



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Grand Jeu

Jean Adam Guilaine

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BAPTISM BECKHAM FJELSTAD AND LUCAS BELLINGER

PRESENTATION

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.

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

Response: I do.

As you bring Lucas and Beckham to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that Lucas and Beckham 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 your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

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

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Lucas and Beckham and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

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, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

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 may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Lucas, Beckham, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Lucas, Beckham 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.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized.

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

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle is given to each of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

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

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the 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.

GATHERING HYMN

"Borning Cry"

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GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

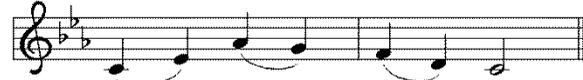
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

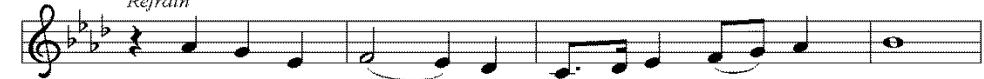


A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Women sing verse one, men verse two, all join in on verse three and the refrain:

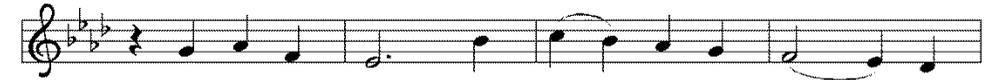
Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



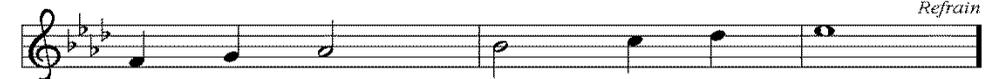
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-11

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A reading from Ezekiel

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Todays psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the women* Psalm 119:33-40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

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A reading from Romans

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

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The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"

ELW #603

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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: Hear us O God, **your mercy is great.**

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

We greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Earth and All Stars!

ELW #731

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
Reader: Carlton Shaw

Ushers: Larry & Helen Rice
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey
September Altar Guild: Shelley Hagenson,
Sharon Johnson, Pat Young

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This morning we will welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Beckham Russell Fjelstad and Lucas Garrett Bellinger. Beckham is the son of Tanner Fjelstad & LeAnna Saxon. His godparent is Cameo Honsey. Lucas is the son of Garrett Bellinger & Leanna Saxon. His godparents are Jamie Turnbull & Dana Sprecher.

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 memory of loved ones, from Alan & Marilyn Pederson.

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: Genesis 50:15-21, Psalm 103:8-13, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35

Those worshipping September 2/3:141 Giving: \$3830



Rally Sunday is TODAY!!!

4 year olds thru 6th graders and their parents are invited to kick off **FAITH FORMATION** this morning, 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)

The Creature Praise Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Choir Room beginning Sunday, September 17. Youth in Grades 3-7 are welcome to attend.
Contact Kathy Nelson with any questions.



Salem's Senior Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. All are welcome to attend. Contact Kathy Nelson with any questions.

**Salem Lutheran Confirmation Planning Meeting
For all parents of 7th and 8th grade students**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017
6:30 p.m. in the Salem Fellowship Hall**



**Topics: Class Schedule, Middle School Lock-in at UNI,
Field Trip to Luther College in Decorah,
Food Scavenger Hunt with One in Christ Parish,
Acolyte Scheduling and Sunday Morning Classes**

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
5:30 p.m. Council - Library

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge; LMAMA – Food Shelf
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

5:30 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Parent’s Meeting – Fellowship Hall;
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room; St. Patrick’s Youth Group – Room #9

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship – Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

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