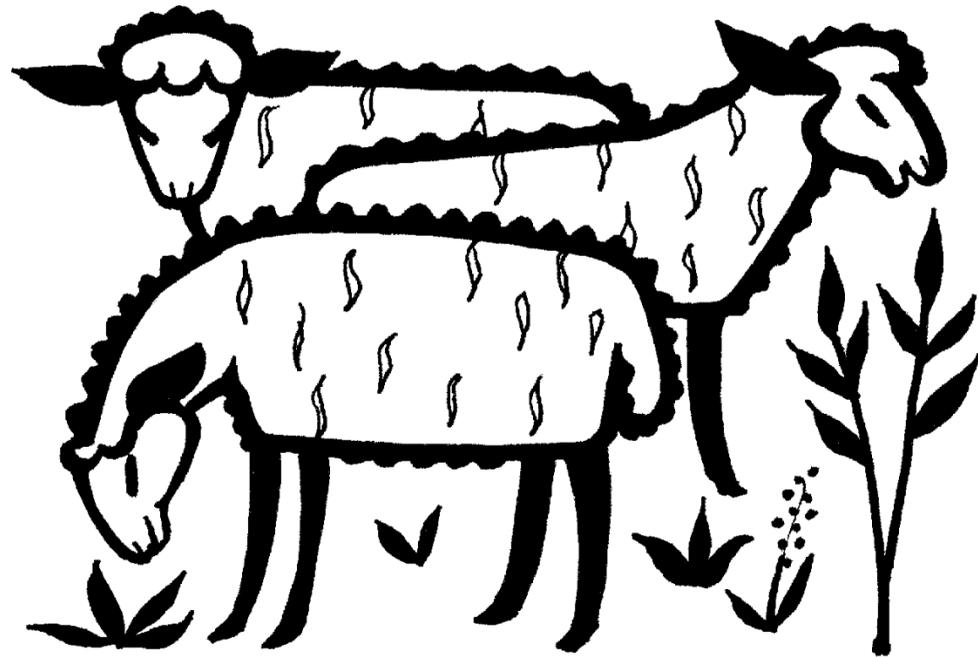




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.

Confirmation Sunday



INTRODUCTION

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

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PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW #778

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

Let us pray.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2:42-47

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Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

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Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

We All Are one in Mission

ELW #576

PROFESSION OF FAITH (see the insert)

CHOIR ANTHEM

Go Ye Now in Peace

Choir

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
A brief silence.

Please respond at the end of each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lamb of God

Choir

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.

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Randy & Christi Grothe Family
Acolytes: Bennett Berger, Kit Byers, A.J. Ramaker
Communion Servers: Wayne & Connie VanVeldhuizen
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May Altar Guild: Kathleen Nelson and Janet Swenson

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Coffee and rolls are being served in the fellowship hall this morning following the service.

The radio broadcast this morning is given by the members of Salem Lutheran Church.

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 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.

Sunday, April 30, we welcomed into the family of God through Holy Baptism, Bram Oliver Story. Bram is the son of Steven & Vera (Mannes) Story. His godparents are Brian & Katie Fyse.

May Calendar Notes:

- Wednesday, May 10:** 7th Grade Confirmation youth will assemble Health Kits
- Sunday, May 14:** Mother's Day and last day of Faith Formation
A Noisy Offering will be received for EWALU Day Camp at Salem (Also May 20/21)
- Wednesday, May 17:** 8:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Service at Salem; Last day of confirmation classes
- Saturday/Sunday, May 20/21:** We will pray for the Lake Mills graduating Class of 2017



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 Wednesday night, May 17th, beginning at 8:00 pm. The service is open to all Seniors, their parents and the general public.

“National Stamp Out Hunger” is Saturday, May 13th 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.

Stephen Ministry Announcement

LISTEN! That’s what Stephen Ministers do. They have gone through fifty hours of training in providing Christian care so that they can focus on your needs and listen to what you really have to say. Six Stephen Ministers will complete their training by the end of May and will be available to walk alongside you to listen. If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister walk alongside you to listen for a while, please contact Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior’s and Salem.

2017 Offering envelopes are on the table outside the Chapel.

Those worshipping April 29/30: 211 Giving: \$2942.06

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, MAY 7

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Confirmation Worship Service – 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 Confirmation Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Christian Family Reception – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MAY 8

- 10:00 a.m. Hannah Circle - Library
- 1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
- 5:30 p.m. Council - Library

TUESDAY, MAY 9

- 10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge; LMAMA Meeting – Food Bank
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Board - Library

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- 2:15 - 4:00 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation – Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

THURSDAY, MAY 11

- 9:30 a.m. Fine Arts Guild – Lounge

SATURDAY, MAY 13

- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Thomas Canny Graduation Party – Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Worship Service - Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 14

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service – Sanctuary
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Formation (Last Day)
- 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service – Sanctuary

PRAYER
changes things

**Please remember in prayer this week: The family and friends of Dominy Twito
The Confirmands and their families
Bram Oliver Story and his family**

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