



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 26, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.

*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Allegro* Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.





1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2a; 14-18

A reading from Joshua.

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ^{2a}And Joshua said to all the people, ¹⁴“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 34:15-22

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the LORD delivers them from every one.

²⁰**God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.**

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁰Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench

all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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.

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

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

GOSPEL John 6:56-69
 The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵⁶“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he

was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY *Blessed Assurance* ELW #638

- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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

OFFERING MUSIC

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.

That God bless the church universal in every place, inspiring strength and courage to boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

That God the creator bless wild animals and family pets, prairies and kitchen gardens, beaches and sandboxes, mountains and hearths, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

That God spread the gospel throughout the nations of the world, announcing the words of eternal life to peoples in every land and country, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

That God remember the poor and the brokenhearted and rescue all those in trouble (*especially*), let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

That God protect members of this congregation along all our ways and empower us to serve Christ in sincerity and faithfulness, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

That God redeem the lives of those who have served in the faith and raise them up, according to the promises of Jesus Christ, the bread that nourishes eternal life, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

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.

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.

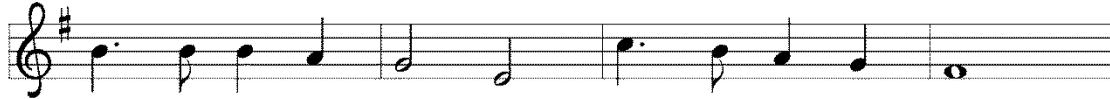
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

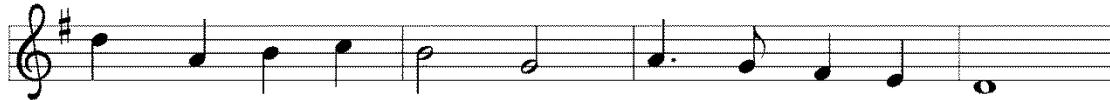
SENDING HYMN

On Our Way Rejoicing

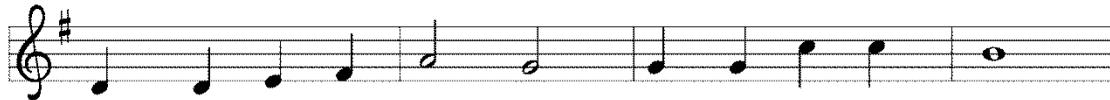
ELW #537



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

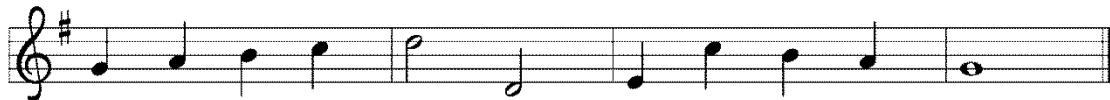


who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Assisting: Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Ushers: Dennis & Janet Madson
Reader: Janet Vinson
Altar Guild for August: Pat Thorson, JoAnn Villa

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Victor Knudtson from Evelyn and family.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.

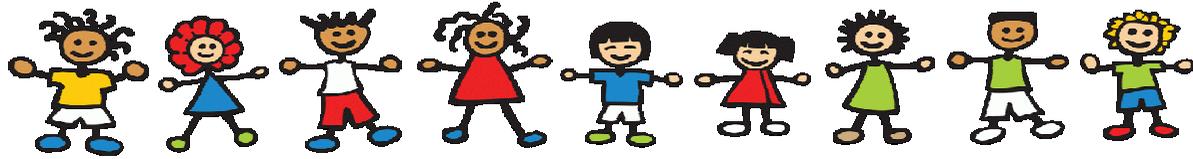
FAITH FORMATION KICKOFF CELEBRATION

WHO: All Ages Welcome
WHAT: Rally Sunday Kick Off Party
WHEN: Sunday, Sept 9th from 9:15-10:15am
WHERE: Salem Lutheran Church Playground Area (East side of Church)
WHY: To register for Faith Formation, create crafts, play games, win prizes, take some silly photos, have a snack, and praise GOD for a great year of Faith Formation yet to come!

Volunteers Needed! Rally Sunday Kickoff will be held on Sunday, Sept 9th from 9:15 to 10:15am on the East Side of the Church near Playground. We will be kicking off the Faith Formation year with snacks, crafts, carnival games/prizes, photo booth, and more! Looking for volunteers to help at the different stations. Please contact Jennifer Sauer if you can help... 641.903.1847. Thank you!

Rally with One in Christ Lutheran Parish!

One in Christ Lutheran Parish is celebrating their 15 year anniversary Sunday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Mills School auditorium. The service will be followed by a catered meal, then a short bluegrass concert and some family games, concluding with an ice cream social. All are invited to attend. Salem will NOT have a 10:30 a.m. worship service September 9th so we can help the OIC Parish celebrate. This service will be similar to the service that was held when the parish was started.



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.**

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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Church Dashboard for Contributions 8/21/2018

Last Sunday, 8/12/18: \$3,128

Year-to-date as of 8/13/18: \$168,147 - Last year as of 8/13/17: \$181,870

Difference year-to-date: -\$13,723 (or) -7.5%

Attendance: Those worshipping August 18/19: 170

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.

<p>The church isn't open just on Sundays. There's something going on every day of the week, and we want to provide convenient giving options that fit into all your church activities.</p> <p>Electronic giving options like GIVE+ TEXT offer you the opportunity to give simply and securely from anywhere in our community. Next time you are in the fellowship hall for an event, in the sanctuary for Sunday service or in a meeting room for Bible study, try texting your payment of gift to our secure account at 1.641.832.5367.</p> <p>It takes just minutes to sign up and support the church. So, we hope you'll try this easy, modern way to give.</p> <p>Stop by the church office for help setting it up on your cell phone.</p> <p>Thank you for being a vital part of our church community.</p>
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Readings for next week: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship—Fellowship Hall
 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
 2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Stephen's Ministry - Lounge

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion
 2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fell. Hall
 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion Service

<p>One in Christ Parish Adult Fellowship Event <i>THE CHURCH BASEMENT LADIES IN: "You Smell Barn"</i> Sunday, September 23rd Motor Coach Bus loads: 11:30 am at Silver Lake Lutheran Church Total Cost: \$68.00</p> <p>Show time: 2:00 pm @ Ames Center, Burnsville, MN Sack Lunch for the Bus ride up is provided Will stop eat at Pizza Ranch, Burnsville on way back</p> <p>Contact: Kathy Kreuscher Cell phone: 641-590-1180 (leave a message) Email: kathykreuscher@gmail.com Mailing address: 1415 Canary Drive Albert Lea, MN 56007</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sign-up Deadline is TODAY! Bus is only half full Payment due by September 1st</p>

SAVE THESE DATES	
<p>Faith Formation September 9 - Rally Sunday September 16 – 1st 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, 3rd grade Bibles</p>	<p>Confirmation Information August 29 at 7:00 p.m. – Parents of 7th and 8th graders meet September 5 at 5:00 p.m. - Acolyte Training for 7th and 8th graders September 12 at 5:00 p.m. – First Confirmation Class October 12-13 Middle School Lock-in at UNI details to come</p>

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