



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE Sonatina No. 1 Frederich Kuhlau (1786 – 1832)

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

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

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: **WORD**
Isaiah 55:1-5 **Bible Page #760**

A reading from Isaiah.

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people, with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: **Psalm 145:8-9** **Bible Page # 644**

You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. (Ps. 145:16)

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over 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.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

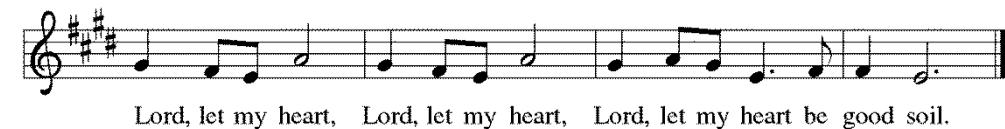
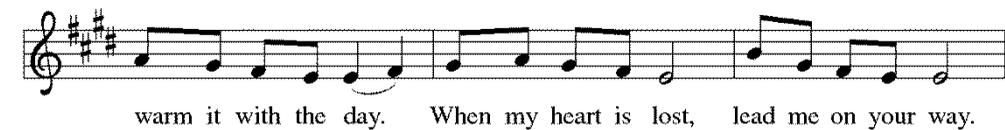
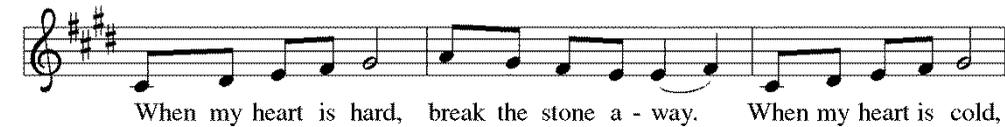
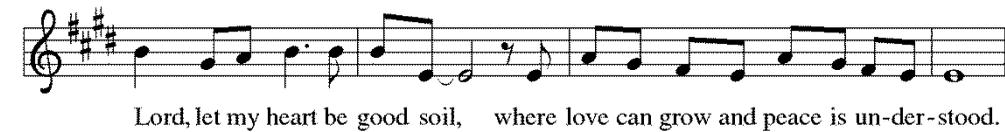
²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

ELW #512



GOSPEL: **Matthew 14:13-21**

Bible Page #16

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY*We Come to the Hungry Feast***ELW #479****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.

Meal

OFFERING**MUSICAL OFFERING****OFFERING SONG***As the Grains of Wheat***ELW #465 Verse 1****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

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.

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

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.

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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<p>Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson Organist: Ruth Sheldon Ushers: Ron & Phyllis Moen</p>	<p>Communion Server: Carlton Shaw, Roy Kvale Reader: Rhonda Schriever Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey August Altar Guild: Sharon Casey, Gloria Kvale</p>
---	--

Copyright © 2016 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS020622. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

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 honor of Don & Faye Aamodt’s 62nd wedding anniversary, today.

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.**

Readings for next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:9-18, Psalm 85:8-13, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

Those worshipping July 29/30: 145 Giving: \$5,212

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

6:30 p.m. Youth Board - Library

Jr. High Bible Camp – Riverside Bible Camp

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

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

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

7:00 p.m. – Cemetery Committee – Library

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

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

5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room 4

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

5:30 p.m. Casual Worship – Lounge

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship – South Lawn

SALEM CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Joel Guttormson: 641.596.0535

Email: joelguttormson@gmail.com

Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey: 563-581-9965

Email: melindamcmc@gmail.com

Ashley Hoffman, Communications:

Email: salemiminfo@gmail.com

Ruth Sheldon, Organist: 641.592.0184

Salem Office: 641.592.1771

Email: salem@wctatel.net