



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 3, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Hymn to Joy

Beethoven (1770-1827)

BELLS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW# 879

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

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A reading from Jeremiah.

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 26:1-8

Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

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A reading Romans.

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

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 16:21-28

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The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You Shall be My Song

ELW #808

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

Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Please respond at the end of each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A brief silence.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

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

ELW 465 Verse 1

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

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

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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 SONG

Lift High the Cross

ELW #660

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Larry & Helen Rice
Communion Servers: Sue Myli & Connie Sabin

Reader: Margaret Okland
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey
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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 Ruth Tweeten's birthday, September 11th, from Jim and family.

The live streaming of the 10:30 a.m. service is sponsored by Bill & Linda Tweeten in loving memory of Ruth Tweeten's birthday, September 11th.

Please keep in prayer the family & friends of Eileen Hengesteg.

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.**

Readings for next Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14, Matthew 18:15-20

Those worshipping August 26/27:123 Giving: \$4651.26



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, SEPTEMBER 3

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 Labor Day – Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle - Norma Thompson
 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4
 7:00 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room; St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Fellowship Hall; Rhoda/Elizabeth Circles – Library
 2:00 p.m. Martha Circle – Library

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:30 p.m. Casual Service - Lounge

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service - Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. Rally Sunday - Registration for Faith Formation & Confirmation & activities, crafts, snacks
 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Service – South Lawn

Salem's Senior Choir will begin rehearsals Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 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 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Youth in Grades 3-7 are welcome to attend. Contact Kathy Nelson with any questions.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR YOUTH, CHECK THE GREEN SHEET IN THE NEWSLETTER!

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