



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 9, 2017 - 8:30 p.m.



INTRODUCTION

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

God Grace and God of Glory

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Joel 2: 13-15, Hosea 14:1, Psalm 145:8, Zechariah 1:3)

Return to the Lord your God,

for God is gracious.

Confess to the Lord your God,

for God is merciful.

Repent to the Lord your God,

for God is slow to anger.

Praise the Lord your God,
for God abounds in steadfast love.

Worship the Lord your God.

Together, let us worship God!

~ written by Rev. Daniel Commerford, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Covington, GA. Posted on **LiturgyLink**. <https://www.liturgylink.net/>



GATHERING SONG*Lord of All Hopefulness*

ELW #765

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

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD**FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-12**

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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SECOND READING: Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Romans.

Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.

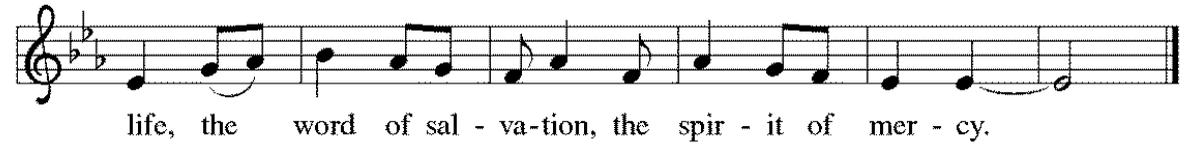
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW #209

**GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

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The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." ²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**HYMN OF THE DAY***Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

ELW #608

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together in the Spirit’s embrace, let us pray for the mending of God’s world.
A brief silence.

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

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

ELW #184

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING 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

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.

SENDING

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. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

If you but Trust in God to Guide You

ELW #769

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	Reader: Jan Belica
Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	July Altar Guild: JoAnn Villa
Ushers: Lloyd & Margaret Okland Family	

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Coffee and rolls are served in the fellowship hall Sunday mornings following the 8:30 a.m. service.

The radio broadcast this morning is given by Don Adams in loving memory of their wedding anniversary.

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: Aug. 13 and 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.

**Salem Lutheran Church/
Lake Mills Area & Community Day Camp BEGINS MONDAY, JULY 10!!!**

Sponsored by LAKE MILLS AREA MINISTERIAL
ASSOCIATION
& HOSTED BY SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH IN
COOPERATION WITH EWALU CAMP & RETREAT
CENTER, STRAWBERRY POINT, IA



For kids who have finished grades:
Kindergarten – 5th Grade

JULY 10—14
FROM 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
@ SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
401 S LAKE STREET, LAKE MILLS IA
Info: 641-592-1771

Activities include: Music, Snacks, Bible Study, Arts & Crafts, etc.

Registration Forms are also available from the ushers, in the narthex and outside the office.

The **Outdoor Worship Service** is held Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on the south lawn.
You may bring lawn chairs/blankets to sit on. Folding chairs will be available.
In the event of inclement weather the service will be held in the sanctuary.



Summer lunches are served through the summer 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.

Readings for next Sunday: Romans 8:1-11, Psalm 65:1-13, Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Those worshipping July 1/2: 169
Giving for July 1/2: \$6617.25

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JULY 9

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Service – South Lawn

MONDAY, JULY 10

9:00 – 3:00 p.m. EWALU Day
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
5:30 p.m. Council - Library

TUESDAY, JULY 11

9:00 – 3:00 p.m. EWALU Day
10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group - Lounge
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Board - Library
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

9:00 – 3:00 p.m. EWALU Day
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Book Study - Library
5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

THURSDAY, JULY 13

9:00 – 3:00 p.m. EWALU Day
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. EWALU Day Camp Picnic/Worship Program

FRIDAY, JULY 14

9:00 – 12:00 p.m. EWALU Day
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, JULY 15

5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Service - Lounge

SUNDAY, JULY 16

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

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