



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELLS

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.

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.**

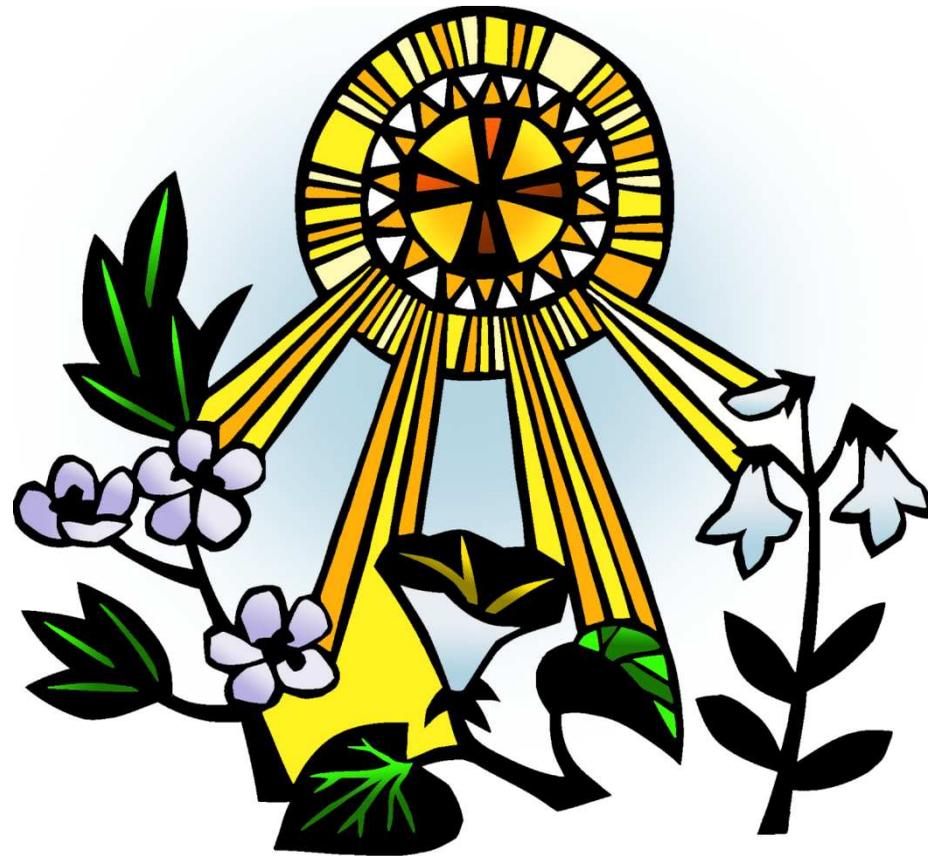
GATHERING SONG

Come, Thou Almighty King

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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.



INTRODUCTION

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

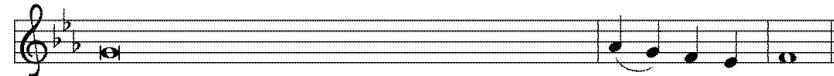
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



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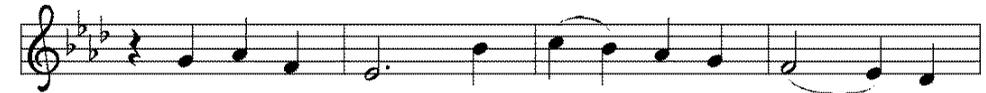
CANTICLE OF PRAISE



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:



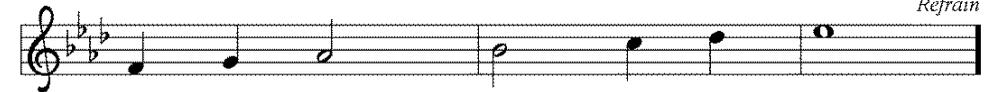
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



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

Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

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A reading from Acts.

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20 *The Psalm is read responsively.*

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

⁸Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailling love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

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A reading from 1 Peter.

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

The word of the Lord.
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 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

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

SERMON

CONFIRMATION 2017 – AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe God created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. I believe that God created heaven and earth and everything around us. God watches over us at all times and we are all created in God’s image. God took his time to give us some words to help us and teach us things in life. I believe that God will forever be a part of me, and no one can take that away from me. Believing in God helps you through things you can’t do on your own.

I believe Jesus’ incarnation was when he became flesh. His two natures are divine and human. I believe that Jesus is my Savior. I believe Jesus felt pain for us and can understand us and is compassionate as we experience life. He died on the cross for my sins. He came alive and now lives in heaven with God the Father, preparing a place for me and all believers. I believe if it had not been for Jesus actually rising from the dead, we may not know of him today.

The Holy Spirit has been with me since my baptism. I believe the Holy Spirit is there to help us find the good in the bad, give us a nudge in the right direction when we go off track, the introduction of a stranger or a friend just when you need it. I believe the Holy Spirit is a gift working around and within all of us. I think the Holy Spirit is always with us in one way or another, and some people experience its presence in different ways.

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.**

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

BLESSING

Go Out with Joy

Senior Choir

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING 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. **Amen**

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
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

COMMUNION SONG

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

SENDING SONG *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* **ELW #543**

BLESSING *Beach Spring* **Senior Choir**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
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: Mike & Janet Swenson
Acolytes: Nora Pederson, Ella Stene, Courtney Lorensen
Reader: Cindy Haugsdal
Communion Servers: Travis & Ashley Hoffman
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey
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 in loving memory of Vonice Stene from her son Erich.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Phyllis Schat.

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: 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.**



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Please keep the following graduates in your prayers.

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| <i>Kaylie Adams</i> | <i>Samantha Jamtgaard</i> |
| <i>Halie Anderson</i> | <i>Nicholas Langenbau</i> |
| <i>Hailey Borgmeyer</i> | <i>Autumn Lauen</i> |
| <i>Thomas Canny</i> | <i>Michael Olsen</i> |
| <i>Parker Eaton</i> | <i>Mercedes Scarborough</i> |
| <i>Matthew Fjelstad</i> | <i>Slade Sifuentes</i> |
| <i>Alexandra Groe</i> | <i>Madison Westcott</i> |
| <i>Lukas Groe</i> | |

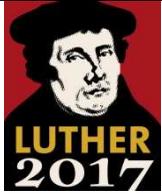
A Noisy Offering will be received today for EWALU Day Camp at Salem.
In the rhythm of Christian life,
Ewalu serves as a place apart to connect the Word of God with the world of God.
EWALU DAY CAMP WILL BE HELD AT SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH JULY 10-14
More information to come! Registration forms will be included in the June Outreach.

What Do You Do at Day Camp - Children enrolled in the program share in Bible study, indoor and outdoor recreation, crafts, worship, music and field trips.
Our theme is based on Isaiah 43:2 which reads ***When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.***
Thank you for your “Noisy Offering” contributions today towards Day Camp!

2017 Offering envelopes are on the table outside the Chapel.

Those worshipping May 13/14: 248 Giving for May 6/7: \$16,116

Readings for next Sunday: Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11



On October of 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to a church door in Germany. He didn't know it then but this was the first step in what would later become the Lutheran Church. To celebrate the 500th anniversary of this birth, Salem is doing a book study on his life.

We will be reading *When Lightning Struck*.

Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. starting on May 24th in Salem's library. Books have been ordered and can be picked up at the church office. **Please pick up your book in the office.** We are planning a 6 week book study. **Cost of the book is \$18.30.**

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, MAY 21

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship Service – Sanctuary
3:30 p.m. Madison Westcott Graduation Party – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MAY 22

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:00 p.m. Stephen's Ministers – Lounge

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

5:00p.m. *When Lightning Struck!*: The Story of Martin Luther - Library
5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan – Lounge
5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

SATURDAY, MAY 27

5:30 p.m. Casual Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

PRAYER
changes things

Please remember in prayer this week:

The family and friends of Phyllis Schat
Our Graduates

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2017 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGES 4 TO GRADE 6

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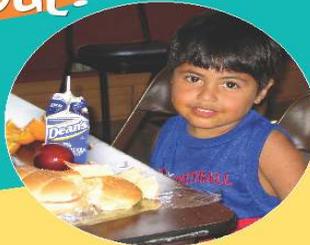
Info:
641-592-1771 OR 641-567-3550



Volunteers are needed to help with VBS.
Please call the church office if you are able to help. 641.592.1771

School's Out!

POWER UP
for
Summer Fun!



SUMMER MEALS for KIDS & TEENS
Being Served in Your Community

Summer Lunches are served
beginning June 5 from 11 – 12:00 p.m.
weekdays at Salem

Open to all children 18 and younger.
NO Enrollment, NO Cost!

Volunteers needed to distribute food
and help to manage the site.

Salem has Tuesdays.

Call the office at
641.592.1771 to volunteer.