



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 31, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

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### Introduction

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

\*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Sonata in D Hob. XVI/37*

Franz Joseph Hayden

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the  $\oplus$  Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

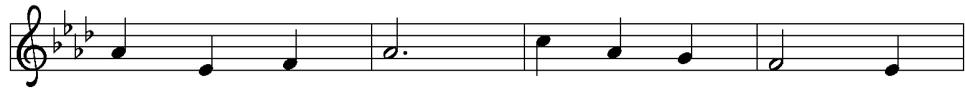
*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of  $\oplus$  Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

Earth and All Stars!

ELW #731



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



*Refrain*  
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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.**

KYRIE



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

**Page 682 in the Bible**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12**

*The Psalm will be read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

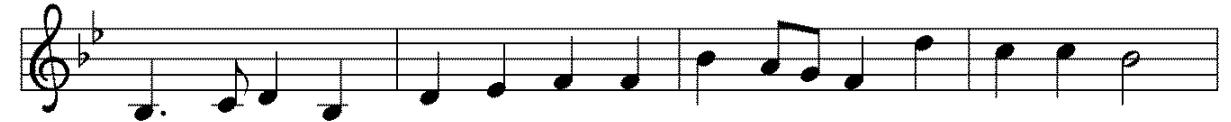
**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

**Page 218 in the Bible**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

**Page 76 in the Bible**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The gospel concludes:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**



HYMN OF THE DAY

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

ELW #679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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

Rooted in Christ and rising to serve, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Please respond at the end of each petition: Hear us O God.*

***Your mercy is great.***

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

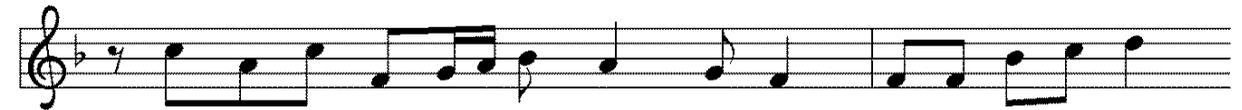
**And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

*Create in Me*

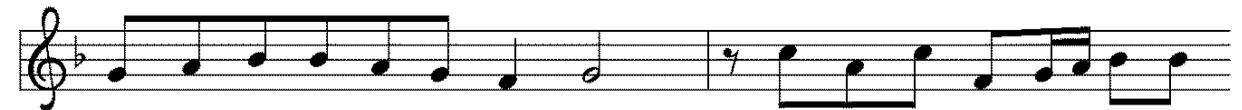
ELW #186



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**



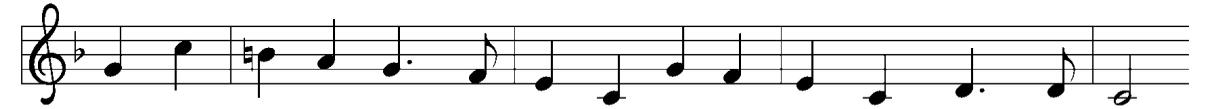
## SENDING SONG

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

ELW #678



- 1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self-a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Linda Haugen Holtan, from the Haugen family. May God's richest blessings be with you.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOV-FM 107.3 and can be heard on WCTA Cable Channel 2. Available dates are: Oct. 23, Dec. 4, 11.

We have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date in 2016.

Salem has a wheel chair available for use. It is kept in the narthex closet.

The new school year will start August 23! The Clothes Closet needs new socks and underwear. Boys and Girls, all sizes. Thank you for your generous donations. If you are in the building and would like to see it, stop at the office. If you could use clothing for your child or know someone who could use clothes, call the office (641.592.1771) and set up a time to look through what we have.

**Sending of Communion** is the third Sunday of each month. Please call the office (641.592.1771) if you would like to receive communion at home on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Volunteers are needed to help with the summer lunch program** on Tuesdays in August. Volunteers will work from 10:45 to approximately 12:30 to help prepare, serve, and clean up. Contact Sondra Nelson at 641-909-4596 if you would be willing to help!

# PRAYER

*changes things*

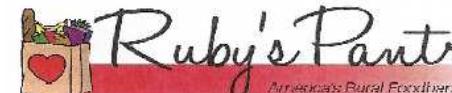
**Prayer Families:** Lois Aspland, Andrew and Holly Aukes family, David Back, Joel and Yvonne Back, Richard and Juli Baird family, Willian and LaRita Bakken



**SAT. AUGUST 6**  
**RUBY'S PANTRY**

**Next Ruby's Pantry:**

**Sat. September 10!**



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### Lutheran World Relief School Kits

The Mission Quilters will be making drawstring backpacks. Backpacks will be available in the box in the narthex.

The following supplies are need for each backpack:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8 X 10<sup>1/2</sup>; 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

**Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.** All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in the bag and close. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. **Place kits in the box in narthex.**



Salem offers a safe and easy way to give online. Scan this QR code to go to the website. There you can click the **Donate Now** button to make your gift. You decided the amount. You will need either a credit or debit card to complete the transaction. Thank you for your support of ministry at Salem!

Those worshipping July 20/24: 154 Giving: July 10-24: \$11,544.25

### Check out Gather's upcoming Bible Studies

ARE YOU ENJOYING *Gather* magazine's new format of shorter Bible studies? Have you appreciated having the leader guides printed in the magazine, rather than having to order them separately? Have you noticed the larger, more diverse group of writers? We hope these changes can help you to encourage more women to join study groups.

Here are *Gather's* upcoming Bible studies:

#### SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER 2016



Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, a pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Collins, Colo., shares a three-session study on "When God's not fair: coming to terms with a merciful God." The texts explore the stories of Jonah, the Prodigal Son and the conversion of Paul. Meghan, and her spouse, Gabi, who is also an ELCA pastor, have three young children.

#### When God's not fair—coming to terms with a merciful God

- SESSION 1:** Jonah and the terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day: When God forgives the guilty
- SESSION 2:** Jesus and the evil eye: When God blesses the undeserving
- SESSION 3:** Paul and the power of failure: when God chooses the unlikely

#### DECEMBER 2016



Sonia C. Solomonsen, an award-winning writer, freelance editor and certified life coach, shares a devotional around the theme of Advent waiting: what wants to be born in you?

Each December, *Gather* plans to feature a devotional that centers on some aspect of Advent or Christmas. (This could become a reader favorite. We received many positive comments from readers who enjoyed last year's devotional, written by Valora K Starr, Women of the ELCA's director for discipleship.)

#### JANUARY THROUGH APRIL 2017



Kathryn Kleinhans is writing a Reformation Bible study called: "Galatians: Christian faith and Christian freedom." Kleinhans is the McCoy Family Distinguished Chair in Lutheran Heritage and Mission, Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

#### Galatians: Christian faith and Christian freedom

- SESSION 1:** No other gospel (Galatians 1:1—2:21)
- SESSION 2:** Children of God through faith (Galatians 2:19—3:29)
- SESSION 3:** Heirs of the promise (Galatians 3:24—4:31)
- SESSION 4:** For freedom Christ has set us free (Galatians 5:1—6:18)

She writes: "Biblical scholars describe Paul's letter to the Galatians as the Magna Carta of Christian freedom. Martin Luther called it 'my Katie von Bora.'

"Like his marriage to Katie, Luther's relationship with Galatians was a rich and lasting one: over a period of 20 years, he published six commentaries on the epistle. Luther's reformation was centered in the doctrine of justification by grace through faith for Christ's sake, which he saw as the heart of Paul's letter to the Christians in Galatia. It is also the heart of Paul's—and Luther's—message for us today."

#### SUMMER 2017



Kelly Fryer will explore "All anew," a three-session Bible study that shares the theme of the Tenth Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis. Kelly has more than 20 years of experience in turning around ministries and organizations and has written faith-related books. She wrote *Gather's* summer 2007 study: "Act Boldly for Mission."

Subscribe now at [gathermagazine.org](http://gathermagazine.org). Don't miss these new Bible studies.

Summer 2016 Interchange

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, JULY 31**

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary  
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY, AUGUST 1**

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

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2**

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Clarine Moe  
 11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Informal Worship - Chapel

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 4**

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Fellowship Hall  
           Rhoda Circle – Library  
           Sarah Circle – Lois Johnson  
 11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall  
 5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board - Library

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7**

9:00 a.m. Communion Worship Service - Sanctuary  
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

**Next Week's Lessons:** Genesis 15:1-6, Psalm 33:12-22, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Luke 12:32-40



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