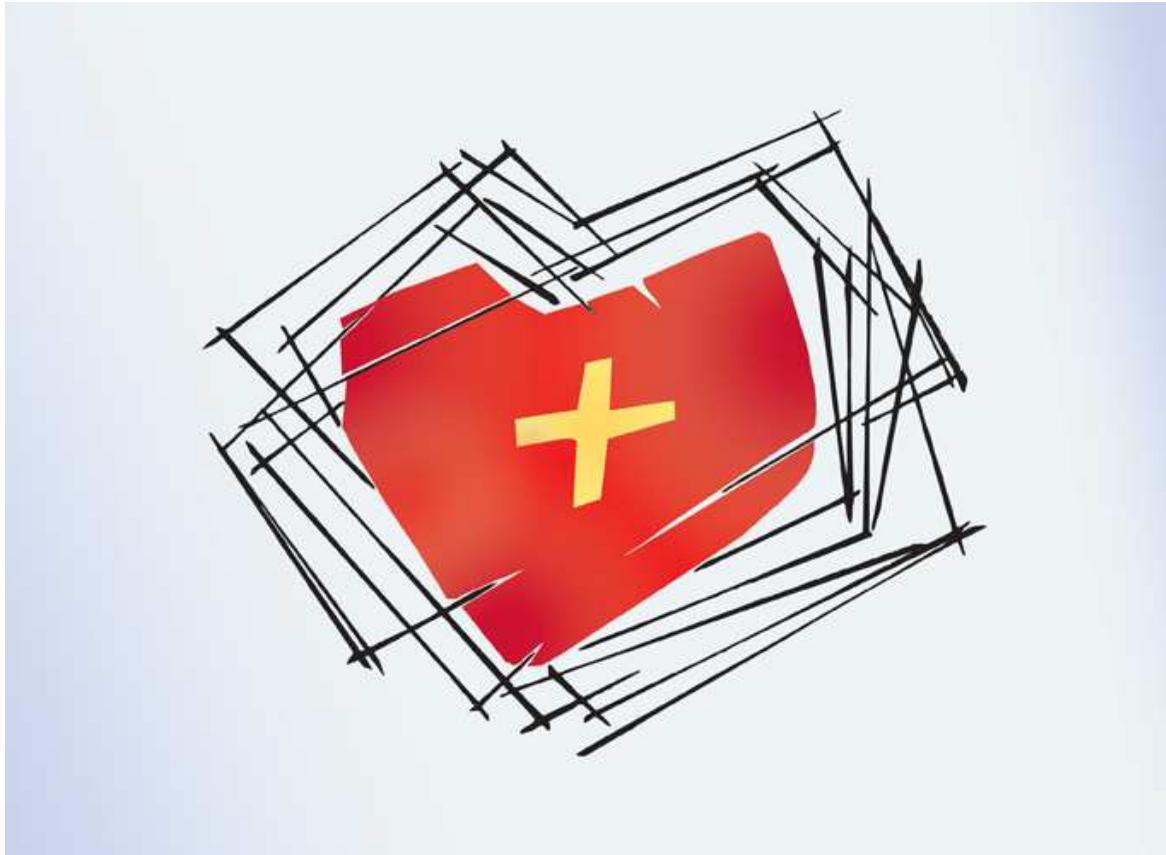




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 2, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God’s law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us “the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.” Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Adagio

Baldassare Galuppi (1706-1781)

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,
we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.
We fear that we are not good enough.
We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.
We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.
Forgive us.
Stir us.
Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.
Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,
☩ God’s love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God’s people
who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

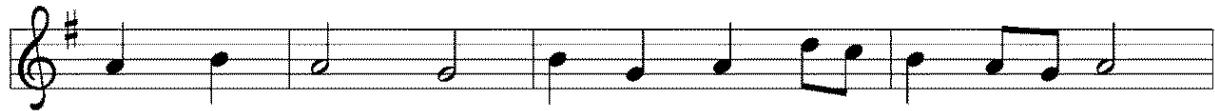
GATHERING SONG

Dearest Jesus, At Your Word

ELW #520



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

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.

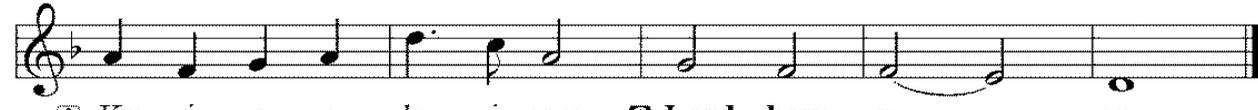
KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



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Christ, have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.**
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

James 1:17-27

A reading from James.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.
¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

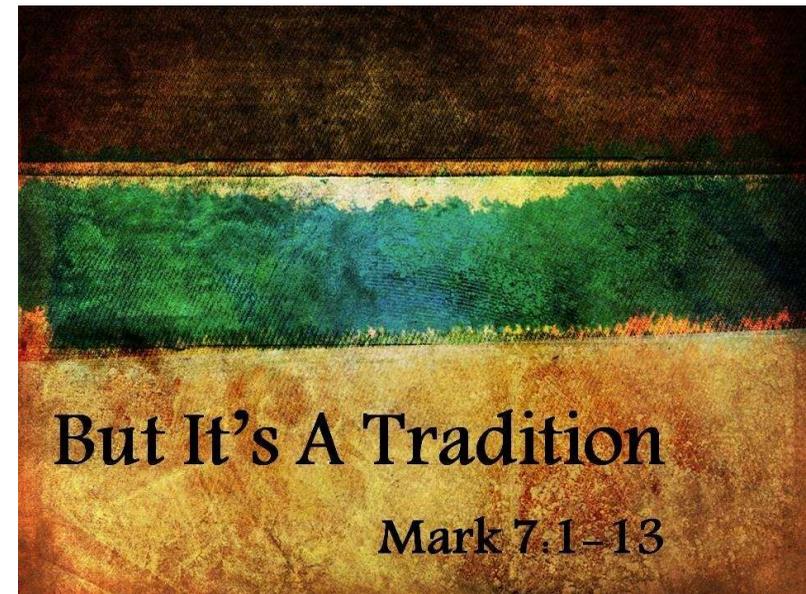
The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

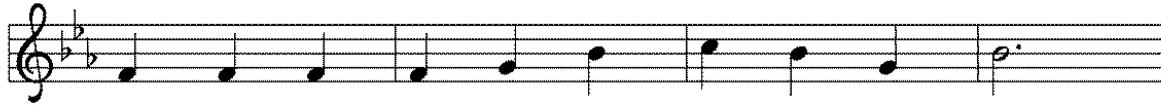
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

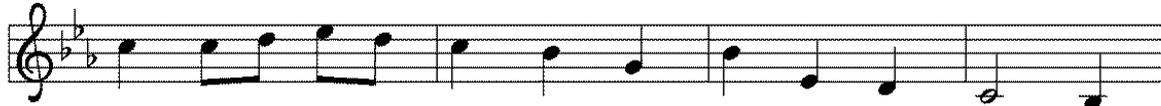




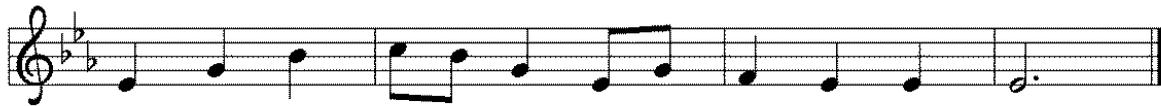
1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

CREED AND CONFESSION

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.

THE PRAYERS

Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, we pray for all those who labor to bear your word into the world by welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, and caring for the orphan. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creative God, we pray for the earth. Keep watch over those who rescue endangered species and repair scorched landscapes. Make us good stewards of creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we pray for the nations of the world, for governments, leaders, and citizens. Watch over refugees and immigrants. Inspire us to welcome them with glad hearts when they arrive on our shores and in our neighborhoods. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, you call us to serve our neighbors. Bless our vocations as we fill the cups of the thirsty, the plates of the hungry, and the hearts of the lonely. Make our presence your presence for all who sorrow (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, at tables around the world, through story and meal, strangers become guests and guests become friends. Embolden this congregation to always extend the wide-armed welcome you extend to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses whose lives inspire us to loving service (*including Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, renewer of the church*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING**MUSICAL OFFERING**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.

Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen.**

DIALOGUE

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit,
that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

This Is My Father's World

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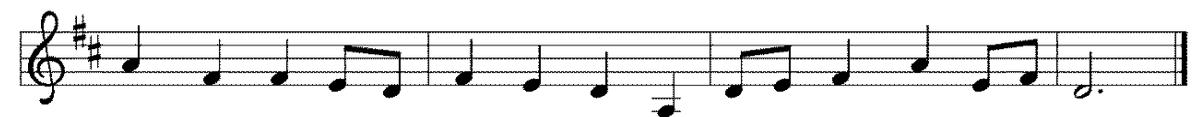
1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
rus-tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: Morgan Christian, Armani Garcia
Assisting: Melinda McVey McCluskey	Reader: Rhonda Schriever
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Altar Guild for September:
Ushers: Dolly Gregor & Margaret Okland	Sharon Casey, Jean Rondeau

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Ruth Tweeten’s birthday from Jim Tweeten and family.

The live streaming is of the service is given in loving memory of Ruth Tweeten’s birthday from Bill & Linda Tweeten and family.

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.

MINISTRY to the SICK and HOMEBOUND: If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be visited by your pastor, please notify the office. Due to HIPPA regulations hospitals are not able to give us that protected information. If you are sick or homebound and would like to be visited by the pastor to bring you communion, please call the office.

Readings for next week: Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146, James 2:1-17, Mark 7:24-37

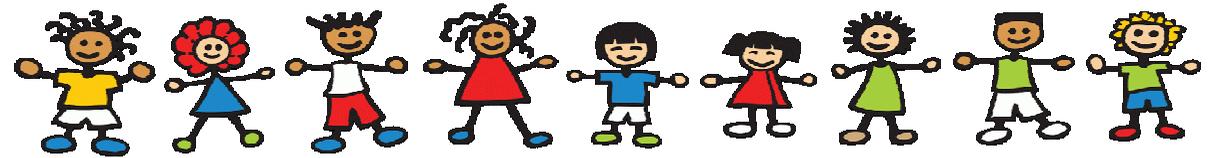
FAITH FORMATION KICKOFF CELEBRATION

WHO:	All Ages Welcome
WHAT:	Rally Sunday Kick Off Party
WHEN:	Sunday, Sept 9 th 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!

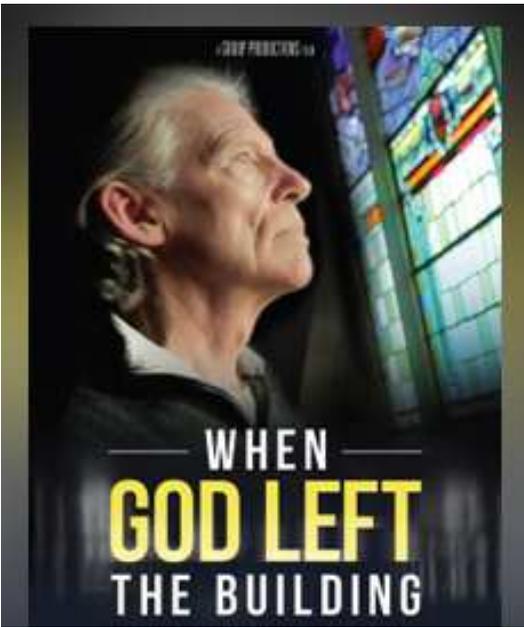
One in Christ Lutheran Parish is celebrating their 15 year anniversary Sunday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Mills School auditorium. The service will be followed by a catered meal, then a short bluegrass concert and some family games, concluding with an ice cream social. All are invited to attend. 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.
Donations of new socks & underwear are needed. Thank you for your help.

	<p>Monday Mornings on Lake Street</p> <p>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!</p> <p>Call the office if you would like to provide goodies some Monday!</p> <p>Free-will donation.</p>
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<p>Church Dashboard for Contributions 8/26/2018</p> <p>Last Sunday, 8/26/18: \$5,986</p> <p>Year-to-date as of 8/27/18: \$175,918 - Last year as of 8/27/17: \$186,255</p> <p>Difference year-to-date: -\$10,337 (or) -5.5%</p> <p>Attendance: Those worshipping August 25/26: 126</p> <p>Ongoing 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>
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**SALEM AT THE MOVIES –
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 10:30 AM & 5:30 PM**

Has God left the building?
Join in this conversation Monday, September 10, in our chapel, either at 10:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. as we preview the documentary movie, “*When God Left the Building.*” Director Thom Schultz documents the demise of a congregation that couldn’t change to uncover why churches – once the heart and soul of their communities – are now shrinking in both size and influence. What he discovers gives unprecedented insight and serves as a powerful wake-up call.

SAVE THESE DATES

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

Confirmation Information

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



Senior Choir practice will begin Wednesday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.
All are welcome to attend.

Contact Kathy Nelson with any questions.

The Creature Praise Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 16th at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room. Youth Grades 3-7 are welcome to attend. Contact Kathy Nelson with any questions.

GIVE+Text

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.

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**.

It takes just minutes to sign up and support the church. So, we hope you’ll try this easy, modern way to give.

Stop by the church office for help setting it up on your cell phone.

Thank you for being a vital part of our church community.



**Lake Mills Fall Carnival
Monday, September 17 • 4-6 PM**

Carnival games provided by local churches
Face painting, story walk, crafts!
Hot Apple Cider and Bars
Pumpkin painting for the first 150 kids!
Prizes for pumpkin creations!

Sponsored by Lake Mills Parks and Rec, Lake Mills Public Library, area churches, area banks, Three Oaks Greenhouse, Lake Mills Care Center and the Lake Mills Chamber Development Corp.

Mary Beth Carlson in Concert...Music to relax...refresh...inspire!

Join us at Bethel Lutheran Brethren Church • 3906 Bluebill Ave • Joice IA 50446
Saturday, September 22 • 1:00 p.m. luncheon with musical program to follow at 1:45 p.m.
Tickets are free, but RSVP is appreciated by September 15th to joicebethel@gmail.com OR 641.797.2303. For more information visit www.marybethcarlson.com

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

OFFICES CLOSED

NO MONDAY COFFEE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Library

5:00 p.m. 7th/8th Acolyte Training; Worship & Music – Library

6:30 p.m. Choir Practice

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Library; Ruth Circle – Lounge; Sarah Circle – Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle - Library

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5:30 p.m. Casual Worship Service – Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Rally Sunday

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation Kickoff Celebration - Salem Church Playground Area (East side of Church)

Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. One in Christ 15th Anniversary Service – LMHS Auditorium

10:30 a.m. No Service Today

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