



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

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



INTRODUCTION

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

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J.L. Dusseck

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

**Surely, God is in this place
and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.**

God's love is for you
and for all people everywhere.

**That we may share God's love and life,
may we be renewed
in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.**

The living Christ is with us.
Praise the Lord!

~ posted on **Life in Liturgy**. <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>

GATHERING SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW #705

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

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12**Bible Page #340**

A reading from 1 Kings.

Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well. In verse 13 God gives him additional honor and riches beyond compare.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39****Bible Page #165**

A reading from Romans.

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

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.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY***Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness***ELW #488****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

Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

PEACE

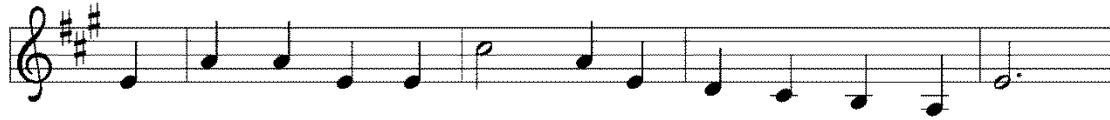
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.**RESPONSE TO THE WORD****OFFERING****MUSICAL OFFERING**

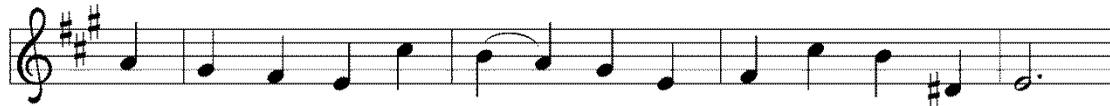
OFFERING SONG

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

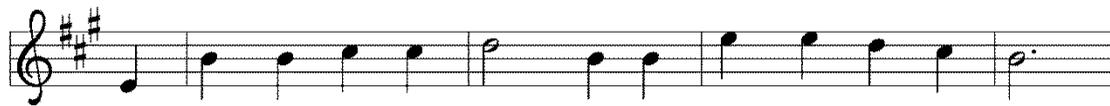
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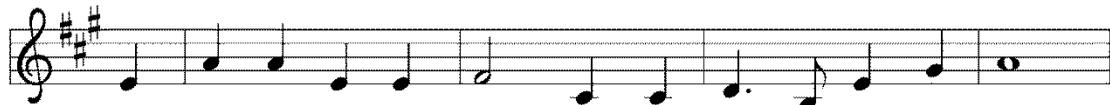
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of your son who offered himself for us, Jesus 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.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Be Thou My Vision

ELW #793

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Chris & Karla Eaton Family

Reader: Tami Alphs
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.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Cleone (Toni) Knudtson.

The radio broadcast this morning is given in memory of Linda and Sarah Haugen-Holtan from the family.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KLOW-FM 107.3. Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2017 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KLOW (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.

Those worshipping July 22/23: 155 Giving: \$3,940.51; Giving July 15/16: \$5,376.43

Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:5-1-5, Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JULY 30

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

MONDAY, JULY 31

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Sue Myli
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Library; Rhoda Circle – Faye Aamodt; Sarah Circle – Sylvia Heimdal
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board - Library

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

5:30 p.m. Communion Service - Lounge

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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; Youth Board Meeting – Library

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