on Friday or Saturday before Easter. Put your name on the bottom if you wish to pick it up after 10:30 worship on Easter Sunday.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Community Singers Practice – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 5

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
3:15 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts – Room #4

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle - Library
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:15 p.m. Brownies – Room #4
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

5:00 p.m. Worship & Music Board - Library
5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4
6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup & Study – Fellowship Hall
6:15 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 8

9:30 a.m. Fine Arts Guild

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

9:00 a.m. Friday Forum – Main St. Pizza
5:00 p.m. Friday Forum – Five Alarm Brewing Co.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

5:30 p.m. Casual Worship

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

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
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Safe Guarding God's Children Training
4:00 p.m. VBS Meeting - Salem
5:00 p.m. Community Singers Practice – Fellowship Hall

Readings for next week: Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

Those worshipping February 24/25: 98 Giving: \$6136.81

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***New Number - Salem Kitchen/South Hallway Phones:** 641.592.1772

What If We Followed God with Perseverance Instead of Insecurity?
Saturday, March 10, 9AM – 4 PM – Lunch Provided
First Baptist Church 18508 E Hwy 9 Forest City IA
Register online: fbcforestcity.org/if-fc

Postcards with more information are available on the tall table in the narthex.