



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 13, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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#### GATHERING

PRELUDE Voluntary in G Henry Huron (18th Century)

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/). <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>

GATHERING SONG

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ELW #632

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

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9-18**

**Bible Page # 362**

A reading from 1 Kings.

*On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God’s presence— earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

**Bible Page # 167**

A reading from Romans.

*A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God’s saving actions.*

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.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

**Bible Page # 16-17**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew’s gospel typically portrays Jesus’ disciples as people of “little faith” who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.*

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

**ELW #785**

**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

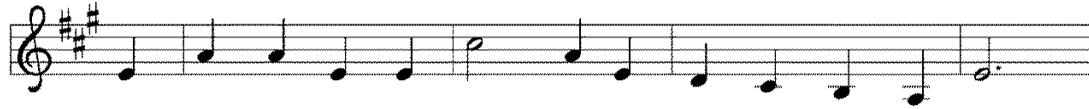
### OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### OFFERING SONG

### *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

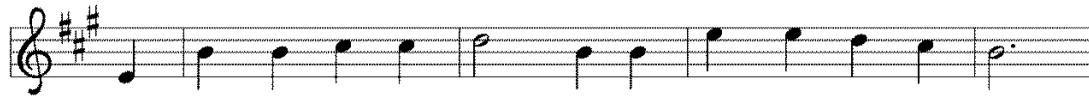
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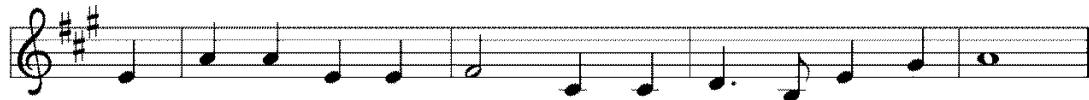
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



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.

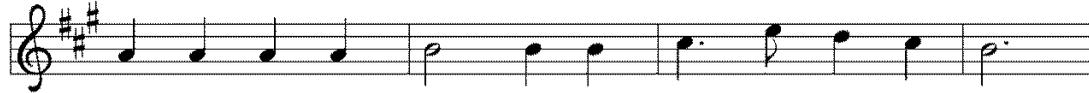


who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



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

### *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

ELW #763

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

**Preaching & Presiding:** Pastor Joel Guttormson  
**Assisting:** Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey  
**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon  
**Ushers:** Ron & Phyllis Moen

**Reader:** Willie Skellenger  
**Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey  
**August Altar Guild:** Sharon Casey, Gloria Kvale

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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 by Bill & Rita Bakken in loving memory of their parents and siblings.

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

**On August 20th there will be blessing of the backpacks at the 10:30 worship.**

### Rally Sunday, September 10th

4 year olds thru 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to come kick off **FAITH FORMATION** on **Rally Sunday, SEPT 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 9:15am to 10:15am. Join us in registering for the new year while completing crafts, playing games, winning prizes, visiting the photo booth, having a snack, and praising GOD for a year full of FUN! Weather permitting, festivities will be located in the playground area to the East of the church. Interested in volunteering or donating? Contact Jennifer Sauer at [641.903.1847](tel:641.903.1847).

#### Readings for next Sunday:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8, Psalm 67, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15:10-28

Those worshipping August 5/6: 146 Giving: \$ 4,606

#### THIS WEEK AT SALEM

##### 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

##### MONDAY, AUGUST 14

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – 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 15

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall

##### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

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

##### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall  
NO WELCA MEETING

##### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

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

##### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

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

##### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

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  
10:30 a.m. Blessing of the backpacks during worship

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