



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Palm Sunday
April 14, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.



PRELUDE

BELL

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hosanna to the King

Senior Choir

ACCLAMATION *(Repeated three times)*

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Entrance into the final days

Luke 19:28-40

²⁸After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

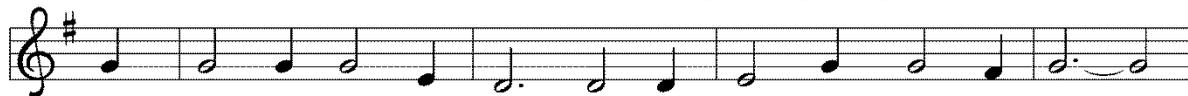
and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW #264



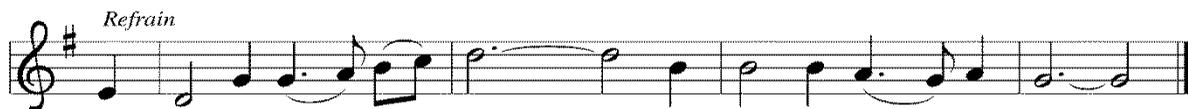
- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MORNING CANTICLE

Restore in Us, O God

ELW #328



- 1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
- 2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
- 3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
- 4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
 fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
 tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
 we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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.

GATHERING PRAYER

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON**1 Chronicles 29:12-17**

A reading from 1 Chronicles,

¹²Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. ¹⁶O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you.

Word of God Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY**Psalm 49** - *selected verses*

Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the lector

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

**Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those
at my heels surrounds me,**

The wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast
of their great riches?

**One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;
for the ransom of a life is so great.**

There would never be enough to pay it, in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.

But God will ransom my life and will snatch me from the grasp of death.

Do not be envious when some become rich, or when the grandeur of
their house increases;

**For they will carry nothing away at their death, nor will their grandeur
follow them.**

SECOND LESSON**2 Corinthians 8:9-12**

A reading from 2 Corinthians,

⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something — ¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has — not according to what one does not have.

Word of God Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

ELW #176

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

Matthew 6:19-21, 24

The holy gospel according to Matthew,

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²⁴"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

The gospel of our Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Generosity: A reflection of God's heart in our lives

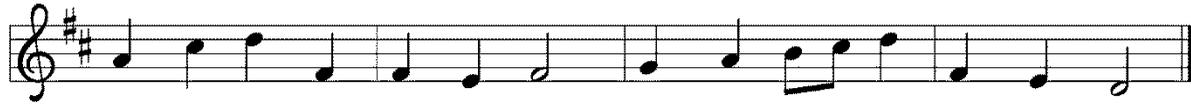
SERMON HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be (verses 1-4)

ELW #685



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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

Trusting in Christ's passover from death to new life, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

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

Attend to the needs of the whole world with your saving grace, and lead us all into new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always.

And also with you,

MUSICAL OFFERING

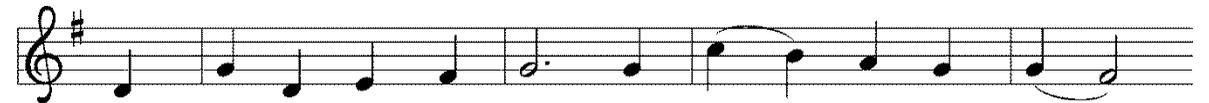
In the Hour of Trial

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

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.

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.

SENDING SONG

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW #678

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

Ushers: Menke and Nelson Families

Reader:

Acolytes: Alexis Anderson, Sophia Nelson

Altar Guild for April: Marilyn Hoffman,

Janet Swenson, JoAnn Villa

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Vera Larson from her family.

Bake Sale this morning, 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.

**Seeking Easter Breakfast Volunteers:**

Youth board is seeking volunteers for Easter Breakfast. We will have 2 shifts... 7:30am to 9:30am and 9:30am to 11:30am. The breakfast will be served from 9am to 10:30am. Please contact Jennifer Sauer at 641.903.1847 if you are able to assist. Thank you!

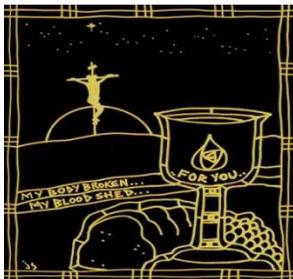
Holy Week Prayer Vigil Thursday, April 18th, 8:00 p.m. – Friday, April 19th, 7:00 p.m.

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.

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) the office with that information by **TUESDAY MORNING APRIL 16th. 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.**

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.



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

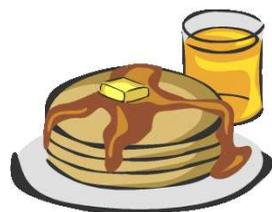


Prayer Vigil begins in the Chapel following the
Maundy Thursday Service and ends prior to the
Good Friday service.

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 19

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



Easter Breakfast served from 9:00 ~ 10:30 a.m.
April 21st, in the fellowship hall.

Easter Egg Hunt
April 21st at 9:45 a.m.



Saturday Worship

April 20 - 5:30 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Chapel

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, APRIL 14 Noisy Offering Collection

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

9:35 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel; Praise Creature Choir– Choir Room;
Play & Pray – Lounge; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary (4 year olds – 2nd grade sing)

MONDAY, APRIL 15

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

1:00 p.m. Staff

2:00 p.m. Afternoon Literary Club – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

2:10 p.m. Meet the Pen Pals – Meet at Salem

5:30 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room

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

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

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

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

6:15 p.m. 5th Grade Meal

7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday/5th Grade 1st Communion Service

8:15 p.m. Prayer Vigil Begins – Chapel

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

7:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil Ends

7:15 p.m. Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

5:30 p.m. Easter Vigil – Chapel

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

8:30 a.m. Traditional Easter Service – Sanctuary

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hung

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

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