



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 7, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.



Introduction

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”
It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church,
and to the “little flock” of which we are a part today in assembly.
Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God.
Have no fear.

*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

God’s Son Has Made Me Free

Edvard Grieg

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 ✝ 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 ✝ 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

We Are Called

ELW #720



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God,
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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

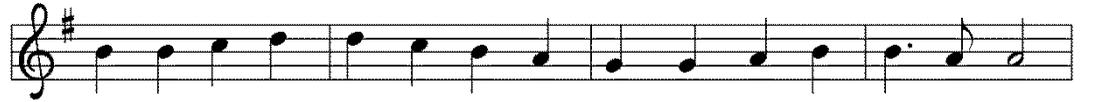


1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



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!

HYMN OF THE DAY**Have No Fear, Little Flock**

ELW #764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise 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

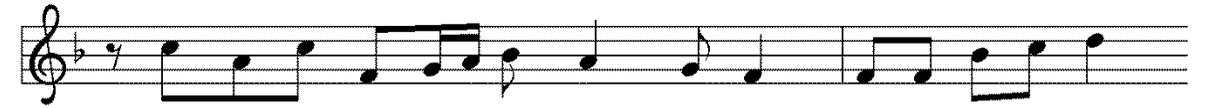
The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL**OFFERING****OFFERING SONG****Create in Me**

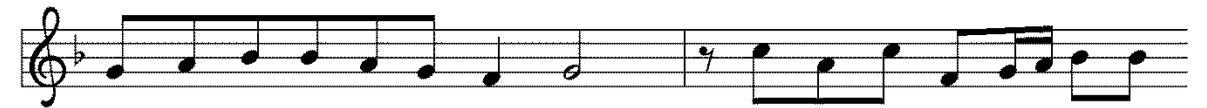
ELW #186



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

After the table is set, the assisting minister may lead one of the following or a similar 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

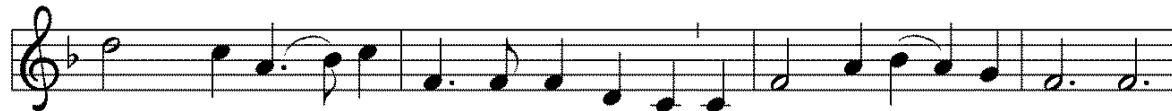
PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



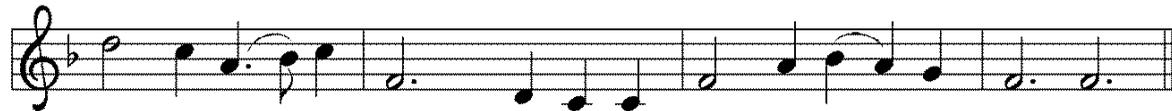
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet.
Welcome to the feast.

DISTRIBUTION

We practice Eucharistic hospitality as we celebrate the gift of grace offered in this the Lord's Supper. We will be communing by intinction. You will be directed by the ushers as the bread and wine are served. White grape juice is provided in the ceramic cups, gluten free wafers are provided upon request. Children and those not prepared or wishing to receive communion are invited to come for a blessing.

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.

Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.

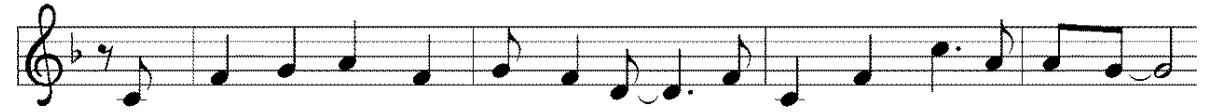
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

ELW #763



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!

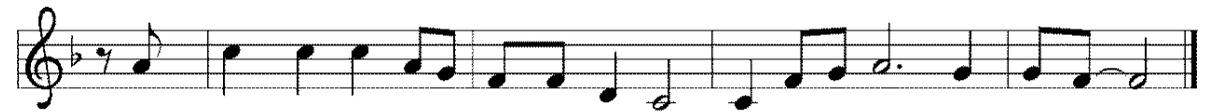


I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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Altar Guild for August: Gloria Kvale and Jean Rondeau

The radio broadcast this morning is in honor of Don & Faye Aamodt's 61st wedding anniversary and in loving memory of Faye's parents, Charles & Fern Johnson.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3 and can be heard on WCTA Cable Channel 2. Available dates are: 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.

Mission Quilters can always use clean used sheets for their quilts and hand & bath towels.

Back-to-School time has arrived once again! The Good Samaritan committee is asking for donations to the Clothes Closet located at Salem. We are in need of new socks and underwear at this time. If shopping is difficult for you, we would also accept gift cards/cash for the committee to shop for needs. All donations can be left with Helen at the office. Thank you, as always, for your generous support of the Good Samaritan Ministry.

Salem now has one account at David's Foods in Lake Mills. If your board, circle, etc. charges there, just sign (legibly please ☺) your group's name and your signature. Thank you!

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 21st.

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!

Next Week's Lessons: Jeremiah 23:23-29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29-12:2, Luke 12:49-56

PRAYER

changes things

The family and friends of Harold Groe, son of Lovenea Groe & brother of Loren Groe

Prayer Families: Debbie Ball and Trevor Marquez, Darlene Banwart, Thomas and Vicki Banwart family, Deborah Barrett and Bruce Cavett, Nicholas Barrett



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^{1/2}; 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 • One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured with a band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

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.**

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. Solomonson, 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.
 Don't miss these new Bible studies.

Summer 2016 Interchange

Salem WELCA will meet Thursday, August 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The Elizabeth Circle's program will be presented by the 3 CD's and their new surprise program. Lunch will be served by the Miriam Circle. Everyone is welcome to attend!



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 27/31: 125

Giving: \$5303.50



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall
 1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
 5:30 p.m. Council – Library

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

10:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group - Lounge
 11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Informal Communion Service - Lounge

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

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

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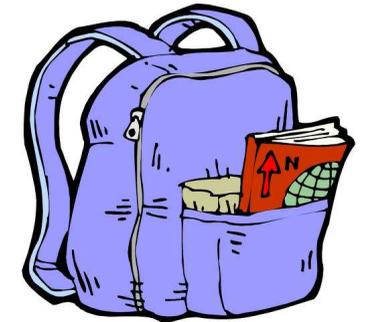
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Sunday, August 21 - 8:30 a.m. Service

Blessing of the Backpacks

All are invited to bring their backpacks and have them blessed



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