



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Third Sunday in Lent
THE MARK OF DISCIPLESHIP: Hearing God's Voice

March 24, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.

*One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord (Matthew 4.4)*



*Other books were given for our information;
the Bible was given for our transformation – The Defender*

PRELUDE

Concerto No. 2 in G 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.

Men: 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.

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

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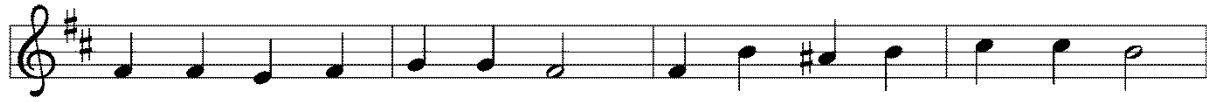
Men: Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

MORNING CANTICLE*Christ, Whose Glory Fill the Skies***ELW #553**

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
 fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

GATHERING PRAYER

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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****Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

A reading from Deuteronomy,

⁴Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Word of God Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.**PSALMODY****Psalm 119:1-3, 9-11, 89-90***Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the men*

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,

Who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

How shall the young keep their way clean? By keeping to your word.

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not stray from your commandments.

I treasure your promise in my heart, that I may not sin against you.

O LORD, your word is everlasting; it stands firm in the heavens.

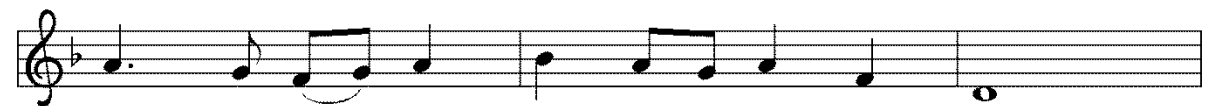
Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another;

SECOND LESSON**2 Peter 1:19-21**

A reading from 2 Peter

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.**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 8:11-15

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

¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

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

SERMON

Hearing God's Voice

SERMON HYMN

Almighty God, Your Word Is Caste

ELW #516



1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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.**

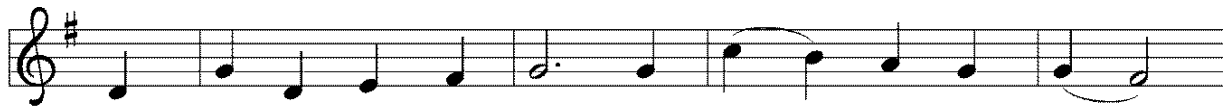
Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

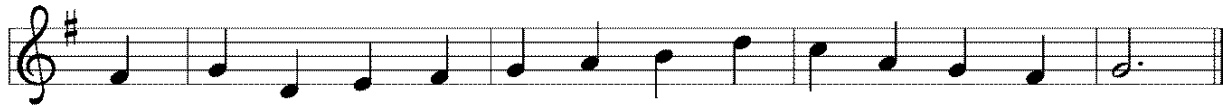
OFFERTORY

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.

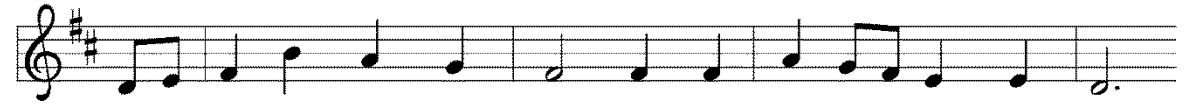
Amen.

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.**



1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Ushers: Scott & Shelley Hagenson

Acolytes: Karli Helgeson, Kadence Henderson

Reader: Drake Abbey

Altar Guild for March: Gloria Kvale, Pat Thorson

The radio broadcast this morning is in celebration of Robert Mannes' birthday, today, from Beverly and family.

Readings for next week: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Psalm 146:5-10, Mark 35:35-45

Come join us for FAMILY FUN DAY!

Bring your family and friends to the fellowship hall **this morning starting at 11:30am** for lunch, fellowship, and games. Free will donations will go towards youth activities at Salem.

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.

Bake Sale, Sunday, April 14, 2018 - Stop by the bake sale table in the narthex to pick up some yummy baked goods! Free will donations will go towards the high school youth mission/service trip to Savanna, Georgia July 19-28, 2019.

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 31st** 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. 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 27 – April 17: 6:00 p.m. Lent Soup Meal

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

Sundays, March 24 – 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 Oct. 26, 2018, to help with 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.

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 03/20/2019

LAST SUNDAY, 03/17/19: \$4,918

Year-to-date as of 03/20/19: \$53,303 - Last year as of 03/20//19: \$57,675

DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: -\$4,372

Attendance: Those worshipping March 16/17: 137

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.

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.



**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
 Bake Sale in the narthex this morning.



**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



**THIS WEEK AT SALEM
SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
 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
 11:30 a.m. Family Game Day
 Youth Board Meeting Following – Fellowship Hall
 2:00 p.m. Youth Servant Trip Meeting – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 25

8:00 a.m. Monday Coffee - Lounge
 1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall; Clothes Closet Open – Room #7
 2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
 3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

1:00 p.m. Staff
 7:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry - Lounge

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion
 2:30 a.m. Lake Mills Care Center Communion
 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Choir Room; Good Samaritan - Lounge
 6:00 p.m. Lent Meal – Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9
 7:00 p.m. Lent Book Study – Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2
 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Board - Library

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

11:00 a.m. Forum with Pastors Darrel and Dan Gerrietts – Chapel (refreshments before & after in the lounge)
 3:15 p.m. Junior Scouts – Room #2

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
 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
 4:00 p.m. VBS Planning – Winnebago Church

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