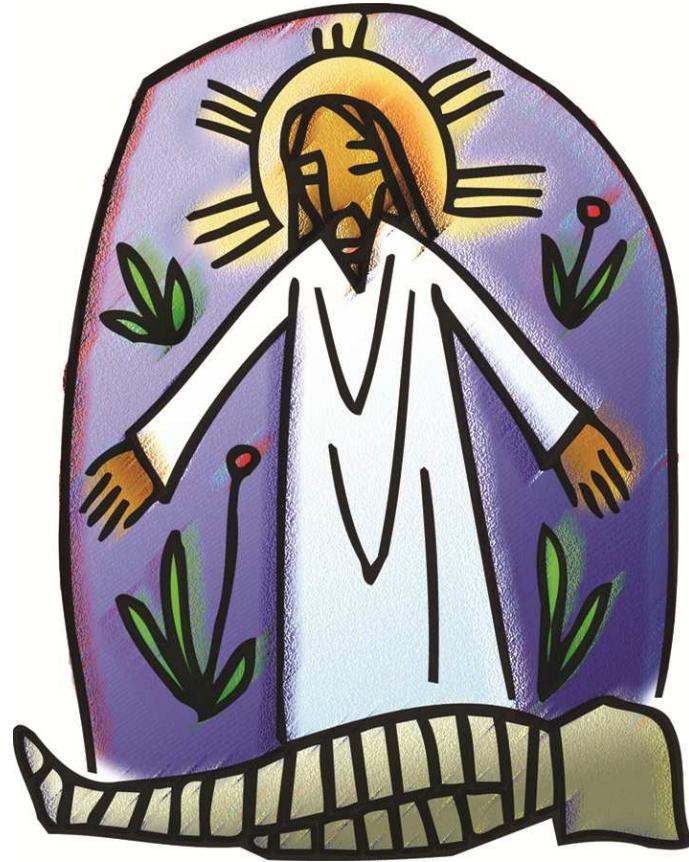




Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Fifth Sunday in Lent  
April 2, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



#### INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome new sisters and brothers at the baptismal font, as we renew our baptismal promises.

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#### PRELUDE

#### BELLS

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### GATHERING

#### 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.**

#### GATHERING SONG     *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity; in our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

#### GREETING

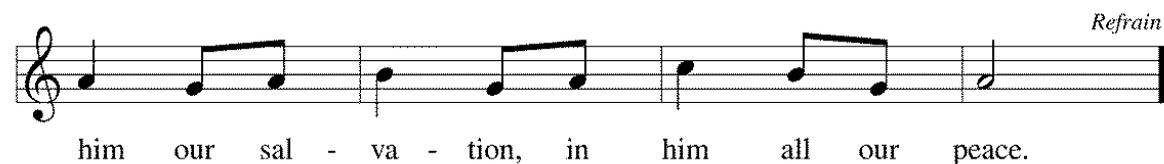
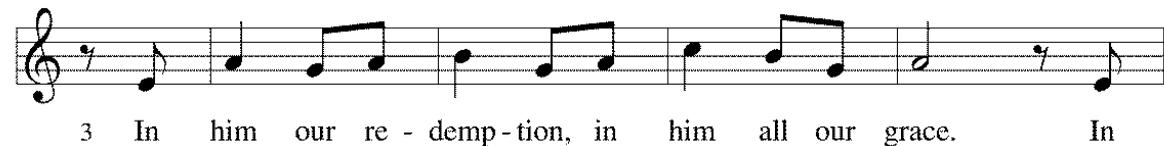
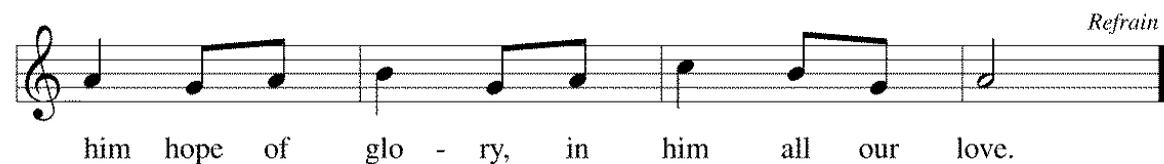
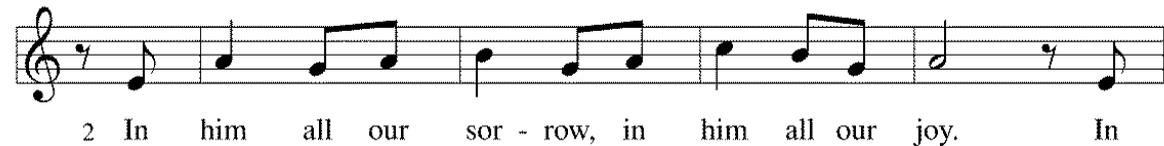
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## CANTICLE 13

## Verse 1 (women), Verse 2 (men), Verse 3 (all)



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*We Will Remember You*

Senior Choir

## WORD

## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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*Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 130

(The Psalm is read responsively)

*I wait for you, O LORD; in your word is my hope. (Ps. 130:5)*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

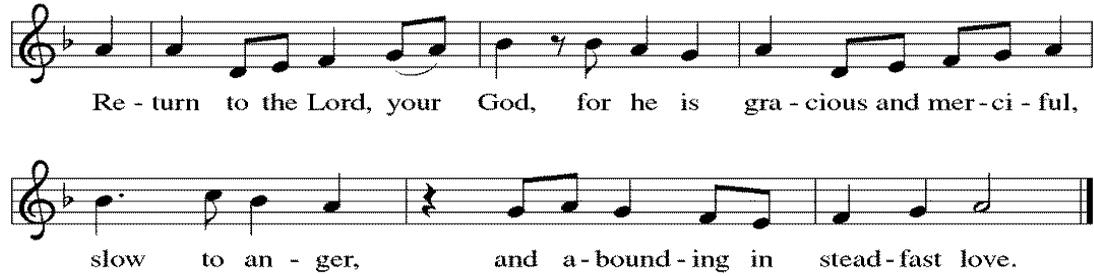
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*For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

## GOSPEL John 11:1-45

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*Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.*

The holy gospel according to John the eleventh chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW #886

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence. Please respond at the end of each petition:*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

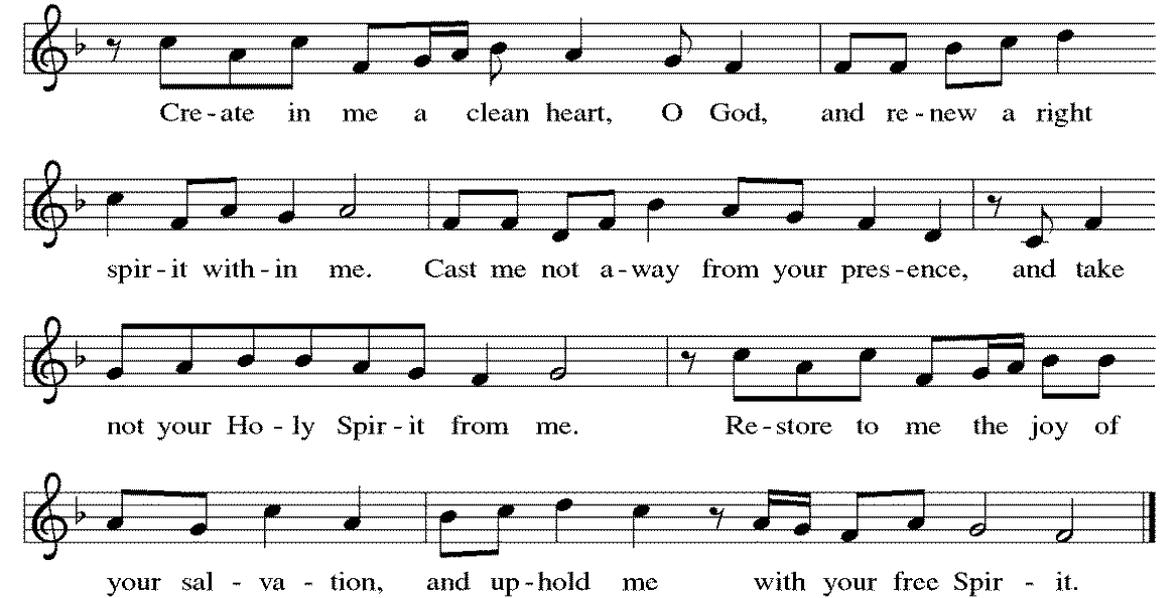
The peace of Christ with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

## OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### OFFERING SONG



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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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. 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

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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 SONG

*This Is My Song*

ELW #887

#### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE

**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson

**Assisting:** Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Ushers:** Rita Anderson, Margaret Okland

**Acolytes:** Alex Beaty, Morgan Christian, Tyler Christian

**Reader:** Cindy Haugsdal

**Communion Servers:** Craig & Cindy Haugsdal

**Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey

**April Altar Guild:** Shelley Hagenson, Sharon Johnson, Pat Young

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**The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving remembrance of Jim & the late Ruth Tweeten's wedding anniversary, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from Jim.**

**The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.**

**Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2017 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 dates. Cost for 2017 is \$83.**

**Dates available:** April 23, 30, May 7, July 9, 16, Aug. 13, Sept. 17, Oct. 29.

**We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service.** Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. **Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.**

**2017 Offering envelopes are on table outside the Chapel.**

**Those worshipping March 25/26: 164**

**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

**Please remember in prayer this week:**

**The family and friends of Elaine Ingebritson and Bonnie Sanden**

**Join us Wednesday April 5 at 6:00 p.m. for the last Soup Supper this year.**

**The supper is sponsored by our confirmation youth and their families.**



If you would like to donate an Easter lily for our Easter Sunday services in honor of or in memory of a loved one please call the office (641.592.1771) or email ([salem@wctatel.net](mailto:salem@wctatel.net)) the office with that information by **WEDNESDAY MORNING April 12**. Lilies may be brought to the sanctuary on Friday or Saturday before Easter. Put your name on the bottom if you wish to pick it up after 10:30 worship on Easter Sunday.



Each week during Lent (March 1 – April 12) we will collect the Personal Care Kit items for the Baskets of Promise Project. Baskets for kits will be in the narthex.

Each week during the Lenten Services (March 1– April 12), we will be collecting personal care items for the Promise Project.

There will be a basket in the Narthex.

Items include: lightweight bath towels, bars of soap, sturdy combs, adult sized toothbrushes, and metal nail clippers.

All items should be new and in good condition.

### Learn to live FREELY with diabetes!

Everyone with Diabetes Counts can help you or your loved on live a healthier life. The program offers **FREE** diabetes education classes. You will learn about:

- Ways to control your blood sugar levels
- Low-cost healthy meals.
- How to become more physically active.
- Managing your diabetes medications.

Throughout the program, your questions will be answered and your concerns supported.

**When:** Six Thursdays, **3/23/17 – 4/24/17** (March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27)

**Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Mills Harbour Independent and Assisted Living, 311 South 10th Ave East, Lake Mills IA 50450

**Sign Up:** Call Amanda Creen at 641.592.4900

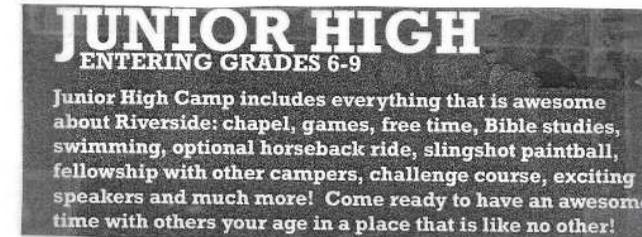


#### SUMMER CAMP AT RIVERSIDE LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

Attending Summer Camp between the milestones of a child's First Communion and their entering our Confirmation ministry can be a wonderful way for a child to build relationships, gain confidence, and grow in faith. **This year we have chosen August 6-11 as the week our youth can join Pastor Joel at Riverside, Story City IA, with other youth attending Junior High Camp.** The week includes everything that is awesome about Riverside: chapel, games, free time, Bible studies, swimming, optional horseback ride, slingshot paintball, and fellowship with other campers, challenge course, exciting speakers and much more! Come ready for have an awesome time with others your age in a place that is like no other.

Registration forms will be available in the office, during Sunday School, or can be downloaded from the Riverside Bible Camp website. **Registrations must be returned to the church by Easter Sunday along with a non-refundable check in the amount of \$75. The remainder of the \$450 registration fee is being provided through the generosity of Salem's Enduring Gift Fund.**

We, and/or the camp, can scholarship the non-refundable deposit if it is a financial hardship for any individual. Our goal is to offer every child at Salem entering in our Confirmation Ministry program this faith-forming opportunity.



#### Registration Form Included in this packet

1. Program options: Choose August 6-11. You may choose a cabin mate. They must choose you as well.
2. Be sure to choose a second option in case your first choice is full. We will contact you if your choice is full.
3. COMPLETELY FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM.
4. Have your parent/guardian sign the form.
5. Enclose your deposit of \$75, which is non-refundable and non-transferable. Riverside will accept your check, money order, VISA, MasterCard or Discover.
6. The registration form includes a section for **Optional Care Packages**. If you choose this option, please include the cost with your deposit.
7. Return to Pastor Melinda by Easter Sunday.

**\*\*REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE ON THE TABLE BENEATH THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD.\*\***

**If you need assistance with the deposit, contact one of the pastors or Helen in the office.**

**Any Salem child will be able to attend camp.**



# Holy Week

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 a.m. Traditional Palm Sunday Worship – Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class Bakes Bread  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Palm Sunday Worship – Sanctuary



### THURSDAY, APRIL 13

5:30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Meal – Fellowship Hall  
7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday/1<sup>st</sup> Communion Service – Sanctuary  
8:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Easter Vigil - Chapel



### FRIDAY, APRIL 14

12:00 a.m. - 7:15 p.m. Easter Vigil - Chapel  
7:15 p.m. Good Friday Service – Sanctuary



### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

8:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Service – Sanctuary  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Service - Sanctuary

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship – Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room  
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open  
4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle - Library  
5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Bonnie Steffens  
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Board - Library  
6:00 p.m. Lent Meal – Fellowship Hall  
6:20 p.m. Choir Practice – Choir Room  
7:15 p.m. Lent Service - Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, APRIL 6

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Library, Rhoda Circle – Faye Aamodt; Sarah Circle – NO MEETING  
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle – Library                      2:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle – Care Center  
5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board - Library

FRIDAY, APRIL 7                      12:00 p.m. Property Board

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8

1:30 p.m. Bonnie Sanden Memorial Service – Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. Casual Worship – Chapel

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:30 a.m. Traditional Palm Sunday Worship – Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class Bakes Bread  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Palm Sunday Worship – Sanctuary

**Readings for next Sunday:** Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Matthew 26:14-27:66

**A memorial service for Bonnie Sanden will be held Saturday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Salem.**

**A memorial service for Elaine Ingebritson will be held Saturday, April 29 at 1:30 p.m. at Salem.**

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