



# Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2015 - 9:30 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.

\*Please stand as you are able.

## GATHERING

Prelude

*Scherzo in B<sup>b</sup> Major*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Bells

Announcements

**Blessing of the Quilts and personal Care kits**

P: Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many Gifts — a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the Quilts and personal care kits we have made, to you.

C: We dedicate these Quilts and Kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each Quilt or Kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items — making each piece we have created an expression of love. There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use something as small as a Quilt, or a personal care kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.

P: Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

\*Greeting

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

**C And also with you.**

**P** The word is near you,

**C on your lips and in your heart.**

**P** If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**C and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

**P** Faith comes from what is heard,

**C and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

**\*Gathering Song**

Red Book #835 verses 1, 2, 4, 6

*All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*

**Special Music**

Sunday School

**Recognition of Sunday School Volunteers**

**Children's Sermon**

**\*Scripture Song**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Red Book #836 Verse 1, 3

**Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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**

**First Reading**

A reading from Acts 10:44-48.

Bible Page 135

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

A reading from 1 John 5:1-6.

Bible Page 261

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Bible Page 113

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Response**

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn**

*Your Amazing Love*

**Response to the Word: Creed and Confession**

**P** In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C** **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**P** Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C** **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

**P** Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C** **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**P** If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C** **Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

**P** God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

**C** **Amen**

## Peace

**P** Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## Offering

*Your Love Oh Lord*

## Offertory

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Gracious God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## The Prayers

### Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** 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

**P** Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

## Sending Song

*All of My Life*

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Preaching:** Pr. Melinda McCluskey

**Reader:** Cindy Text

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Praise Band/Pianist:** Bill Georgia

**The radio** this morning is in memory of our mothers, Clara Aamodt and Fern Johnson, from Don & Faye Aamodt and family.

**Salem has a wheel chair available for use. It is kept in the narthex.**

**The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3. Cost for 2015 is \$83.**

**Call the office to reserve your dates.**

**Dates available for 2015:** Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27



### Live Internet Broadcast!

We have started a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. At this time the remaining Sundays in 2015 are available for sponsorship.

**Call the office to reserve a date - 641.592.1771.**

### SALEM & ONE IN CHRIST PARISH FELLOWSHIP EVENT

**Minnesota Twins vs. Chicago Cubs - Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

Game Time 1:10 pm. *Bus will leave Salem at 10:00 am*

**Cost - \$70.00 (Bus and ticket) Sign-up & payment before May 18<sup>th</sup> ...**

Call the One in Christ Parish Office 641-567-3550 to reserve your seat(s).

# PRAYER

*changes things*

**Please remember in prayer this week:**

**Our Mothers**

**Sunday School Staff and Education Board Members**

**Beverly Andersen, Doc Nelson, Connie Sabin, Roger Juveland, Darlene Madson,  
Clarine (Claire) Johnson**

**The family & friends of Beryl Sand and Audrey Haugsdal, mother of Craig (Cindy) Haugsdal**

**Prayer Families:** Beau Honsey Family, Harris/LeAnn Honsey, Mark/Patti Honsey, Doug Hugo, Kjerstin Hulke Family, Jessica Humburg, Harold/Karen Hurley, Jesse Huston

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
9:30 a.m. Mother’s Day Worship Service - Sanctuary  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY, MAY 11**

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters - Fellowship Hall  
2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open  
5:30 p.m. Council - Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY, MAY 12**

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group - Lounge  
1:00 - 6:00 p.m. Blood Mobile – Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13**

6:00 p.m. Informal Worship - Chapel  
6:30 p.m. Choir

**THURSDAY, MAY 14**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 16**

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Tracy Van Winkle Baby Shower – Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Youth to WOW Zone

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

9:30 a.m. Confirmation Communion Service - Sanctuary  
10:30 Graduate Reception/Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
4:00 p.m. Holstad Graduation Reception – Fellowship Hall

**Salem’s Graduates** will be recognized at worship May 17<sup>th</sup>. A reception will be held following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Join them for coffee and fellowship.

**Bill Georgia is moving on from Salem.** We will be celebrating his time spent with us on Sunday, May 31st. Watch the bulletin, our website & Facebook for more information!

**Those worshipping April 29/May 3, 2015: 191**  
**Last week’s giving to the glory of God: \$3761.00**

**Next Week’s Lessons:** Acts 1:15-17, 1 John 5:9-13, John 17:6-19

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*Thank you to the faithful teachers and helpers who have shared their gifts with our young people Sunday mornings this past year.*

**Teachers:**

|                 |               |              |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Joleen Helgeson | Kendra Stene  | Dawn Ramaker |
| Becky Shaw*     | Kelly Kloster | Casey Shaw   |
| Jennifer Sauer  | Laura Gardner | Randy Hanna  |
| Erin Pederson   |               |              |

**Helpers/Substitutes:**

|                |                   |                     |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Pam Brackey    | Melanie Henderson | Crystal Sanden*     |
| Julie Helgeson | Laura Knudtson    | Heather Mannes*     |
| Marie Menke    | Justin Oakland    | Abby Holtan*        |
| Brook Byars    | Allison Rice*     | Janelle Gilbertson* |

**\*Board of Education Members**

**New Stephen Ministers about to be Commissioned**

Since the first part of January, we have had five of your Brothers and Sisters in Christ meeting for Stephen Ministry training. They have received over forty hours of training through reading, lecture, practicing skills through roll playing, group discussions. They are now prepared and excited to be a Stephen Minister, bringing Christ alongside people who may be hurting at the moment. If you or you know someone who could use someone to walk alongside them for a while, please contact Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior’s and Salem.

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