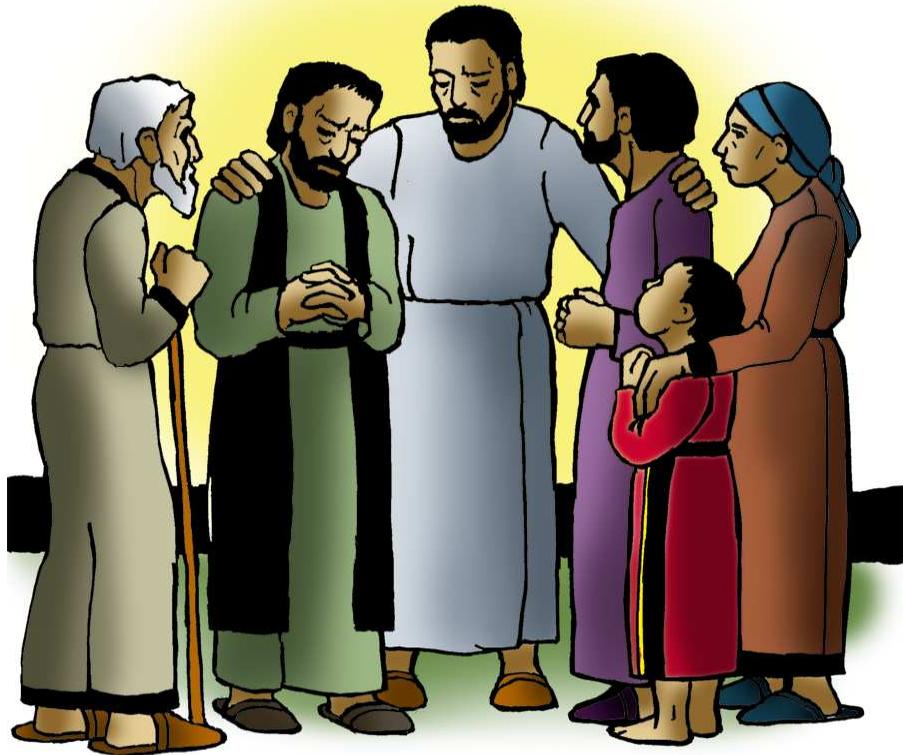




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

***Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Grand Jeu

Jean Adam Guilain

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

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 all our local streams and lakes.

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.

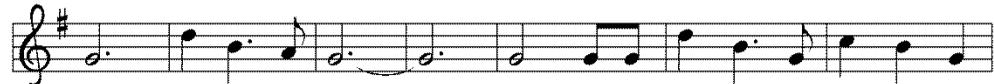
We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

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 are Called*

ELW #720

WORD

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



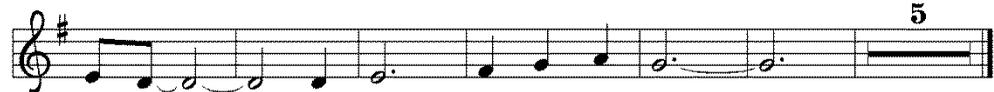
live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from 1 John.

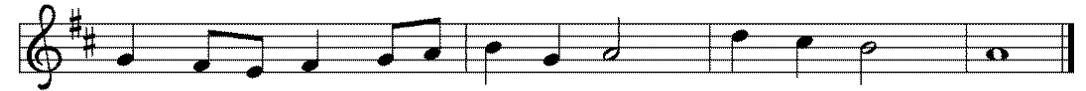
¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

We All are One in Mission

ELW #576



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Blessing Riddle

Kathy Nelson

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: **Your mercy is great.**

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.

MEAL

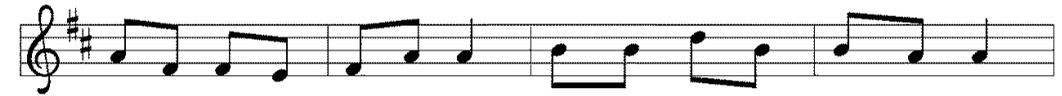
OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Jesus Loves Me

ELW #595

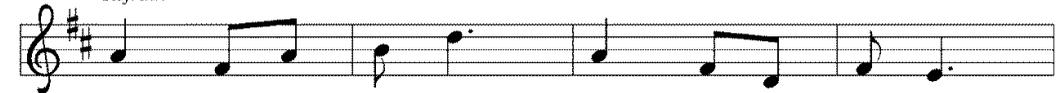


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. **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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION

As this is the Lord's Table, it is Jesus who invites all who desire, to come receive this gift of our Lord's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Our invitation to communion is to all! Children and others not prepared to receive communion are invited to come for a blessing. Ushers will direct you to the communion servers. Ushers will direct the communion servers to those who desire to be served seated in the pews. White grape juice is provided in the center cups of the communion trays, gluten free wafers are provided upon request.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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 SONG

Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW #545



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Assisting: Melinda McVey McCluskey

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Ushers: Ron & Phyllis Moen, Dennis Madson

Reader: Becky Helgeson

Acolytes: Ella Stene and Karli Helgeson

Communion Servers: Danielle Van Gundy, Lisa Johanson

Altar Guild for May: Linda Helgeson, Kathy Nelson

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of James Rygh's 96th birthday April 17th and Eleanor Rygh's 93rd birthday June 3rd and their wedding anniversary May 10th from Steve & Kathy Nelson and family.

Confirmation

These students will affirm their baptismal vows this morning as they become adults in our congregation!

Congratulations!

Bennett James Berger, Brooke Elizabeth Bergo, Lindy Annalane Brekken, Kit Kelly Byars, Jadyn Elizabeth Hengesteg, Aidan Carl Johanson, Megan Lynn Knudtson, Madison Jay Levine, Courtney Irene Lorensen, Anthony Jay Ramaker, Danielle Anna-Marie White

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 is is \$83

2018 - 8:30 A.M. KIOW RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

May 6, 20, June 17, July 8, 15, Aug. 5, Oct. 7, 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.



Be a summer superhero!
Lake Mills Community Blood Drive
Tuesday, May 8, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Salem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
For an appointment call 800.287.4903 or online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

Church Dashboard for Contributions 5/1/2018

Last Sunday, 4/29/18: \$4,645

Year-to-date as of 5/1/18: \$86,902 - Last year as of 5/1/17: \$100,520

Difference year-to-date: - \$13,618 (or) -13.5%

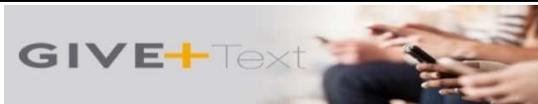
Attendance

Those worshipping May 28/29: 187



“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.



INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT

You can now make a contribution with text!

Simply send a text message to 1.641.832.5367 with the amount you would like to contribute. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and debit or card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email.

For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically! You can even text “repeat” to make it a recurring donation. **Give+ Text** is one of the fastest, easiest ways to give.

We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and we thank you for supporting the church.

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



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 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 and 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.

WELCA Meeting...Wednesday May 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ruth Circle's program is *Shell Games* presented by Karen Bradley. Members of the Sarah Circle are hostesses.



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.



Encounter with Heaven sponsored by the Fine Arts Guild

Ever wondered what really happens at the point of death? Karen Gunderson, author of *Encounters with Heaven – Stories of God’s Surprising Presence* along with her son Ryan, will be presenting *Encounter with Heaven*, an experiential evening combining Karin’s incredible true stories from her work as a hospice harpist, with beautiful harp, piano, flute, 3-part vocals and more.

The Gunderson’s will be giving a concert Wednesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Salem Lutheran Church. Enjoy a combination of peaceful music on popular Christian pieces like *What A Wonderful World, It is Well with My Soul.* You will also be invited to participate in singing a few favorite hymns as well.

For more information view their website www.ChristianHarpMusic.com.

Readings for next week: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Psalm 1, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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. Brooke Bergo Family Gathering – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MAY 7

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
6:00 p.m. Sons of Norway – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 8

9:00 a.m. Mission Quilters Layette Assembly – Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Marvis Risius
10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group – Lounge; LMAMA – Food Shelf
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
1-6:00 p.m. Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

5:30 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation/Health Care Kits – Fellowship Hall; Youth Room Blessing;
New Life Nutrition
6:00 p.m. Youth Jam Session - Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Closing Service – Sanctuary; Choir – Choir Room

SATURDAY, MAY 12

3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Lily Thompson Graduation Party – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Casual Service – Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 13

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall
9:35 a.m. Play & Pray - Lounge
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

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