



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 12, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.

\*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

*Adagio*

Robert Thompson

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.**

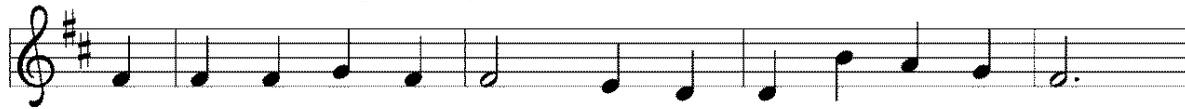
One does not live by bread alone,  
**but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**  
*(Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)*



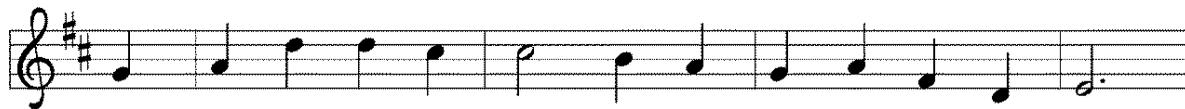
INTRODUCTION

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

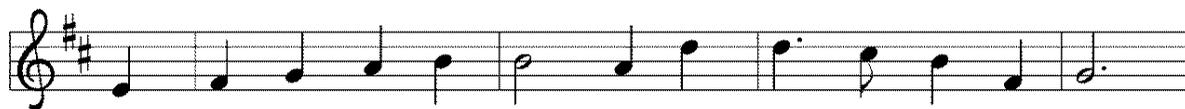




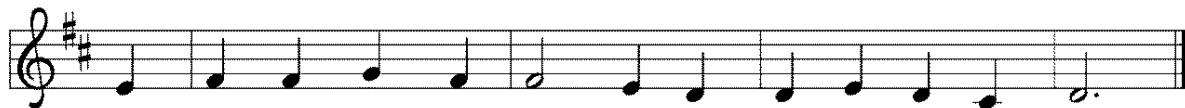
1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

1 Kings 19:4-8

A reading from 1 Kings.

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: PSALM 34:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



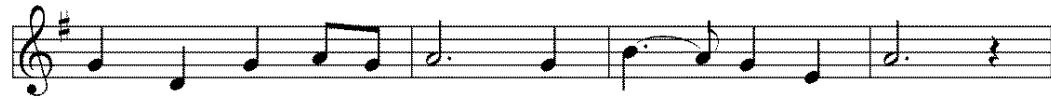
Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!



Our hearts burn with - in us while you o- pen to us the Scrip- tures.



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Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

## GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

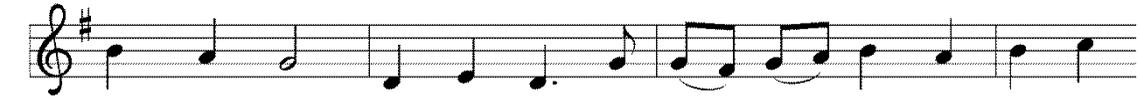
### HYMN OF THE DAY

*Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer*

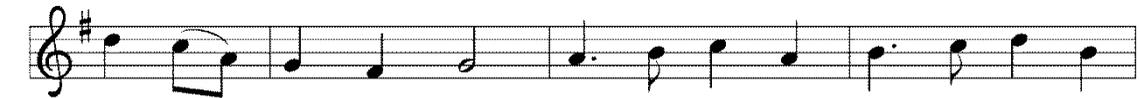
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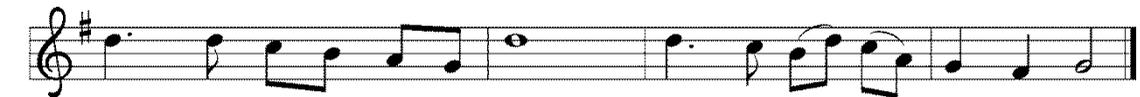
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem-er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might-y arm, shield me with your might-y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

### 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**

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
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.

#### **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.*

Lord God, we pray for the whole church. Sustain all who have tasted the bread of heaven and found solace in the promise of eternal life. Teach us to forgive one another in love and build each other up. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, save and protect your creation. Feed, nourish, and encourage all living creatures, and teach us to practice faithful stewardship. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, you rule the nations. Lead all people to speak truth and kindness to one another, walking in the paths of justice and peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, we pray for those in need. Comfort those who mourn, encourage the fearful, and tend the sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, we pray for those gathered here today. Feed us well so that the difficult journey of life may not be too much, and sustain us through times of trial. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, we bless you for the lives of those faithful ones who have gone before us. Raise all at the last day, that we may exalt your name together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

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#### **SENDING**

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#### **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

Go My Children, with My Blessing

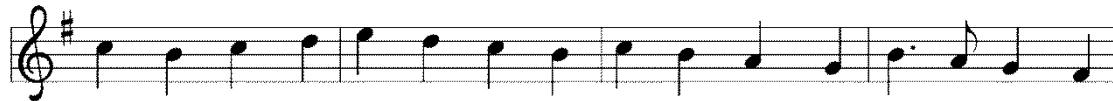
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1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The radio broadcast this morning is given in memory of loved ones from Vern & Carole Hagen.

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: Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalm 34:9-14, Ephesians 5:15-5:20, John 6:51-58



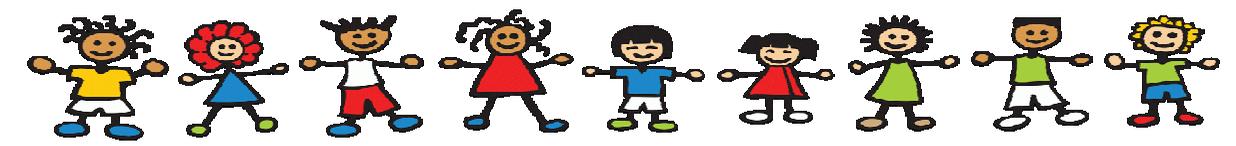
Monday Mornings on Lake Street

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. Bring a friend! Free-will donation.



Attention Students of all ages...Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please come to church with your backpack to receive a keychain and blessing as we start a new school year.



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.

**Church Dashboard for Contributions 8/8/2018**

**Last Sunday, 8/5/18: \$2,495**

**Year-to-date as of 8/7/18: \$161,107 - Last year as of 8/7/17: \$173,215**

**Difference year-to-date: -\$12,108 (or) -7.0%**

**Attendance: Those worshipping August 4/5: 120**

**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** to do the Lord's work.

**Ascension Lutheran Church Salad Supper**

**1105 South Highway 69**

**Albert Lea MN**

**Tuesday, August 14 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Program: Faith and Quilting presented by Kathy Abernathy**

**All are invited to attend.**

**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.

**SAVE THESE DATES**

**Faith Formation**

**August 19 - Blessing of the Backpacks**

September 9 - Rally Sunday

September 16 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Faith Formation

September 16 – Play and Pray

September 16 – 4 year olds Whirl Story Bibles

September 30 - 3rd Grade Bibles Classes begin

and will meet Oct 7, 14, and 21

October 28 – Reformation Sunday,

3 graders will receive their Bibles

**Confirmation Information**

August 29 at 7:00 p.m. – Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet

September 5 at 5:00 p.m. - Acolyte Training for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

September 12 at 5:00 p.m. – First Confirmation Class

October 12-13 Middle School Lock-in at UNI  
details to come

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12**

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

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

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

7:00 p.m. Youth Board - Library

**MONDAY, AUGUST 13**

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

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

5:30 p.m. Council – Library

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14**

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

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

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

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15**

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

11:30 a.m. Worship Leader Practice

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 16**

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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 17**

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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 18**

11:00 a.m. Samaria Schmidt/James Weisenborn Wedding – Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19**

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

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