



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
First Sunday in Lent  
March 5, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

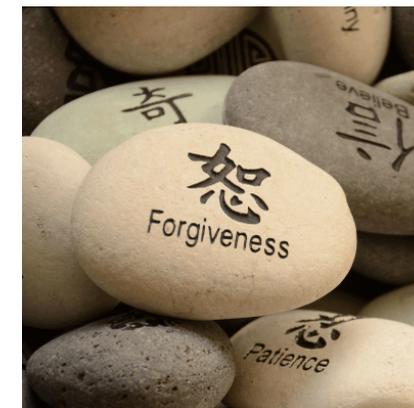
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

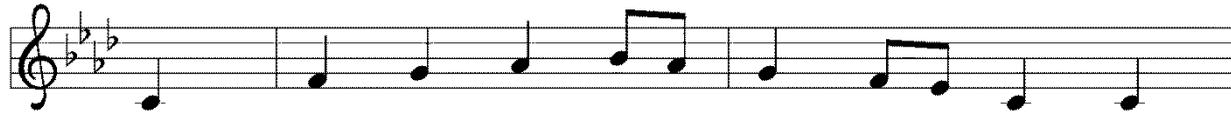
Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
now is the day of salvation.  
Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us all our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen.



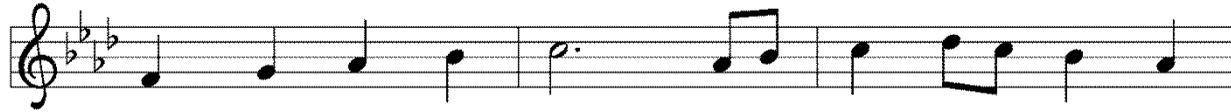
GATHERING SONG

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

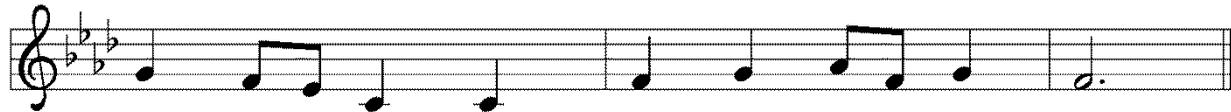
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1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

GREETING

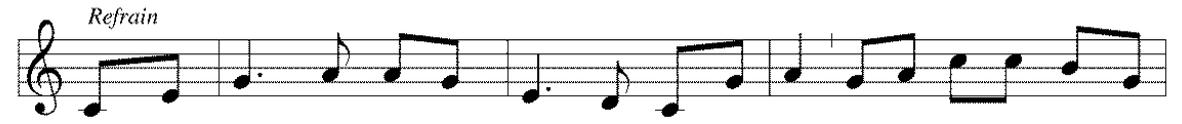
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



HYMN OF PRAISE

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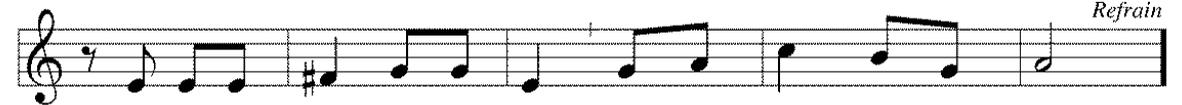
Keep in mind that Je - sus Christ has died for us and is ris - en from the



dead. He is our sav - ing Lord; he is joy for all a - ges.



1 If we die with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



If we en - dure with the Lord, we shall live with the Lord.



2 In him all our sor - row, in him all our joy. In



him hope of glo - ry, in him all our love.



3 In him our re - demp - tion, in him all our grace. In



him our sal - va - tion, in him all our peace.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through 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 2:15-17; 3:1-7**      **Bible Page 2; 3**

*Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**      **Psalm 32**

*Mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD. (Ps. 32:10)*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

<sup>4</sup>**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

<sup>6</sup>**Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

<sup>8</sup>**"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

<sup>10</sup>**Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

**SECOND READING**      **Romans 5:12-19**      **Bible Page 162**

*Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

**GOSPEL**      **Matthew 4:1-11**      **Bible Page 19**

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:* The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *On Eagle's Wings*      **ELW #787**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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 to the 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 INTERCESSION

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence. Please respond at the end of each petition:*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

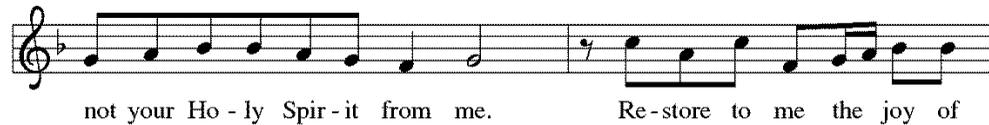
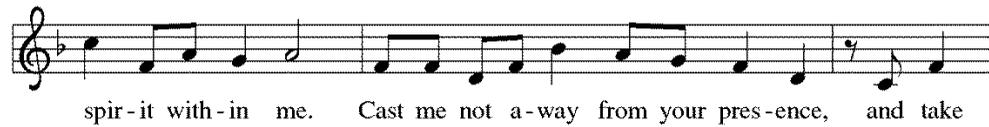
### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### OFFERING

#### OFFERING SONG



### 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.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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. 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

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
**Amen.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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

Come down from the mountain with mountain-like faith.  
Walk on God's paths as bright, shining lights. Live in God's ways with faith, hope, and love.  
Go into the world transformed and renewed! **Amen.**

## 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 SONG

### *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

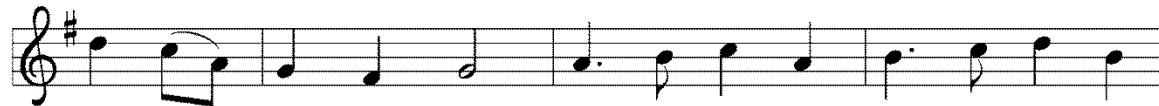
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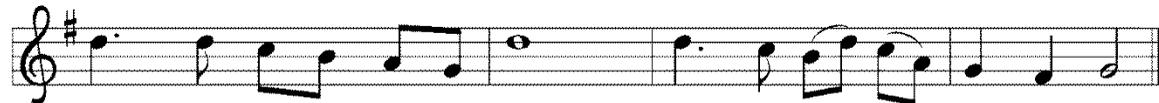
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

## DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson

**Presiding:** Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Ushers:** Kirby & Abby Holtan Family

**Acolytes:** Carson Eaton, Kadence Henderson, Riley Kirschbaum

**Reader:** Carol Abbey

**Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey

**March Altar Guild:** Sharon Casey and Pat Thorson

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**The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Bob Thompson's birthday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from Betty.**

**Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Blanche Grunhovd, from her family.**

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

**Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2017 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 dates. Cost for 2017 is \$83.**

**Dates available:** April 23, 30, May 7, July 9, 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 29.

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.

2017 Offering envelopes are on tables in the elevator entry.

Those worshipping February 25/26: 148

Lake Mills Community Blood Drive...Tuesday, March 14, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Salem's Fellowship Hall. To make an appointment contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800.287.4903 or visit [www.lifesevrbloodcenter.org](http://www.lifesevrbloodcenter.org)

Each week during Lent (March 1 – April 12) we will collect the Personal Care Kit items for the Baskets of Promise Project. Baskets for kits will be in the narthex.

Each week during the Lenten Services (March 1– April 12), we will be collecting personal care items for the Promise Project. There will be a basket in the Narthex. Items include: lightweight bath towels, bars of soap, sturdy combs, adult sized toothbrushes, and metal nail clippers. All items should be new and in good condition.

## PRAYER

*changes things*

Please remember in prayer this week:

The family and friends of Chris Nyguard and Blanche Grunhovd



# LENT

### THIS WEEK AT SALEM

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 5 NO PRAISE CHOIR TODAY

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship – Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; First Communion Class  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

#### MONDAY, MARCH 6

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open  
4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle - Library

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Clarine Moe  
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Board - Library  
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Lent Meal – Fellowship Hall; New Life Nutrition – Room #4  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9  
7:15 p.m. Lent Service - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 9 9:30 a.m. Fine Arts Guild - Lounge

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 5:30 p.m. Worship Service – Chapel

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; First Communion Class  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary

**Readings for next Sunday:** Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

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