



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 18, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s light and truth into our hearts. We see God’s heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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&4)

ELW #723

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 51:1-12

Sung responsively beginning with the cantor



¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness, and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses, and my sin is ev- | er before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my | mother’s womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me, and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear | joy and gladness; that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins, and blot out | all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean | heart, O God, and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away | from your presence, and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. ²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Restore in Us, O God

ELW #328

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

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*Seed That in Earth is Dying*

ELW #330

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW #759

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 *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church* ELW #321

DISMISSAL

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

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| Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson | Acolytes: Kelsey Kirschbaum and Kadence Henderson |
| Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey | Reader: Roy Kvale |
| Organist: Ruth Sheldon | Communion Server: Christi Grothe and Harris Honsey |
| Ushers: Dolly Gregor and Margaret Okland | Altar Guild for March: All Guild Members |

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Frank Banwart's birthday, March 16, from Darlene 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:
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 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

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir–Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall
9:35 a.m. Play & Pray - Lounge
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; 5th Grade 1st Communion Class
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

MONDAY, MARCH 19

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
3:15 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts – Room #4
6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
3:15 p.m. Brownies – Room #4

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

2:30 p.m. One Vision Meeting - Library
5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4
6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup & Study – Fellowship Hall
7:15 p.m. Lent Service – Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

3:00 p.m. Dennis Madson/Janet Vinson Wedding
5:30 p.m. Casual Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 a.m. Palm Sunday 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. Palm Sunday Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary (4 Year Olds-2nd Graders Sing)
5:00 p.m. Community Singers – Fellowship Hall

Readings for next week: Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47
Those worshipping March 10/11: 169 Giving: \$3886.60

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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.