



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Voluntary in A Minor

Anonymous (18th Century)

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.

GATHERING SONG

Oh, for A Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW #886

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

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God’s imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 67 *The Psalm is read responsively.*

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

- ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God’s face shine upon us.
- ²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Bible Page 167

A reading from Romans.

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

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 15:21-28

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

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Gather Us In

ELW #532

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 Verse 2*

ELW #465

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 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

ELW #650

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
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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 in loving memory of Andy & Ruth Haugen's 67th wedding anniversary from the family.

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.

Blessing of the backpacks will be held this morning at the 10:30 a.m. worship service, held on the south lawn.



**RALLY
DAY
2017**

Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 10th

4 year olds thru 6th graders and their parents are invited to kick off **FAITH FORMATION** on **Rally Sunday, Sept. 10th**, 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)

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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/Blessing of Backpacks – South Lawn

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Last Day for Summer Lunch – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Stephen's Ministers - Lounge

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge
5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

5:30 p.m. Casual Service – Lounge

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service – South Lawn

Mission Quilters will meet on Monday, August 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



The Lake Mills Care Center is hosting a **Monarch Tag & Release on August 29, 2:00 p.m. in the dining room.** Winnebago Conservationist, Lisa Ralls, will discuss about Monarch migration and the reason for tagging. Monarchs will be tagged and released in the Care Center Garden. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Individuals may bring their own Monarch to tag and release or use one of the conservation Monarchs.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 51:1-6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

Those worshipping August 12/13: 143 Giving: \$3655.76

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