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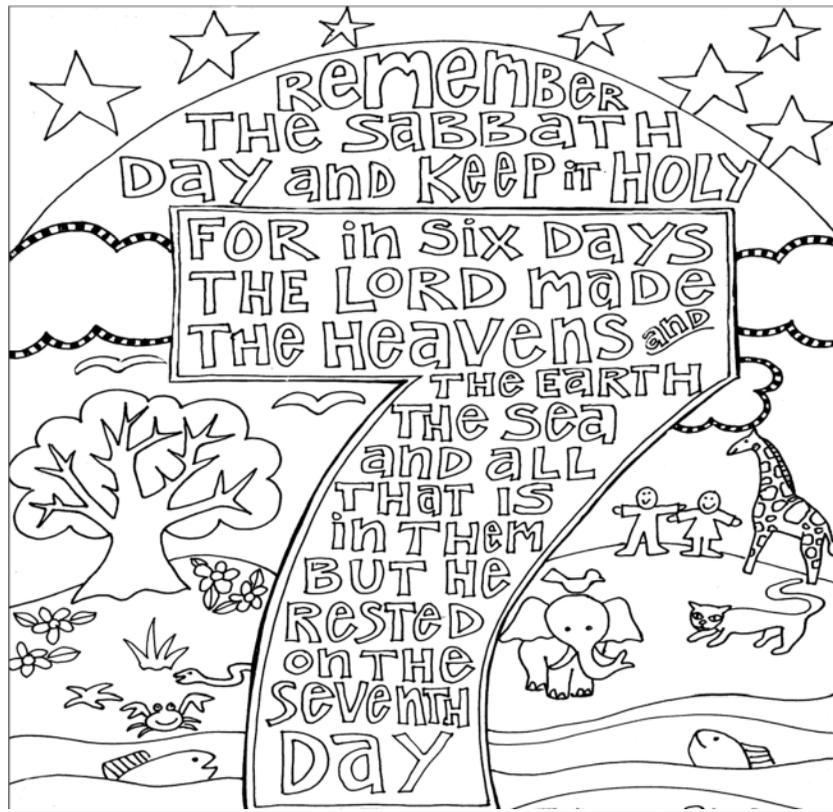
Welcome to the House of the Lord

Second Sunday in Lent  
THE MARK OF DISCIPLESHIP: Weekly Worship

March 17, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.

So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation (Genesis 2:3).

**The Third Commandment:** Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise God's Word or preaching. But instead keep that word holy and gladly hear and learn it – **Martin Luther**



Worship liberates the personality by giving a new perspective to life, by integrating life with the multitude of life forms, by bringing in to the life the virtues of humility, loyalty, devotion, and rightness of attitude, thus refreshing and reviving our spirits – **Roswell C. Long**

PRELUDE

*Prelude in C Major*

J.S. Bach

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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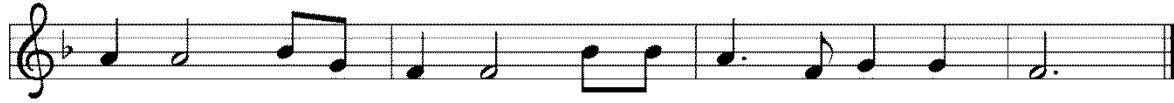
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SHARING OF THE PEACE

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,



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

**GATHERING PRAYER**

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.****Choir Anthem***Come, Now Is the Time to Worship***Senior Choir****FIRST LESSON****1 Chronicles 16:28-36**

A reading from 1 Chronicles,

<sup>28</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>29</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; <sup>30</sup>tremble before him, all the earth. The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. <sup>31</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD is king!" <sup>32</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. <sup>33</sup>Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. <sup>34</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

<sup>35</sup>Say also: "Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and rescue us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, and glory in your praise. <sup>36</sup>Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting." Then all the people said "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

Word of God Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.****PSALMODY****Psalm 95:1-7***Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the pulpit side*

- <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

**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**

John 4:19-26

The holy gospel according to John,  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>The woman [of Samaria at the well] said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

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

**SERMON***Our Habit of Weekly Renewal***SERMON HYMN***O Savior, Precious Savior*

ELW #820

**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**

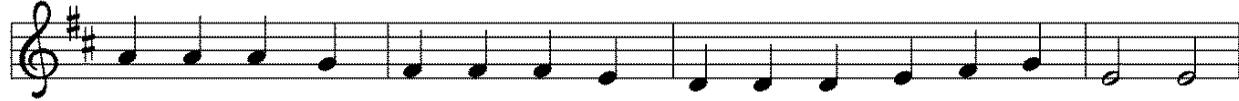
Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

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

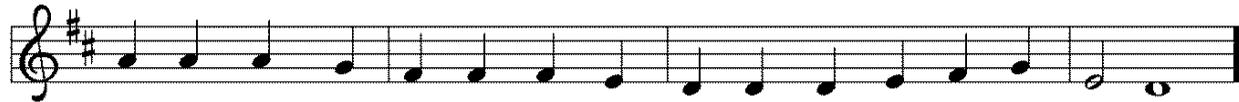
Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *In the Singing* **ELW #466**



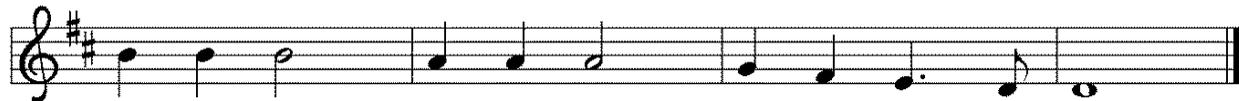
1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



*Refrain*  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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.**

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.

## 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

Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

## DISTRIBUTION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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

*Oh, Worship the King*

ELW #842

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

## POSTLUDE

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

**Acolytes:** Bryce Budach, Dottie Byars  
**Reader:** Al Skellenger  
**Communion Servers:** Delane & Darlene Behr,  
Nancy Guttormson  
**Altar Guild for March:** Gloria Kvale, Pat Thorson

*The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Frank Banwart's birthday, March 16th, from his wife Darlene and family.*

## Readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Psalm 119:1-3, 9-11, 89-90, 2 Peter 1:19-21, Luke 8:11-15

**Pastor Dan Gerrietts, Senior Pastor at Trinity of Mason City and his father Pastor Darrel Gerrietts, former Assistant to the Bishop of the Northeastern Iowa Synod, will be with us at Salem in the chapel on Friday, March 29, at 11:00 AM** to share their perspectives of the complexities and challenges of providing pastoral care to LGBTQ members, their families and others who support them in the midst of faithful opposition. Can we be different together? Coffee and fellowship in the lounge adjacent to the chapel will be provided before and after the forum.

**Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2019 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The 8:30 a.m. worship service is heard on KIOW (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, July 28, Aug. 18, Sept. 1, Oct. 20, 27

**Thrivent Choice Dollars...We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, Salem Lutheran Church received \$4,038 in charitable outreach funding in 2018.** Thrivent Financial members have until **March 31<sup>st</sup>** to direct any remaining **2018 Choice Dollars.** After that date, **2018 Choice Dollars** will expire. Please remember these Dollars can help our church. You can visit [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice). Scroll down to **Direct Choice Dollars.**

## March-April Calendar

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

**Wednesdays, March 20 – April 17: 6:00 p.m.** Lent Soup Meal

**7:00 p.m.** Book Study in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sundays, March 17 – April 7:** 5th Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Classes will be held at 9:35 a.m. for kids and their parents during Faith Formation time.

## Come join us for FAMILY FUN DAY!

Bring your family and friends to the fellowship hall on **Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, 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!

## **A benefit for Donna Lair, who had a liver transplant on Oct. 26, 2018, to help with medical expenses.**

The benefit is sponsored by Asbury United Methodist Church and will be held Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Come hear the Luther College Collegiate Chorale Friday, April 5, 7:00 p.m., at First Lutheran Church, 301 West Clark Street, Albert Lea MN.** These 93 singers will remind you of how great a gift we have in the Lutheran choral tradition. The concert is open to the public; a freewill offering will be taken.

**Church Dashboard for Contributions 03/11/2019**

**LAST SUNDAY, 03/10/19: \$2,140**

**Year-to-date as of 03/11/19: \$46,670 - Last year as of 03/11//19: \$46,670**

**DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: -\$5,797**

**Attendance: Those worshipping March 9/10: 146**

**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.

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

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

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 18**

8:00 a.m. Monday Coffee - Lounge

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

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19** 5:00 p.m. Executive Committee - Library

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

5:30 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room

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

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

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

2:00 p.m. WELCA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23** 5:30 p.m. Casual Worship Service – Chapel

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

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

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

11:30 a.m. Family Game Day; Youth Board Meeting Following – Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. Youth Trip Meeting – Fellowship Hall

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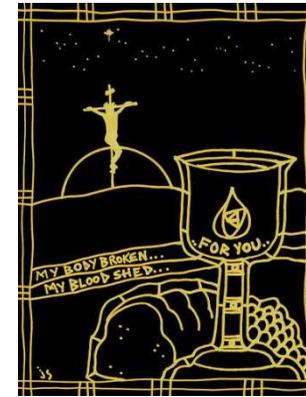
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**Palm Sunday Worship**

**Sunday, April 14**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel; Praise Creature Choir;  
Coffee Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service

4 Year Olds – 2nd Grade Sing

**Maundy Thursday & 5th Grade First Communion Service**

**Thursday, April 18**

6:15 p.m. 5th Grade Meal

7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday &  
5th Grade First Communion Service

**Prayer Vigil begins in the Chapel following the  
Maundy Thursday Service and ends prior to the  
Good Friday service.**



**Good Friday Worship**

**Friday, April 19**

7:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross Service

**Easter Sunday Worship**

**Sunday, April 21**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Worship

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Worship