



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 16, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.

*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE	<i>Aria</i> <i>Andante</i>	JS Bach WA Mozart
BELL		
OPENING	<i>We Shall Walk Through the Valley</i>	Senior Choir

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.

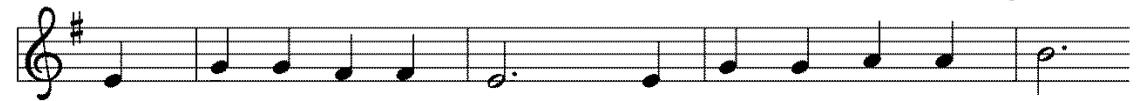
**Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right,
act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

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

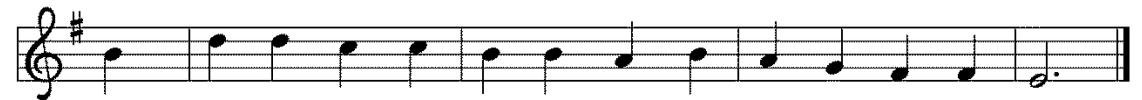
Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

KYRIE

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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!



INTRODUCTION

Three weeks ago we heard John's gospel's version of Peter's confession of faith. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of "messiah") in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

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.

HYMN 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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. ⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalms 116:1-9

The psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the pulpit side.

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

James 3:1-12

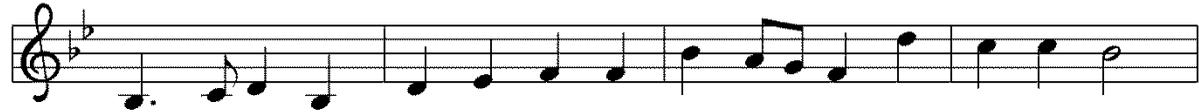
¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, Word of Life.

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

Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

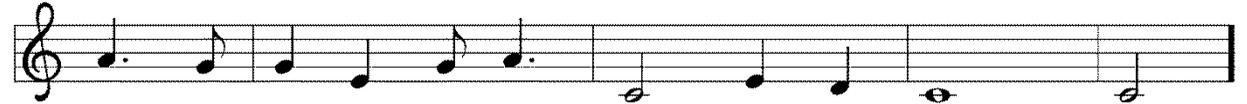
HYMN OF THE DAY

Give Me Jesus

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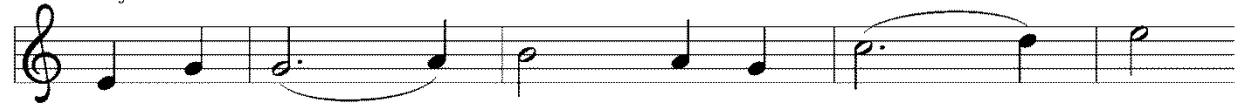


1 In the morn - ing when I rise, in the morn - ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid - night was my cry, dark . . . mid - night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

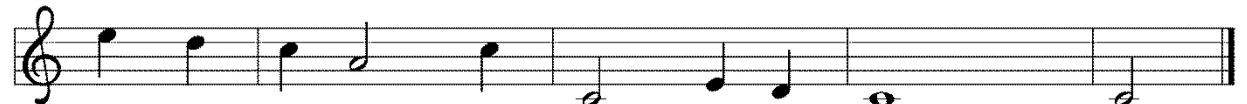


in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles Creed

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, you call your church to embody the love you have shown us. Raise us up each day to bear witness against sin, death, and the grave. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creative God, quarks and galaxies bear witness to your imagination. Inspire scientists, naturalists, and conservationists who work to conserve precious natural resources. Grant us the wisdom to be good keepers of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, you bless citizens with the gifts of reason and perseverance. Embolden people around the world to seek the common good, to serve their neighbors, and to delight in freedom. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, you bless us with an abundant world. When your children wander homeless, hungry, and naked, strengthen us to be your presence as we care for all those in need. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Welcoming God, thank you for this congregation where we have found a home. Make us restless as we seek new and creative ways to expand our loving invitation to all people who seek a community. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In every time and in every place, you have raised up examples of loving service. Make us all good and loving witnesses to your extravagant compassion. 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

Let Us Break Bread Together

Senior Choir

DEDICATION OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS AND KITS

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 presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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.

PREFACE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

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.

DISTRIBUTION

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

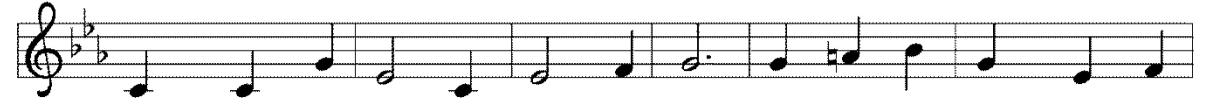
BLESSING

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.**

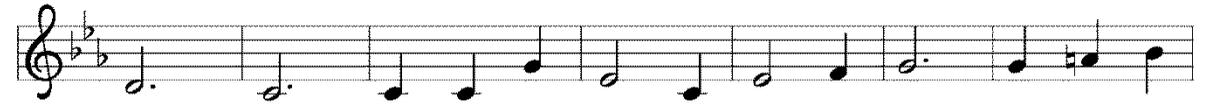
SENDING HYMN

Built On A Rock

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1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Melinda McVey McCluskey
Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Dolly Gregor & Margaret Okland
Acolytes: Alexis Anderson, Alex Beaty

Reader: Ryan Knudtson
Communion Servers: Kathy Chose & Pat Young
Altar Guild for September:
Sharon Casey, Jean Rondeau

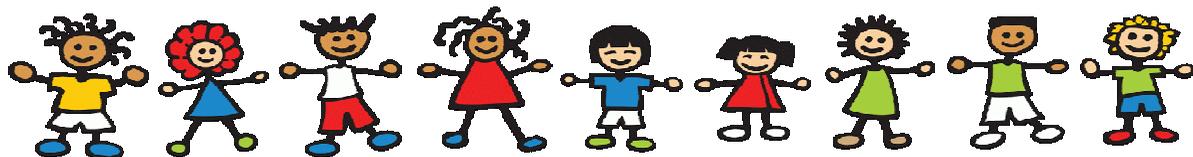
The radio broadcast this morning is in honor of my parents and all those who have walked this journey with me.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOV-FM 107.3. Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2018 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOV (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: Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37



Salem's Clothes Closet will not be open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. for the next few weeks. Contact the school nurse, Joan Krull, with clothes needs. Donations of new socks & underwear are needed. Thank you for your help.



Monday Mornings on Lake Street

There's a pot of coffee and goodies available on Monday mornings in the Lounge at Salem from 8 – 10:00 a.m.

Stop by and visit, have a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate and a goody, visit with friends. Bring a friend! Call the office if you would like to provide goodies some Monday! Free-will donation.

Today is Quilt Sunday!



"There is, indeed, a transforming moment when a Quilt passes from our hands into another's, and they embrace it."
– Kirk Betts, Former Chairman of the LWR Board of Directors, upon distributing LWR Quilts in Niger

Imagine the comfort that comes from a hug at the time when you need it most. That's the feeling you can share with an LWR Quilt. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, you can reach out to people in their time of greatest need with a strong message of hope — you are not alone.

First and foremost, recipients use their LWR Quilts to shield against the cold and rain, and for warm bedding. But their versatility also makes Quilts useful as simple tents, floor coverings, or a wrap to hold a baby on a mother's back.

Church Dashboard for Contributions 9/11/2018

Last Sunday, 9/9/18: \$2,521

Year-to-date as of 9/11/18: \$184,876 – Last year as of 9/11/17: \$195,285

Difference year-to-date: -\$10,409 (or) -5.3%

Attendance: Those worshipping September 1/2: 90 (No 10:30 Service)

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.

GIVE+Text

You can just about feel it in the slightly shorter days... Generosity Season is almost here.

What is Generosity Season? That's what we call the part of the calendar stretching from back-to-school time through Christmas.

As summer ends, so does the summer slump, leading to more generosity from members returning from summer trips and activities. Next, there's fall with its festivals and pumpkin sales, followed by Thanksgiving, a time of reflection and generosity. And, then, of course, comes Christmas, the most generous time of the year.

GivePlus Text maximizes our church's ability to accept generous gifts during this season.

Stop by the church office or visit our website to learn more.

We thank you and all givers for supporting our mission.

SAVE THESE DATES

Faith Formation

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

October 12-13 Middle School Lock-in at UNI
details to come



Senior Choir practices will be held Wednesdays 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 be held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room.
Youth Grades 3-7 are welcome to attend. Contact Kathy Nelson with any questions.



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



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Salad Luncheon

HAS RETURNED!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 • 11AM - 1PM

\$8 • BRING A FRIEND!

Serving sloppy joes and a fabulous selection of delicious salads

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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

9:30 a.m. Creature Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. 1st Day of Faith Formation – Chapel

9:35 a.m. Play & Pray - Lounge

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

7:00 p.m. Youth Board Meeting - Library

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Choir – Choir Room

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #9

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

2:00 p.m. WELCA – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

3:15 p.m. Junior Girl Scouts – Room #8

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Creature Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship–Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel

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

*Salem WELCA Annual Salad Luncheon
and Program*

Thursday, September 20, 2018

Salad Luncheon will be served at 11:30 AM.

*Musical program with Carol & Jan
of Albert Lea will follow at 1:00 p.m.*

Everyone is invited and bring a guest!



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