



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 17, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

***Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sonatina Op. 36, No. 5
Air Suisse & Rondo

Muzio Clementi

BELLS

CALL

When Two or Three Are Gathered

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.

GATHERING HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #522

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



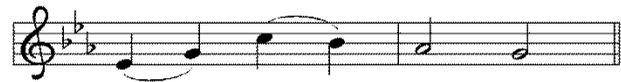
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



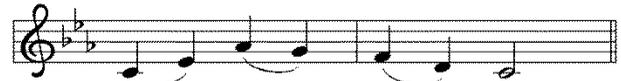
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



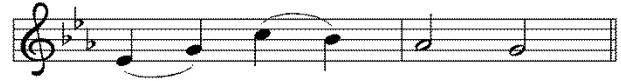
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



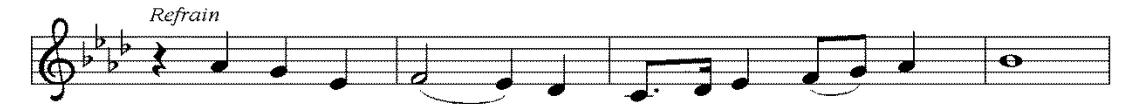
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

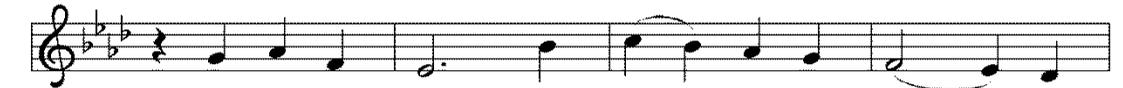
Women sing verse one, men verse two, all join in on verse three and the refrain:



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:



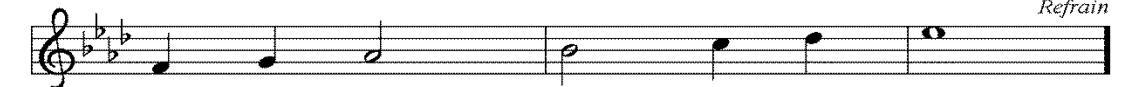
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



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, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

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A reading from Genesis

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Todays psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the Lector* Psalm 103:8-13

LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.

You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O LORD.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

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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 18:21-35

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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

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

ELW #605

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's 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 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 gift 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.

MEAL

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Senior Choir

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

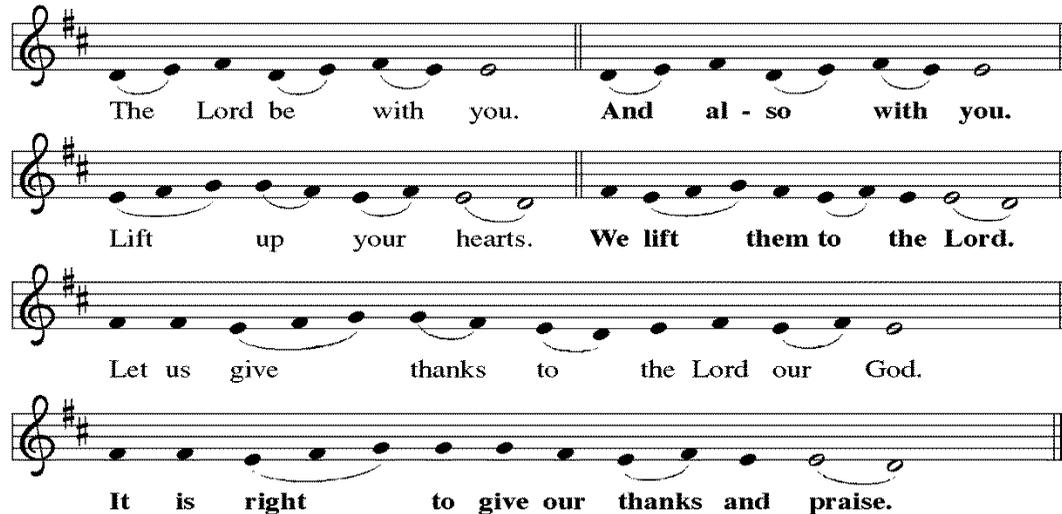


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al-so 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.

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

DISTRIBUTION

We practice eucharistic hospitality, meaning all are welcome to receive communion as we believe this is truly our Lord's Table and he offers his very self in this meal we share. White grape juice and gluten free wafers are available for those who request. Those who are not communing with us are invited to come for a blessing



COMMUNION HYMN



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW #534

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

<p>Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey Organist: Ruth Sheldon Reader: Ryan Knudtson</p>	<p>Ushers: Jeff & Erin Pederson Family September Altar Guild: Shelley Hagenson, Sharon Johnson, Pat Young</p>
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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 Gene and John Abbey, from the family.

<p>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. Date available: October. 29.</p>

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.

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 Church Confirmation Classes For 7th and 8th grade students begins Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Salem Fellowship Hall



**One in Christ invites Salem members to a
One In Christ Lutheran Parish ADULT FELLOWSHIP EVENT**

LOONY LUTHERANS IN: "HOLD THE LUTIFISK"

**Sunday, November 5th - Motor Coach Bus loads: 11:30 am at Silver Lake Lutheran Church - Total
Cost: \$68.00**

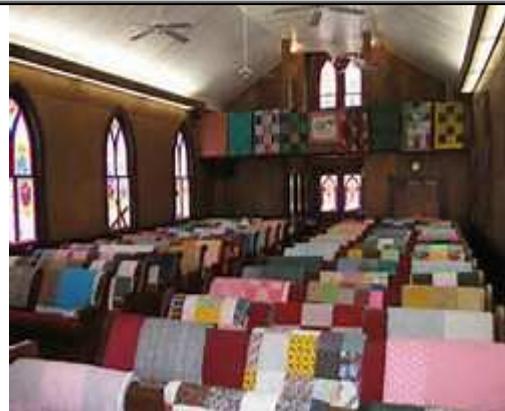
Show time: 2:00 pm @ Plymouth Play House. Sack Lunch for the Bus ride up is provided. Will stop eat at Old Country Buffet on way back.

Contact: Kathy Kreuzscher

Cell phone: 641-590-1180 or Email: kathykreuscher@gmail.com

Mailing address: 1415 Canary Drive, Albert Lea, MN 56007

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.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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 (4 years old – 6th grade) - Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – South Lawn

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Room #4

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Sanctuary; New Life Nutrition – Room #4

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

11:30 a.m. WELCA Guest Day – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:00 p.m. Adams/Gonzalez Rehearsal – Sanctuary

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

4:00 p.m. Adams/Gonzalez Wedding - Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Casual Service – Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 a.m. Traditional 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 Worship – Sanctuary

The Mission Quilters will meet again this month on Monday, September 25 at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Readings for next Sunday: Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, Phillipian 1:1-21-30, Matthew 20:1-16

Those worshipping September 9/10:211 Giving: \$3921.50