



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

The Holy Trinity  
May 27, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



### INTRODUCTION

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

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### GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Patriotic Songs*

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
full of compassion and mercy,  
abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,

**in you we live and move and have our being.**

**Look upon us, your children,**

**the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses,**

**and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.**

**By your grace draw us near to you,**

**our refuge and our strength;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God,

Christ died for us while we still were sinners;

and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

*All Glory Be to God on High*

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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.**

## 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.



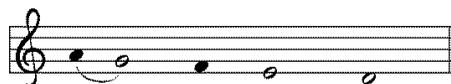
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



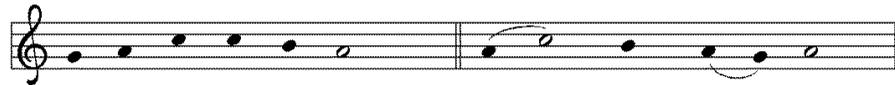
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-17

A reading from Romans.

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who

descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**     *Come, Join the Dance of the Trinity*

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## PROFESSION OF FAITH                      Confirmation Class of 2018

**I believe in God the Father Almighty. Believing in God the Father means I will not be forgotten. I am one of God’s children who he loves unconditionally. Knowing this gives me a sense of protection and peace. I believe God created each and every one of us to serve a purpose in life. I don’t know what plan he has for me, or if it will be easy, but I do know he has a purpose behind it.**

**I do believe that Jesus Christ is God’s Son and that he created the world with Adam and Eve. Believing in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son was a gift to all of us. Knowing that God gave us his most precious gift, tells us just how important it was to God that we know who God is. Do I believe Jesus Christ was physically born of a virgin according to ancient prophecy? Do I believe that he died on the cross for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried in a cave with a boulder in front of it and that he rose again on the third day? Jesus’ story had to be told so that we would know the truth, see the truth and be able to tell the story for generations to come.**

**The Holy Spirit is the best gift of all. I do believe the Holy Spirit is always with you, when you need him, and when you don’t. The Spirit surrounds us, protects us and reminds us on a daily basis of all that God wants for us. The church, to me, is a place where you can worship and learn about God. It’s where I feel the strongest connection to God and I will continue to go to church and keep learning and worshipping until I enter his kingdom. And one day I will meet my Lord and creator just like grandfather once did and I hope to join him and have life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world that God so loves.

*A brief silence.*                      **Response: Your mercy is great.**

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PEACE

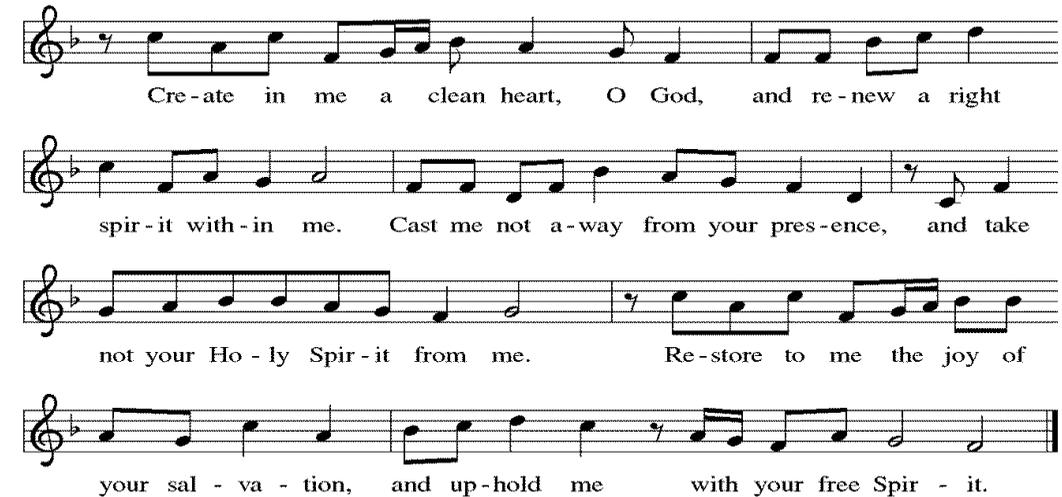
The peace of the Lord be with you always  
**And also with you.**

## 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

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **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.**

### BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

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### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

<b>Preaching:</b> Melinda McVey McCluskey	<b>Reader:</b> Summer Sterrenberg
<b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon	<b>Acolytes:</b> Josie Gilbertson and Ella Stene
<b>Ushers:</b> Ron & Phyllis Moen, Dennis Madson & Janet Vinson	<b>Altar Guild for May:</b> Linda Helgeson, Kathy Nelson

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of the late Walter 'Duke' Moe and Clarine Moe's wedding anniversary from Pam.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Beverly Andersen. Services were held Saturday at Salem.

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 \$83.**

**Dates available: 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,

**Salem's Clothes Closet will be open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Would you like to receive special announcements from Salem via text messaging?

Simply text @slutheran to 81010 to join!

#### Church Dashboard for Contributions 5/23/2018

Last Sunday, 5/20/18: \$3,146

Year-to-date as of 5/23/18: \$110,103 - Last year as of 5/23/17: \$122,054

Difference year-to-date: -\$11,951 (or) -9.8%

#### Attendance:

Those worshipping May 19/20: 141

Giving: \$3146

Noisy Offering to date: \$1321.85

#### Summer Food Service Program...*Summer Food and Fun*...First serving day is Monday June 4th

The Summer Food Service Program was established to ensure that all children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. These free meals meet Federal nutrition guidelines and are provided to all children in qualifying area.

LMAMA is the sponsoring organization and areas organizations have volunteered to help serve meals in the past. The program is fully funded by a reimbursement method. All children/youth – infant thru 18 years can eat at the site for free. Meals will be served at Salem Lutheran Church.

**Readings for next week:** Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Psalm 81:1-10, 2 Corinthians 4:5-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

## Accident Survivor Benefit Matthew Bjorklund



Sunday, June 3, 2018

11am - 2pm

Lake Mills Community School

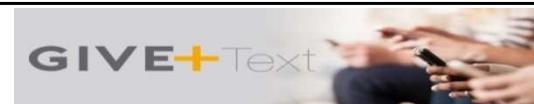
### Luncheon - Bake Sale - Silent Auction

Matthew is a 2016 graduate of Lake Mills High School. He is the son of Robert and Thelma Bjorklund of Lake Mills, Iowa. Matthew was attending NIACC studying Elementary Education and working at Minnesota Corrugated Box in Albert Lea. He also worked occasionally for Don's Motor Mart in Lake Mills.

On August 3, 2017 Matthew was in a serious life threatening car accident by Emmons, Minnesota. He was airlifted to St. Mary's in Rochester with many injuries. Matthew had head trauma, lacerations to the liver and kidneys, forearm fractures, one broken arm and the wrist broken on the other arm, spinal fractures, pins placed in his femur, collapsed lung and kidney bruises. He needed his spleen removed and surgery to repair his bowels. After six long weeks in Rochester, Matthew began rehabilitation with struggles and many setbacks. He is continuing to see doctors.

Please mark your calendar for June 3rd and come out to help Matthew with his medical expenses.

For more information or questions contact Robin Grunhvd (641)592-4876 or Thelma Bjorklund (641)590-4529.



#### INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT

As part of our electronic giving program, we offer a smart tool designed for today's mobile phone users.

In less time than it takes to write a check, you can make weekly offerings, respond to special appeals or set up a recurring donation by simply sending a text 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 helping us build a thriving ministry.**



Join the adventure as One in Christ Lutheran Parish and Salem Lutheran Church sponsor VBS 2018  
**Babylon - Daniel's Courage in Captivity**

Open to ALL children ages 4 years old through 6th grade

**Monday, June 4th through Thursday, June 7th - 9:00am - 11:30am**

Winnebago Lutheran Church - 40029 210th Ave - Lake Mills, IA

VBS Closing Program will be held at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills

For a registration form call 641-567-3550 or print the form that can be found on One in Christ's Facebook page or outside the church office. Return the form to: One in Christ Lutheran Parish  
 40029 210th Ave - Lake Mills, IA 50450-7624

**Come have fun learning about Jesus' Love!!**



***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](http://www.ChristianHarpMusic.com).

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, MAY 27**

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

**MONDAY, MAY 28**

OFFICES CLOSED

**TUESDAY, MAY 29**

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers – Lounge

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 30**

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion  
 2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion  
 5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #8

**SATURDAY, JUNE 2**

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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Confirmation Service  
 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall  
 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service

**FUNDRAISER FOR JOE LINDEMAN**

Joe's department at Winnebago Industries has set up an on-line fundraiser to help the Lindeman's with medical related expenses and have asked us to help. **Go to [gf.me/u/igs4qw](http://gf.me/u/igs4qw)**

Joe has a brain tumor that is affecting his vision. After two surgeries to remove the tumor, Joe is at home recovering. When Joe recovers from his surgeries he will have radiation treatments for 4 to 6 weeks. During this time of recovery and radiation, we don't want Joe and his family – Randee (wife) and children - Braydon & Sydney to have to worry about medical bills, cost of living expenses, etc. and want them to just concentrate on getting better. Joe and his family are members of Winnebago Lutheran. Prayerfully consider helping the Lindeman's in this way.

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