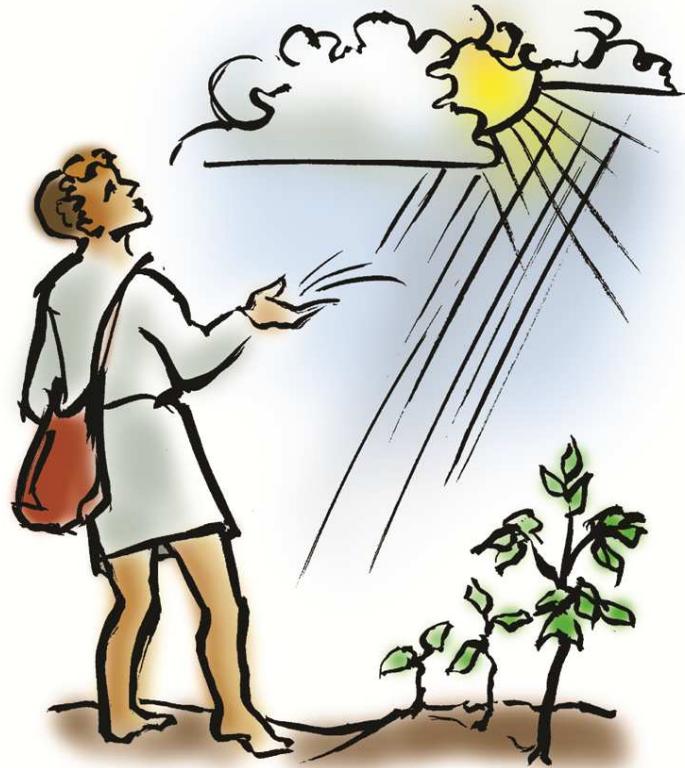




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

*** Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Fugue in C Major
Concerto No. 2 in G Major

Handel
Bach

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 SONG

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW #533

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

A reading from Isaiah the 55th chapter.

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

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

Psalm: Psalm 65:9-13 *The Psalm is read responsively*

Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

A reading from Romans the 8th chapter.

There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

ELW #512



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

ELW #516

(Tune ELW 863 My God How Wonderful Thou Art)

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| <p>1 Almighty God, your word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend
and righteous fruits abound.</p> | <p>3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.</p> |
| <p>2 Let not the sly satanic foe
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev'ry heart
to bring forth fruits of love.</p> | <p>4 So when the precious seed is sown,
life-giving grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving pow'r may know.</p> |

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Apostles' Creed

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.

Please respond at the end of each petition: Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

A brief silence.

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.

MEAL

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW #465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation, the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise. When sin had scarred the world, you sent your Son to heal our ills and to form us again into one.

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

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.

COMMUNION

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 SONG

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW #551

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Brian & Krishna Hanson Family
Reader: Connie Sabin

Communion Servers: Al & Willie Skellenger
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey
July Altar Guild: JoAnn Villa

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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 in loving memory of Spencer Colby, Judy Colby and Carl Stelter, from the Colby family.

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: October 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.**

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:

Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25, Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Those worshipping July 8/9: 168 Giving: \$3509.22

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

MONDAY, JULY 17

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 18

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Board - Library

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

THURSDAY, JULY 20

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
NO WELCA Meeting Today

FRIDAY, JULY 21

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

SATURDAY, JULY 22

5:30 p.m. Worship Service - Lounge

SUNDAY, JULY 23

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



Sunday, July 23
2-3:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Scarville, Iowa

Immanuel Lutheran Church will be hosting a presentation on human trafficking

Information provided by Crisis Intervention Service

Come and learn about this particular crisis and what we can do to combat it.

Refreshments will be served.