



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

First Sunday in Lent
THE MARK OF DISCIPLESHIP: Daily Prayer

March 10, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray and not to lose heart (Luke 18:1)

REJOICE
always
PRAY CONTINUALLY.
give thanks
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES
FOR THIS IS
GOD'S WILL
FOR YOU IN Christ Jesus.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

*Speak to Him for He hears, and the spirit with spirit can meet -
Closer than He than breathing, and hearer than hands and feet - Alfred, Lord Tennyson*

PRELUDE

BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Each week the assembly will participate in both the public acknowledgement of sin and the and proclamation of forgiveness. The designated leader or group begins the confession.

Pastor: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

All: **Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

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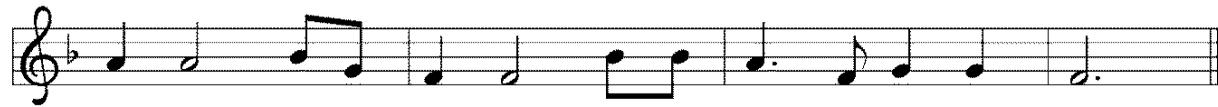
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SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.
And also with you,

MORNING CANTICLE*My Lord, What a Morning***ELW #438***Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

GATHERING PRAYER

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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****1 Thessalonians 5:12-18**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians,

¹²But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; ¹³esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Word of God Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.**PSALMODY****Psalm 65:1-4, 8***Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the lector*

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed,

O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;

you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION**ELW #176**

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

The holy gospel according to Luke,
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

SERMON

Practicing the Good in Daily Life

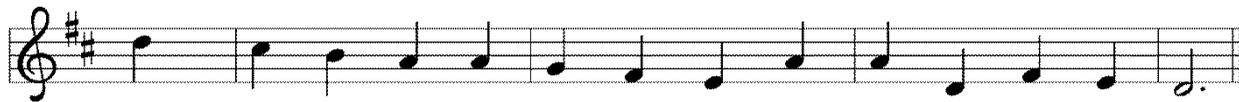
SERMON HYMN

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

ELW #745



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray a - right, with rev - 'rence and with fear.
- 2 We per - ish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
- 3 Give deep hu - mil - i - ty; the sense of god - ly sor - row give;
- 4 Faith in the on - ly sac - ri - fice that can for sin a - tone;
- 5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strength - ened with all might,



Though dust and ash - es in your sight, we may, we must draw near.
And when to meet you we pre - pare, Lord, meet us on our way.
a strong de - sire, with con - fi - dence, to hear your voice and live;
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ a - lone.
we, through your Spir - it and your Son, shall pray, and pray a - right.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Salem's Mission and Vision

We are God forgiven and mission driven.

As God's people...we desire to be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

Belonging means:

..that we all belong! We all have a place! We all fit!

Healing means:

...that we all have brokenness and are in need of wholeness. God's Word, the Bread of Life, and so much more, helps us to take these important steps forward!

Growing means:

...we are designed by God to change, to grow, to evolve. We are committed to that process for everyone who is open to it!

Serving means:

...that Jesus made clear that being a servant was central to being a disciple. Therefore, we see that everyone who is a follower is a servant, as well.

Believing means:

...that faith and not works is central to our life. Simple, and yet profound trust in the promise of forgiveness and mercy, and the presence of the Spirit, guides us in all we do.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

A brief silence. Response to the prayers: **Your mercy is great.**

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

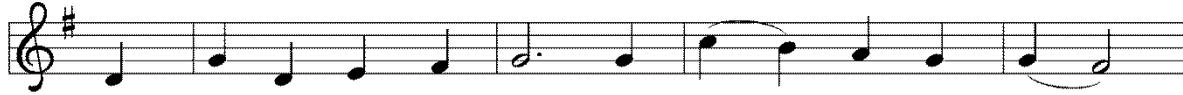
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MUSICAL OFFERING

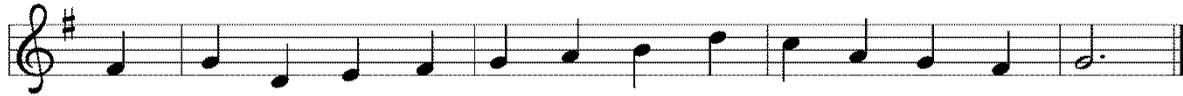
OFFERTORY

We Give Thee but Thine Own

ELW #686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

Almighty God, grant that your holy word which has been proclaimed this day may enter into our hearts through your grace, that it may produce in us the fruit of the Spirit for witness and service in the world and to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

BLESSING

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

Amen.

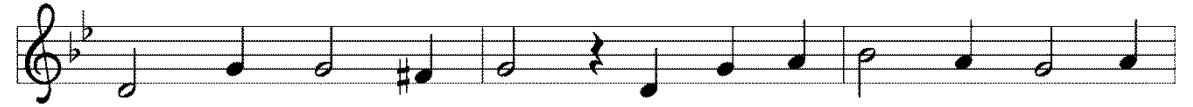
SENDING SONG

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW #769



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Scott & Shelley Hagenson

Acolytes: Emily Severson, Ella Stene
Reader: Willie Skellenger
Altar Guild for March: Gloria Kvale, Pat Thorson

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Ron Rasmusson's birthday, March 12, from Karen.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Steven Canny, from his family.

Readings for next week: 1 Chronicles 16:28-36, Psalm 95:1-7, John 4:19-26



Salem's Clothes Closet is open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Donations of new socks & underwear are always needed.
Thank you for your help.



Monday Mornings on Lake Street

There's a pot of coffee and goodies available on Monday mornings in the Lounge at Salem from 8 – 10:00 a.m.

Stop by and visit, have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a goody, visit with friends. Bring a friend!

Call the office if you would like to provide goodies some Monday!
Free-will donation.

Come join us for FAMILY FUN DAY!

Bring your family and friends to the fellowship hall on Sunday, March 24th, starting at 11:30am for lunch, fellowship, and games. Free will donations will go towards youth activities at Salem.

We are in need of 10 pans of bars for the meal.

If you are able to donate, please sign up in the narthex on the bulletin board.

Hope to see you there!

Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2019 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The 8:30 a.m. worship service is heard on KIW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City and on cable channel 2. Cost for 2019 is \$83. CALL THE OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR DATE - 641.592.1771.
2019 BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE: March 24, 31, May 5, 12, June 9, 16, 30, 28, Aug. 18, Sept. 1, Oct. 13, 20, 27, Dec. 1, 22, 29

Lutheran World Relief...Health 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.

Church Dashboard for Contributions 03/05/2019

LAST SUNDAY, 03/03/18: \$8,250

Year-to-date as of 03/05/19: \$44,530 - Last year as of 02/13/18: \$49,308

DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: -\$4,778

Attendance: Those worshipping March 2/3: 189

Ongoing Financial Needs: Remember whether you are at worship or on vacation, Salem still needs to keep working. **We need \$6,500-\$7,000 per week** to do the Lord's work.

March-April Calendar

Wednesdays During Lent – Salem Choir will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Wednesdays, March 13 - April 17: Lent Soup Meal at 6:00 p.m. & Book Study at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The book "Real Faith for Real Life" by Michael W. Foss will be studied.

Sundays, March 10 – April 7: 5th Grade 1st Communion Classes will be held at 9:35 a.m. for kids and their parents during Faith Formation time.

A benefit for Donna Lair, who had a liver transplant on October 26, 2018, is being held to help with medical expenses.

The benefit is sponsored by Asbury United Methodist Church and will be held Sunday, March 31st from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Mills High School Foyer & Gym.

Anyone who would like to donate baked goods can bring them to the school on Saturday from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. or on the Sunday morning prior to the bake sale. Please mark what the baked item is.

THANK YOU for help with this and your help is greatly appreciated.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

9:35 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel; 5th Grade 1st Communion Class;
Praise Creature Choir– Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

MONDAY, MARCH 11

8:00 a.m. Monday Coffee – Lounge

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Room #7

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2

5:30 p.m. Council - Library

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group – Lounge; LMAMA Meeting – Food Shelf

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

5:30 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room

6:00 p.m. Lent Soup Meal – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Book Study – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

9:30 a.m. Fine Arts Guild - Lounge

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

9:30 a.m. Pastor Joel's Colleague Group - Lounge

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Service - Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

9:35 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel; 5th Grade 1st Communion Class;
Praise Creature Choir– Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

FUNDRAISER
SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, FELLOWSHIP HALL
FAMILY FUN DAY
SUNDAY 24TH MAR

★ walking tacos ★	★ FROM ★
★ lemonade bars ★	★ 11:30 AM ★

BOARD GAMES ★ **EVERYONE WELCOME**

free will donation event to support the youth activities sponsored by Salem Lutheran Church

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