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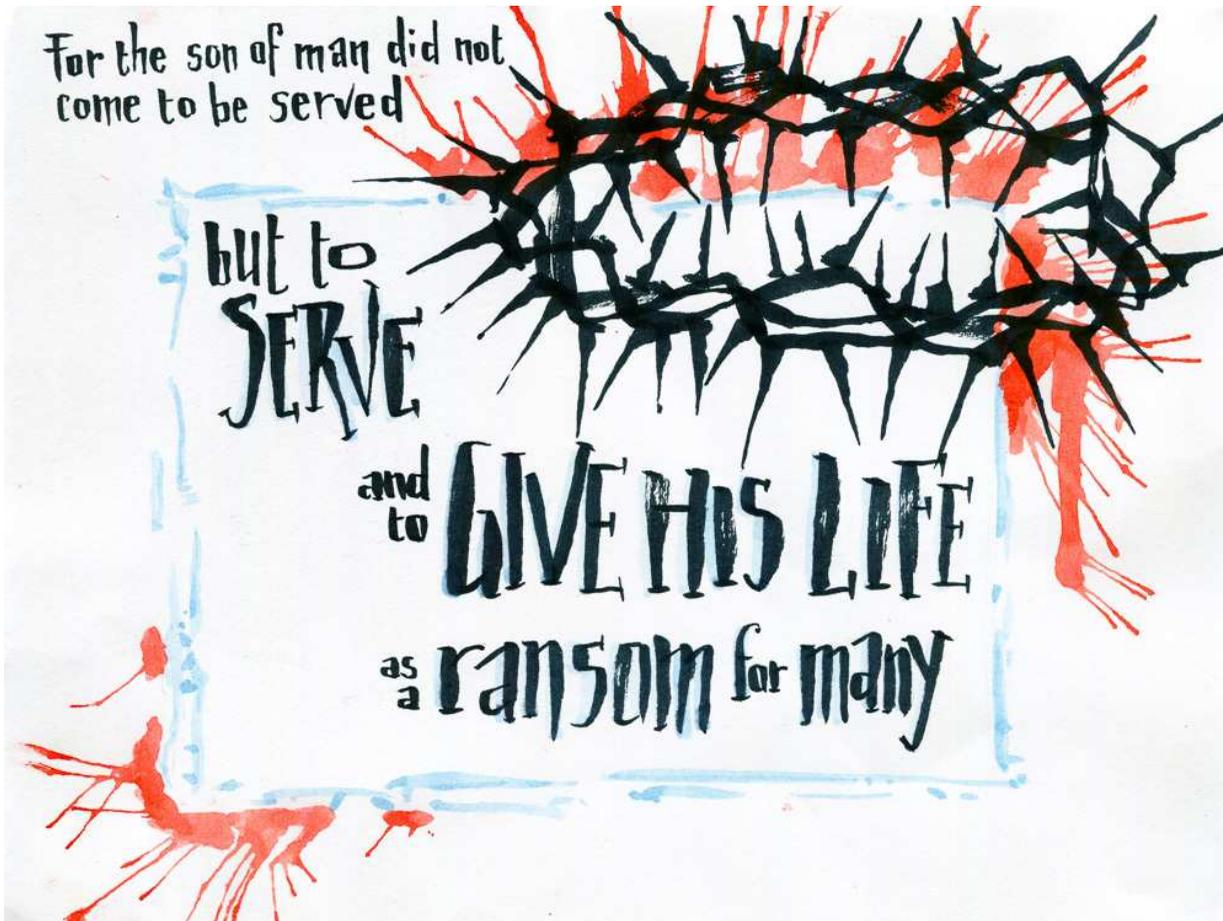
Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fourth Sunday in Lent

THE MARK OF DISCIPLESHIP: Serving Beyond the Congregation

March 31, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, to bring good news to the poor. (Luke 4:18)



The Church exists to train its members through the practice of the presence of God to be servants of others, to that end that Christlikeness may become common property. – William Adams Brown

PRELUDE

God's Time Is Best

JS 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.

Pulpit side: 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.

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

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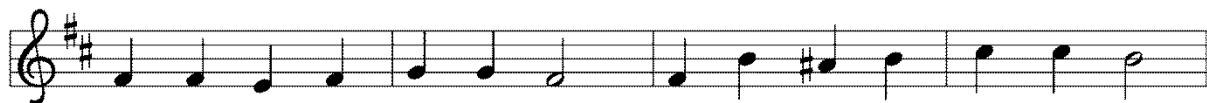
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SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

MORNING CANTICLE*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

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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 Corinthians 12:4-11**

A reading from 1 Corinthians,

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another

prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.**PSALMODY****Psalm 146:5-10***Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the pulpit side*

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the
 LORD their God;

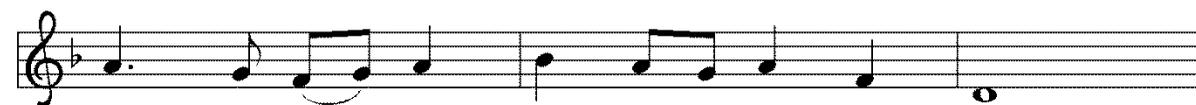
**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps
 promises forever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
 The LORD sets the captive free.

**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are
 Bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

The LORD cares for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but
 frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
 Hallelujah!**

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**Mark 35:35-45**

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

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

SERMON***The Call to Christlike Living*****SERMON HYMN*****Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*****ELW #712**

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

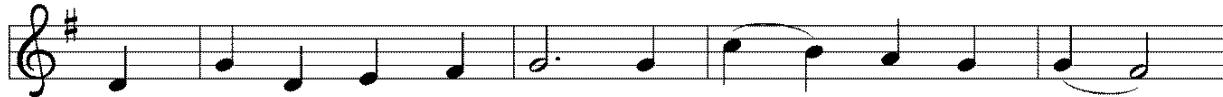
Softly and Tenderly

Senior Choir

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.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

Don & Jan Smith requested transfers to other congregations at our last Council Meeting. Don & Jan will be attending 1st Presbyterian Church in Sun, City Arizona. We wish to acknowledge their transfers and pray for their continuing journey of faith.

A reading from Exodus: The LORD said, "I am going to send an angel in front of you, to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared." (*Exodus 23:20*)

A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (*John 8:12*)

We encourage Don & Jan to continue to receive and share God's gifts in West Prairie and Charles City Lutheran, united with us in the body of Christ and the mission we share.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you for Don & Jan and for the time we have shared with *them*.

As *they have* been a blessing to us, so now send *them* forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* **ELW #551**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: Kelsey Kirschbaum, Elijah Menke
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	Reader: Emma Hoffman
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Altar Guild for March: Gloria Kvale, Pat Thorson
Ushers: Scott & Shelley Hagenson Family	

The radio broadcast this morning is given by Delane & Darlene Behr.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 64:1-4, Psalm 71:19-23, Galatians 6:1-5, John 17:21-26

Reserve your special date to sponsor a 2019 8:30 a.m. radio broadcast. The 8:30 a.m. worship service is heard on KLOW (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

March-April Calendar

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

Wednesdays, April 3 – April 17: 6:00 p.m. Lent Soup Meal
7:00 p.m. Book Study in the Fellowship Hall.

Sundays, March 31 – 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, **TODAY** from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Mills High School Foyer & Gym.

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.

Lake Mills’ City-Wide Garage Sale...
We need your help – We need things to sell – If you have some things lying around that you no longer use, but are still in good shape, please share them with us. Items that sell well are pictures, kitchen items, baby things, puzzles, etc., etc. Please bring your donated items to Salem Lutheran Church on the west side of the Education Wing, Room 11 **by Friday, April 27.**

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.

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 Savannah, Georgia July 19-28, 2019.

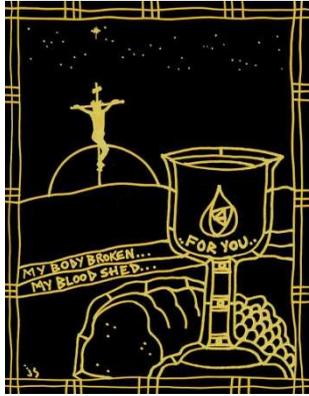
Holy Week Prayer Vigil Thursday, April 18th, 8:00 p.m. – Friday, April 19th, 7:00 p.m.
 Mark 14:37-38 “Jesus came and found his disciples sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”
 Prayer is an important part of our discipleship. Consider sign up for an hour of prayer individually or as a couple or family group. The prayer vigil will be held in Salem’s Chapel. Signup sheet is in the narthex.

Church Dashboard for Contributions 03/27/2019
LAST SUNDAY, 03/24/19: \$2,152
Year-to-date as of 03/27/19: \$55,855 - Last year as of 03/27/18: \$62,430
DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: -\$6,575
Attendance: Those worshipping March 23/24: 166
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.



**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**

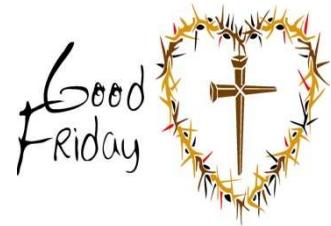
6:15 p.m. 5th Grade Meal
7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday &
5th Grade First Communion Service

**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 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Worship



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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 Meeting – Winnebago church

MONDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 a.m. Monday Coffee - Lounge
1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Room #7
2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
3:15 p.m. Cadette Scouts – Room #2

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Bonnie Steffens
1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
5:30 p.m. Life & Growth Board - Library
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

5:30 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Lent Soup Meal/Confirmation Students Meet – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Book Study – Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Library; Ruth Circle – Rita Bakken; Sarah Circle – Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle - Library

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

3:15 p.m. Junior Scouts – Room #2

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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

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