



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 29, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.

*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sinfonia

J.S. Bach

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

And also with you.

You are the treasured people of the LORD,
a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.

Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. (Deuteronomy 26: 11)

GATHERING SONG

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW #843



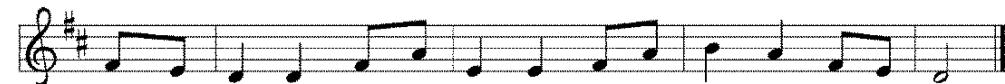
- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease.
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.



INTRODUCTION

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from 2 Kings.

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

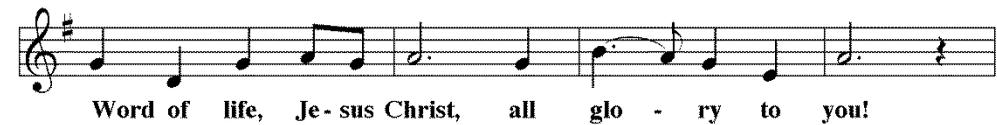
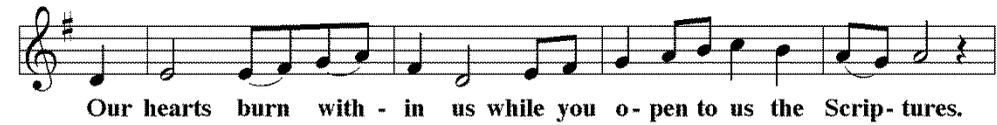
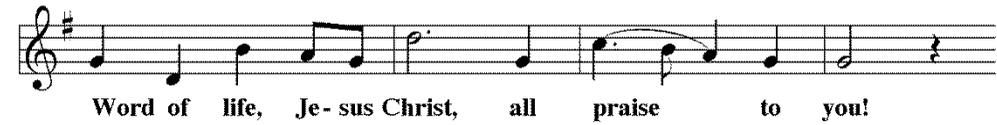
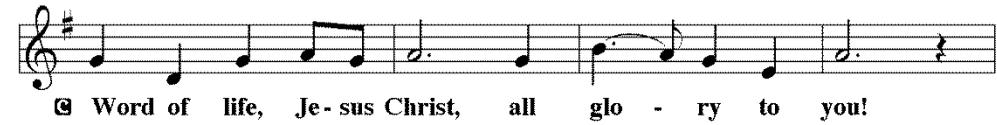
A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark,

and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

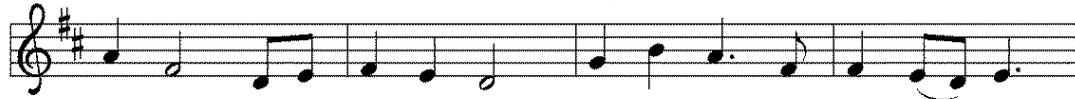
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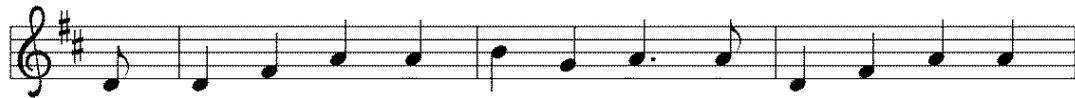
HYMN OF THE DAY

Welcome to the Hungry Feast

ELW #479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

CREED AND CONFESSION

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (*Ephesians 1:13-14*)

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

pray in the Holy Spirit. (*Jude 20*)

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*Jude 21*)

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new! (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.

Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

PEACE

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. (*2 Corinthians 13:11*)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God, our Creator,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYERS

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Loving God, we pray for all those who gather to celebrate the holy feast of Christ's body and blood. Strengthen every member of your church in love, faith, and service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we praise you for the beauty and abundance of your creation. Send sunshine and rain to nourish crops. Teach us to produce and distribute food with justice and generosity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you know every nation, every culture, and every people. Teach us to work together for peace and to love each other even when we cannot understand our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, you hear the cries of the hungry, the sick, and the downcast. Send food, healing, and comfort to all who are in need (*especially*). Satisfy the desire of every living thing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank and praise you for this congregation. Teach us to be a holy family, Christ's body to and for one another. Unite us in love and faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
Here other intercessions may be offered.

Almighty God, we thank and praise you for the beloved dead who taught and fed us in Christian faith (*especially Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany; and the martyr Olaf, king of Norway*). Hasten the feast that will reunite us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 the love of God which gives life to the world, sustain you;
May the bread of life, Jesus Christ,
feed you with the food that endures to eternal life;
May the power of the Holy Spirit nourish and strengthen you in faith.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

ELW #547



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

Reader: Roy Kvale

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Altar Guild for July: Joan Kloster, Janet Swenson

May the blessings of Christ be with you. The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Linda Haugen Holtan and her daughter Sarah from Diana Haugen.



Congratulations to Vern & Carole Hagen who celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on July 25. They have been in Northern Minnesota this week gathering with family.

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.

We also have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service.

Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. **Call the office to reserve a date.**

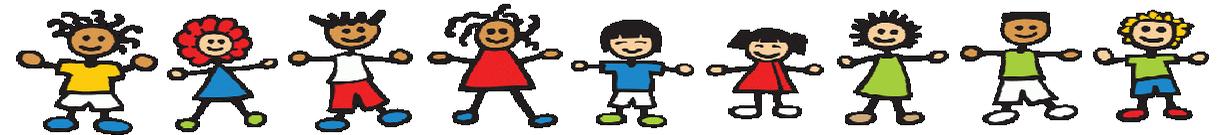
Readings for next week: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:23-29, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35



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.



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.

Back to School...Time for Lutheran World Relief School Kits...

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH KIT:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters and inches, · One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well), One eraser
 - Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured with a band
 - Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
 - One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **Shopping lists and Backpacks are available in the narthex. Completed kits may be returned to the narthex.**

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 is 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 7/24/2018

Last Sunday, 7/22/18: \$2,797

Year-to-date as of 7/24/18: \$150,103 - Last year as of 7/24/17: \$161,690

Difference year-to-date: \$11,587 (or) -7.2%

Attendance: Those worshipping July 21/22: 144

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.



INTRODUCING GIVE+ TEXT

We welcome your donations through any method you choose to give. And for those who choose to give electronically, we want to offer a special word of thanks. e-Giving is faster, more secure, provides much-needed donation consistency and strengthens our stewardship program.

Electronic and traditions givers accustomed to texting can now give through **Give+ Text**. Make one-time recurring offerings by simply sending a text to our secure account at **1.641.832.5367**. It's a convenient solution when you can't attend services or don't have cash or checks with you.

We hope you'll try this new way to give. Stop by the church office or visit our website to learn more.

We thank you and all givers for supporting our mission.

Summer Food Service Program...*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.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JULY 29

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

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

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

1:00 p.m. Samantha Sylvara Bridal Shower – Lounge

MONDAY, JULY 30

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

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, JULY 31

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

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

11:30 a.m. Worship Leader Practice

5:30 p.m. Worship & Music - Library

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Library, Ruth Circle – Faye Aamodt, Sarah Circle – Sylvia Heimdal

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

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle – Lounge; One Vision Meeting - Library

5:00 p.m. Life & Growth - Library

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service - Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion Service – South Lawn