



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.



Salem's Mission and Vision

We are God forgiven and mission driven.

As God's people...we desire to be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a- forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of the Christ in the blessed sacrament and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.

PRELUDE

No Shade So Rare

G.F. Handel

BELLS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal,
the builder of the city that is to come. **Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,

we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples.

We have not finished what we began.

We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.

We have been captivated by our possessions.

Lift our burdens, gracious God.

Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.

Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.

Put your trust in these promises:

God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found.

For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Rejoice with the angels at this good news. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG*Holy, Holy, Holy***ELW #413****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, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

OUR HERITAGE THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND SONG**The Cornerstone**

Reading 1 Peter 2:4-7

Reflection

Hymn *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less***ELW #597****Milestones: Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings, and Funerals**

Reading Matthew 1:1-17

Reflection

Hymn *All Who Believe and Are Baptized***ELW #442****The Body of Christ**

Reading 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27

Reflection

Hymn *Faith of Our Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers***ELW #813****Missions**

Reading Matthew 4:18-22

Reflection

Hymn *Here I Am, Lord***ELW #574****APOSTLES' CREED****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 INTERCESSIONResponse to the petitions: **hear our prayer.**

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

Turn our hearts, O God. Make us attentive to your call to take up the cross-shaped way of life, and to share your good news with a world in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn our hearts toward life in all its infinite varieties. We pray especially for all vanishing and endangered creatures who struggle to find a home in this world. Open our eyes to the value of our interconnected relationships within your natural world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn our hearts toward all who yearn for calm and fairness. Where there is violence and conflict, grant peace. Where there is disparity, grant justice. Where there is hatred and fear, grant compassion and empathy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn our hearts toward all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those in bondage to sin, addiction, poverty, physical slavery or human trafficking, and those incarcerated or detained. For those in any need we pray (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn our hearts toward the ministries of our congregations that feed the hungry, share with the needy, advocate for the silenced, and work for your justice. Embolden our hearts to labor without fear. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to begin this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Turn our hearts toward your eternal reign. We give thanks for our sisters and brothers who have died, trusting the promise of life forever with you. Marked by the cross of Christ, inspire us by their examples to live in faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING *Generosity Moment* **Lutheran Disaster Response**

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our 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

Go forth in peace and with the courage of Faith.
love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,
and love your neighbor as yourself. **Amen.**

Whatever you do in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through him. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

SENDING SONG *The Church of Christ in Every Age* **ELW #729**

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* **ELW #884**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	Reader: Willie Skellenger
Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: Joa Gilbertson, Jolie Rice
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Altar Guild for September:
Ushers: Dennis Madson & Janet Vinson	Sharon Casey, Jean Rondeau

The radio broadcast this morning is given in memory of loved ones from Marilyn Pederson.

DONUT you know...JESUS LOVES YOU!

WHO: All Ages Welcome

WHAT: Kick off Celebration for Faith Formation with Donuts, Juice, and Fun

WHEN: Sunday, Sept 8th from 9:35-10:20am

WHERE: Salem Lutheran Church [under the big Oak Tree]



Heritage Sunday – September 8, 2019

8:30 a.m. Heritage Sunday.

Celebrating 100 years of Ministry in this building.

10:30 a.m. Rally Sunday. 4 year olds receive bibles.

At 11:30 a.m. there will be a Celebratory Pot Luck. Members are encouraged to use recipes from church cookbooks to lift up that great part of our heritage. People with last names starting A – H are encouraged to bring hot dishes (or main dishes), I – O to bring side dishes (even Jell-O) and P – Z to bring desserts.



Noisy Offering Collection for Feed My Starving Children will be received September 15.

The Saturday evening service at 5:30 p.m. is held in the air-conditioned Lounge.

God's Work, Our Hands – September 15, 2019 - 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

All members of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to come assemble "Flood Buckets." These are 5 – gallon buckets filled with cleaning supplies to help out any flood victims in Iowa. If you want to donate supplies in advance or that day, see the supply list that is in the **September Outreach**.

Quilt and School Kit Sunday – September 22, 2019

Mission Quilters will display quilts and School Kits in the sanctuary this weekend.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 a.m. Heritage Worship Service

9:35 a.m. Faith Formation Kickoff Celebration; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Congregation History/Communion Service – Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Celebratory Pot Luck – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall; Clothes Closet Open – Room #7

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

5:30 p.m. Council – Library

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group – Lounge;
LMAMA – Food Shelf

1:00 p.m. Staff; Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall

3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:30 p.m. Casual Communion Service – Lounge

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN NOISY OFFERING COLLECTION

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

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation; Play & Pray – Lounge; Coffee Fellowship/Man to Man Meeting – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. Flood Bucket Packing Event – Fellowship Hall

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**Save Local Lives –
Lake Mills Community Blood Drive**
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 - 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
To make an appointment, contact LifeServe at
800.287.4903 or visit
www.lifeservebloodcenter.org

Salem WELCA Fall Luncheon
Thursday, September 19th. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.
Program to follow. Guest speaker is Kim Katuta.
Gather your friends and come join us!