



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 28, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.



**INTRODUCTION**

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church.

By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord.

When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us,  
the church can be more inviting still.

\*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

*Sunshine in My Soul*

Franklin Ritter

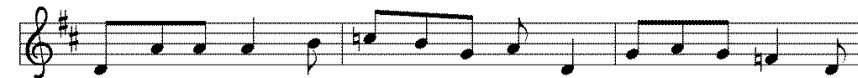
BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

*Gather Us In*

ELW #532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



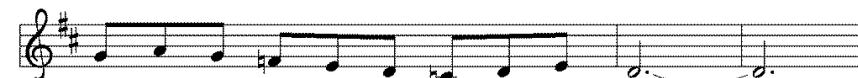
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

## HOLY BAPTISM OF HAZEL KAY MYERS

### PRESENTATION

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Parents Kelly & Kelly Myers present their daughter Hazel*

**We present Hazel Kay for baptism.**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child Hazel Kay baptized into Christ?

*Response: **We do.***

As you bring Hazel to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with Hazel among God's faithful people, bring Hazel to the word of God and the holy supper, teach Hazel the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Hazel Kay may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Hazel Kay grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response: **We do.***

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Hazel Kay in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response: **We do.***

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support Hazel Kay, her parents and sponsors and pray for Hazel in her new life in Christ?

*Response: **We do.***

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response: **We renounce them.***

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response: **We renounce them.***

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response: **We renounce them.***

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*The assembly may be seated*

### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Water will be poured into the font as each of the three statements about God's use and gift of water is shared.*

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### BAPTISM

Hazel Kay, is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

**Amen.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Let us pray.

Sustain Hazel with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Hazel, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

*An Acolyte or member of the congregation gives to the child or family member a baptismal candle.*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The Assembly is invited to stand.*

### WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### 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!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7**

Page 674 in the Bible

A reading from Proverbs, the twenty fifth chapter.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 112** *The psalm for the day is read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God’s commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

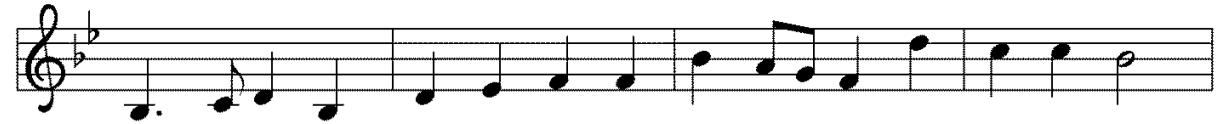
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A reading from Hebrews, the thirteenth chapter.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

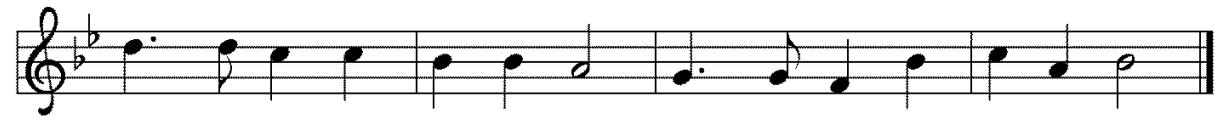
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

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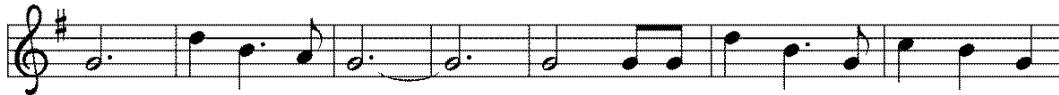
The holy gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

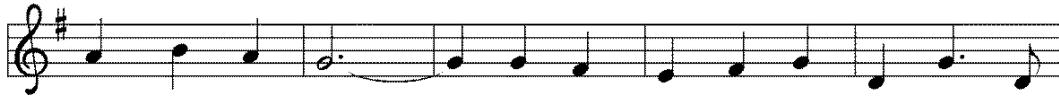
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**



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



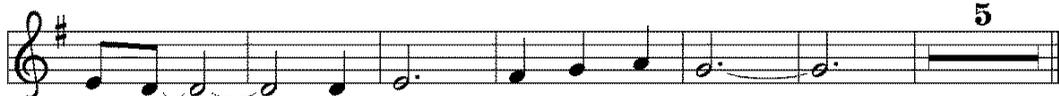
live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.  
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



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.

**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.**

**OFFERING****BLESSING OF BACKPACKS, STUDENTS AND SCHOOL STAFF**

For the marvels of your creation,

**we praise you, O God.**

For the opportunity to explore and study,

**we praise you, O God.**

For those who guide us, teachers and mentors,

**we praise you, O God.**

Teach us your ways and guide us in your path,

for you are the creator of all that is seen and unseen.

**Amen.**

Let us pray for all who are beginning a new school year,  
 that both students and teachers will be blessed in their academic endeavors.

Dear God,

as we get ready to start another year in school, we ask your blessing on these backpacks, and especially on these children who will wear them. As they do the very important work of being students, bless them with:

eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large;

respect for teachers and students, that they may form healthy relationships;

love for nature, that they may become caretakers of your creation;

happiness when learning is easy and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard;

faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend.

We ask that you would protect these, your own children.

Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school.

As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each one of them to be used in your work in the world. As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, no matter what.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING 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.**

## 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.**

## 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.

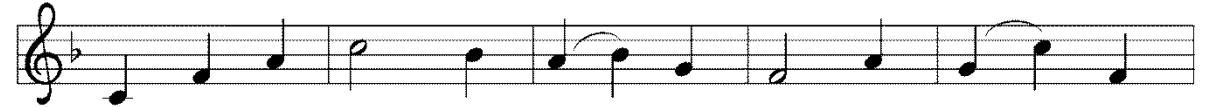
**Amen.**



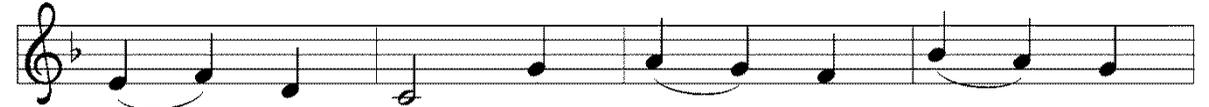
## SENDING SONG

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson

**Assisting:** Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Reader:** Bruce Adams

**Ushers:** Jerry & Marilyn Hoffman

**Sound:** Alan Skellenger

**Video Coordinator:** Carol Abbey

**Videographer:** Hope Levine

**Altar Guild for August:** Gloria Kvale and Jean Rondeau

**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 and can be heard on WCTA Cable Channel 2. Available date is: Dec. 4.**

**We 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 in 2016.**

**This morning we will welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Hazel Kay Myers, daughter of Kelly & Kelly (Nelson) Myers. Hazel's godparents are Brandon & Kasey Heinz.**

**Blessing of the Backpacks will be held this morning.**

All are invited to bring their backpacks and have them blessed.

### ***Staying Strong***

Now the Stewardship & Social Ministry Board is giving us the challenge of "Staying Strong" through participation in an August/September appeal to raise an additional \$20,000 above and beyond our regular weekly giving.

Heading into the fall, plans are being made with the leaders and members of our boards and council, to offer some new ministries, enliven some successful ministries from the past, and continue the support of Salem's ongoing ministries and work of our fine staff. Our mission plan has started strong and to stay strong needs sustained support even in these summer months when summer vacations and activities lower our weekly attendance and giving.

To participate in the "Staying Strong Appeal" you can give a onetime amount anytime in the next eight weeks with a separate envelope or check, with "Staying Strong Appeal" written on the memo line or envelope back; or add to your giving anytime weekly in the months of August/September as our goal of \$20,000 is reached. It's also possible to give to the appeal by giving online on our website. Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in the ministry of Salem Lutheran. Starting Strong! Staying Strong! We celebrate the plans God has for us in the future, as we share the gospel and legacy all our church has to offer!

**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 will also accept gift cards/cash for the committee to shop for needs. All donations can be left with at the office. Thank you for your generous support of the Good Samaritan Ministry.

**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, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Stephen Ministers Care**

When was the last time someone really listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full attention kind of listening. That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. We need more Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. Will you consider serving your Lord and your neighbor in this way. If so, please contact Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727 and when we have enough to start a new class, we will. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

**Our newest sister of the body of Christ, Hazel Kay Myers and her family.**

**The family and friends of Lovenea Groe**

**The family and friends of Shirley Pierce. Shirley is Gary (Jenelle) Pierce's mother.**

**She passed away August 8.**

**Prayer Families:** Jan Belica, Kristopher Belica, Andrea Belshan, Jason Belshan, Loren and Karen Belville, Cymantha and Jaeron Bendickson

**Hospice of North Iowa will hold volunteer training for new volunteers in September** at The TSB Bank (101 Highway 69 North) in Forest City. The training will be held from 9:30 AM-4:00 PM on two Saturdays, September 10, 17, and Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:30- Noon. The class is free of charge and open to the public. Those completing the class will be eligible to apply to serve as a hospice volunteer; however participants are under no obligation. Men and women are especially needed in smaller communities. **Pre-registration is required by calling Steph at 641-428-6236 or 1-800-297-4719.**



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 August 17/21: 139 Giving: \$7396**



**Plymouth Playhouse  
Plymouth Minnesota**

**Fellowship Event For Everyone  
Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Showtime 2:00 pm**

Mark your calendars.

Start spreading the news!

**Cost will be \$63 per person –**

that includes bus, sack lunch, ticket & buffet dinner on the way home

**Bus leaves from Silver Lake Lutheran Church**

**Deadline August 28th.**

Call Kathy 641-590-1180

or email [kathykreuscher@gmail.com](mailto:kathykreuscher@gmail.com)



**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 29**

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion

6:00 p.m. Informal Worship - Lounge

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Circle - Library

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Fellowship Hall

Rhoda Circle – Jan Smith

Sarah Circle – Carole Hagen

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle - Library

5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board - Library

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

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

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

**Next Week's Lessons:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1-21, Luke 14:25-33

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will meet on Thursday, September  
1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

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