



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 15, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.

*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Gavotte

Matthew Camidge (1758-1844)

BELL

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.



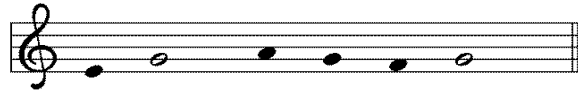
INTRODUCTION

When Amos told what he saw when God held up the plumb line of justice next to Israel—that the poor were being trampled—he was a threat to the power of priests and king. John the Baptist also spoke truth to power, and Herod had him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.



MORNING PRAYER

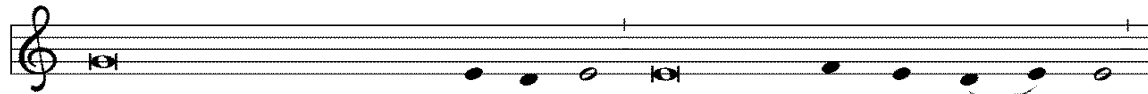
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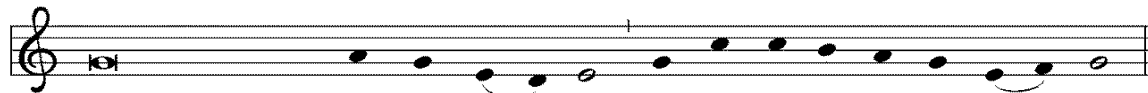
O Lord, o - pen my lips,



and my mouth shall pro - claim your praise.



Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it:



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY

Psalm 85:8-13

Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the women.

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

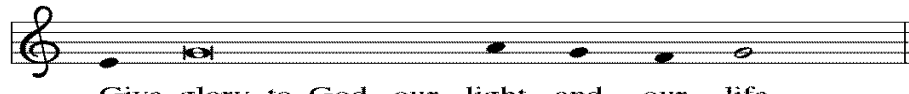
⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

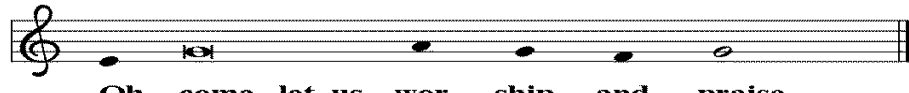
¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.



Give glory to God, our light and our life.

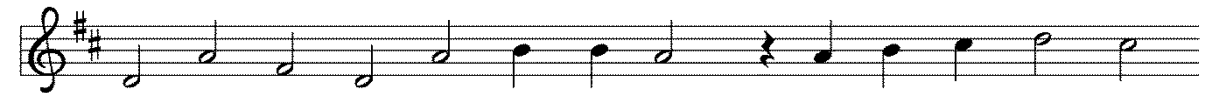


Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

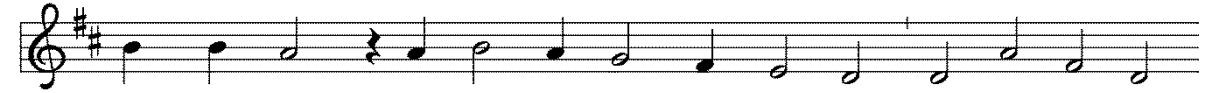
GATHERING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

ELW #786



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

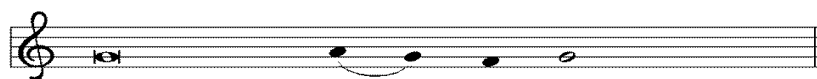
SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

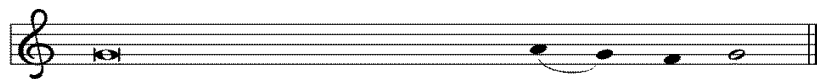
³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



You have been born a - new



through the living and abiding word of God.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW #717



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are God forgiven and mission driven.

As God's people...we desire to be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

Belonging means:

..that we all belong! We all have a place! We all fit!

Healing means:

...that we all have brokenness and are in need of wholeness. God's Word, the Bread of Life, and so much more, helps us to take these important steps forward!

Growing means:

...we are designed by God to change, to grow, to evolve. We are committed to that process for everyone who is open to it!

Serving means:

...that Jesus made clear that being a servant was central to being a disciple. Therefore, we see that everyone who is a follower is a servant, as well.

Believing means:

...that faith and not works is central to our life. Simple, and yet profound trust in the promise of forgiveness and mercy, and the presence of the Spirit, guides us in all we do.

PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Salem's Mission and Vision

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

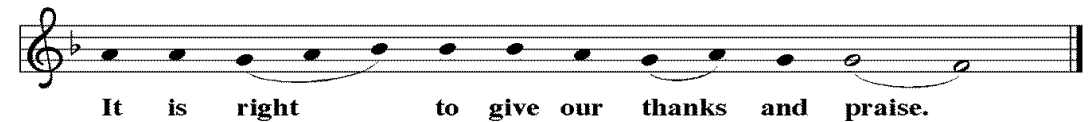
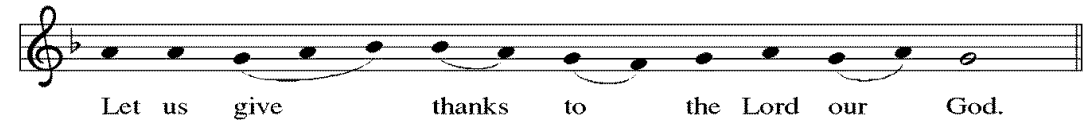
MEAL

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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.

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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **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. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

Faith of Our Fathers

ELW #812



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Reader: Carol Abbey

Communion Servers:
Steve Nelson, Dennis Friesenborg
Altar Guild for July: Joan Kloster, Janet Swenson

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of their parents, Charles & Fern Johnson and Oscar & Clara Aamodt, from Don & Faye Aamodt.

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: Oct. 7, Nov. 4, 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,**

Readings for next week: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



Monday Mornings on Lake Street

There's a pot of coffee and goodies available on Monday mornings in the Lounge at Salem from 8 – 10:00 a.m.

Stop by and visit, have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a goody, visit with friends.
Free-will donation.

Summer ...Summer Food and Fun...Serving Monday – Friday at 11:00 a.m. in Salem's Fellowship Hall.

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. All children/youth – infant thru 18 years can eat at the site for free. Meals will be served at Salem Lutheran Church.



Salem's Clothes Closet is open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Time to get the closet ready for the new school year! Donations of new socks & underwear are needed. Thank you for your help.



Salem's Summer Schedule

The Saturday worship service is held at 5:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned Lounge.

The traditional worship service is held at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Coffee Fellowship will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

The outdoor worship service is held at 10:30 a.m. on the south lawn, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary. You may bring lawn chairs or blankets. Folding chairs are available.

Church Dashboard for Contributions 7/9/2018

Last Sunday, 7/8/18: \$3,056

Year-to-date as of 7/9/18: \$140,838 - Last year as of 7/9/17: \$152,245

Difference year-to-date: -\$11,407 (or) -7.5%

Attendance

Those worshipping July 7/8: 155

Summer Financial Needs: Remember whether you are at worship or on vacation, Salem still needs to keep working. **We need \$6,500-\$7,000 per week** every month to meet our expenses.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JULY 15

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship—Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 16

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Mondays on Lake Street - Lounge

9:00 – 3:00 p.m. Jubilee Day Camp - Salem

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 17

9:00 – 3:00 p.m. Jubilee Day Camp - Salem

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

9:00 – 3:00 p.m. Jubilee Day Camp - Salem

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. Worship Leaders Practice

2:00 p.m. One Vision Meeting – Library

THURSDAY, JULY 19

9:00 – 3:00 p.m. Jubilee Day Camp

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch

5:00 p.m. Day Camp Picnic –

At Oakwood Park

FRIDAY, JULY 20

9:00 – 12:00 p.m. Jubilee Day Camp

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch

SATURDAY, JULY 21

5:30 p.m. Casual Service – Lounge

SUNDAY, JULY 22

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship—Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

Emmons Lutheran Church WNALC Guest Night Wednesday, July 18 – 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Tina Haroldson from Amboy MN.
Biblical perspectives and her passion for
Holy Spirit infused ministry.

LAKE MILLS AREA CHURCH (LMAMA) JUBILEE DAY CAMP REGISTRATION

JULY 16 – 20, 1018; Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon

Sponsored by participating Lake Mills Area Churches and

Hosted by Salem Lutheran Church in partnership with EWALU Camp & Retreat Center

Day Camp is free and open to all children completing kindergarten through fifth grade.
Limited to 30 children.

**Copies of the Day Camp registration form are
available in the narthex and
the area outside the office.**