



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day. Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life: for water to bathe in, water to drink, for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:
for water from our tap, for rain and snow, for local water sources.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water:
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought, for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service, for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

We Know That Christ is Raised

ELW #449

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.**

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



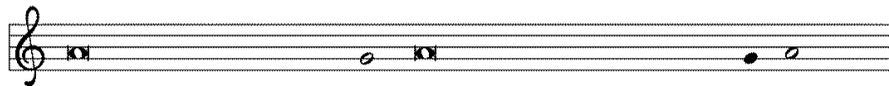
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



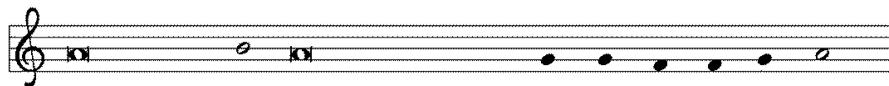
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



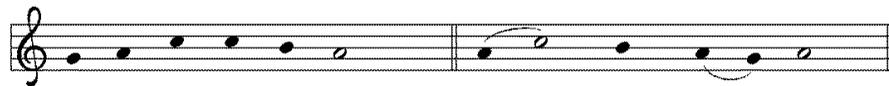
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

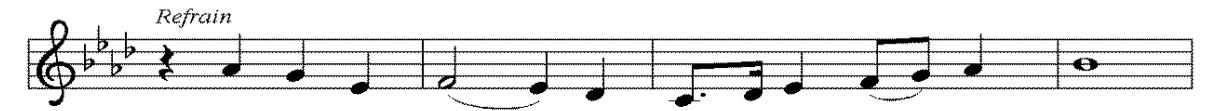


let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

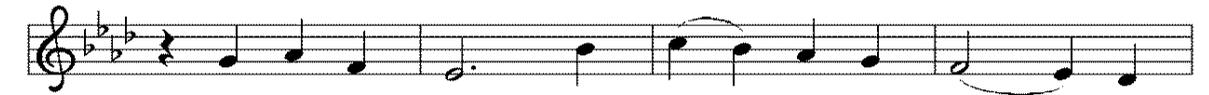
HYMN OF PRAISE



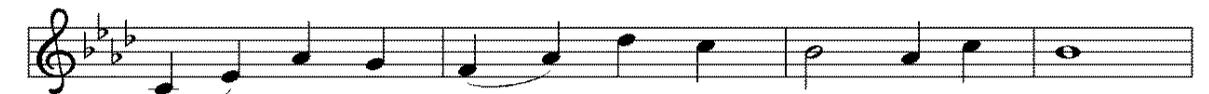
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



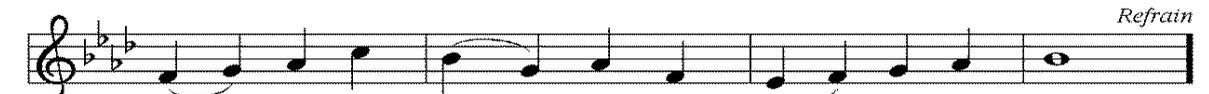
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:25-31

Today's psalm will be read responsively: pulpit side reading the odd verses and the choir side reading the even verses printed in bold.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise!**

May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

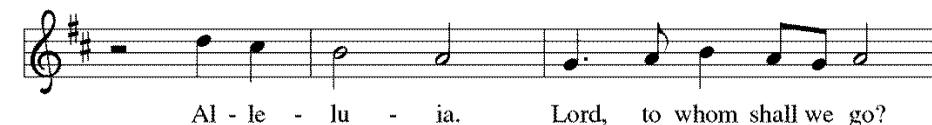
SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Blessed Spring

ELW #447

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

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

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence. response: **Have mercy, O God.**

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. **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.

SENDING

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW #367

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	Reader: Wayne Van Veldhuizen
Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: Brooke Bergo and Kit Byars
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Altar Guild for April: Shelley Hagenon and Pat Young
Ushers: Lyle & Orloue Thomson	

Today's radio broadcast is in honor of those who adopt, foster and host foreign exchange students ~ embracing children as one's own."

Parents and kids interested in participating in the contemporary service are welcome to meet and visit with Jon Happel immediately following 10:30 worship in the sanctuary, April 29th.

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 17, July 8, 15, Aug. 5, Oct. 7, 14, 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.



INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT

The church isn't open just on Sundays. There's something going on every day of the week, and we want to provide convenient giving options that fit into all your church activities.

Electronic giving options like GIVE+ TEXT offer you the opportunity to give simply and securely from anywhere in our community. Next time you are in the fellowship hall for an event, in the sanctuary for Sunday service or in a meeting room for Bible study, try texting your payment of gift to our secure account at **1.641.832.5367**.

It takes just minutes to sign up and support the church. So, we hope you'll try this easy, modern way to give.

Stop by the church office for help setting it up on your cell phone.

Thank you for being a vital part of our church community.

Would you like to receive special announcements from Salem via text messaging?
Simply text @slutheran to 81010 to join!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Helpers Needed

"Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity"

Monday, June 4th thru Thursday, June 7th (4 days)



Sacred Heart Annual Omelet Breakfast – Manly IA

Sunday, April 29th, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Cash Door Prize, Bake Sale

Adults: \$7 - Children 5-10 \$4 - Preschool Free

Attendance

Those worshipping April 21/22: 237

Church Dashboard for Contributions 4/23/2018

Last Sunday, 4/22/18: \$4,546

Year-to-date as of 4/23/18: \$81,827 - Last year as of 4/23/17: \$95,153

Difference year-to-date: -\$13,326 (or) -14.0%

Confirmation

Saturday May 5th and Sunday May 6th

These students are ready to affirm their baptismal vows as they become adults in our congregation!

Congratulations!

Bennett James Berger, Brooke Elizabeth Bergo, Lindy A. Brekken

Kit Kelly Byars, Jadyn Elizabeth Hengesteg, Aiden Carl Johanson

Megan Lynn Knudtson, Madison Jay Levine, Courtney Irene Lorenson

Anthony Jay Ramaker, Danielle Anna-Marie White



The National Day of Prayer service will be held May 5 at 7:00 a.m.
in the sanctuary at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Coffee and fellowship following the service in the fellowship hall.
The service is sponsored by the Lake Mills Ministerial Association.



"National Stamp Out Hunger" is Saturday, May 12th by LM letter carriers.

Postal residents are invited to place a sack of non-perishable food items next to their mailbox before their letter carrier delivers mail. All donated food collected will be given to the LM Food Shelf.



Lake Mills Baccalaureate Service

LMAMA is sponsoring a Baccalaureate Worship service put together by Senior Class Members. The Worship service will be held at Salem Lutheran Church, on Tuesday, May 15th, beginning at 7:00 pm. The service is open to all Seniors, their parents and the community.

May Calendar Notes:

Wednesday, May 2: Confirmation Faith Statement Night –
7th graders should be here at 5:00 p.m. to eat & set up; 8th graders and their families at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday, May 5/6: 5:30 p.m./8:30 & 10:30 a.m. – Confirmation Services

Wednesday, May 9th: 5:30 p.m. Blessing of the Youth Room, 6-7 p.m. Youth Jam Session
7:00 p.m. Closing Worship

Sunday, May 13: Mother’s Day and last day of Faith Formation & Pray and Play

Wednesday, May 15: 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service at Salem

Saturday/Sunday, May 19/20: We will recognize the Lake Mills graduating Class of 2018
On Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. coffee fellowship coffee & rolls will be served in honor of the graduates.

NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION– May 19-20

Stewardship, Life and Growth has been working to improve our collection of our “noisy offering” collections. The idea is to offer opportunities to fund ministries, local civic organizations such as the fire department and ambulance service and other organizations or fund appeals that arise that are generally not a part of our annual mission plan/budget. The thought is to have an opportunity for “noisy offering” appeals quarterly.



This quarter the board has chosen to raise funds for our youth who are attending the ELCA Youth Gathering and four of our Outdoor Ministries. Four Salem youth and two adult chaperones are attending the youth gathering in June with youth and pastors Bill Peters and Randy Baldwin and five youth from One-In- Christ Parish. Thirteen youth are attending the Junior High Camp at Riverside in August. Three youth are attending Good Earth Village in July. One youth is attending Ingham Okoboji.

Readings for next week: Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Mission Statement Forum – Narthex

(Grab a cup of Coffee and a goody in the Fellowship Hall & join us in the narthex for the Forum.)

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service – Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Meet & Greet with Jonathan Happel

MONDAY, APRIL 30 3:15 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts – Room #4

TUESDAY, MAY 1

9:30 a.m. Fine Arts Guild - Lounge

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

3:15 p.m. Brownies – Room #4

7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

2:30 p.m. One Vision - Library

5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

6:00 p.m. Faith Statement Night – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir – Choir Room

THURSDAY, MAY 3

7:00 a.m. National Day of Prayer – Asbury United Methodist Church

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle – Lake Mills Care Center, Grace Circle – Library, Sarah Circle – Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle – Library

5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board – Library

SATURDAY, MAY 5

12:00 p.m. Bristol Cemetery Annual Meeting – Library

2:00 p.m. Beckham Fjelstad Family Gathering – Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. Casual Confirmation Service – Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 6

8:30 a.m. Traditional Confirmation Service

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Confirmation Service – Sanctuary

1:00 p.m. Kloster Family Gathering – Fellowship Hall

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