



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

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PRELUDE

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BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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, ☩ one God,
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,
we come to you with repentant hearts.
Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.
Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.
Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.
Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.
Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,
and strengthen us to serve you
in all that we do and say;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in ☩ Christ Jesus,
who gave himself up for us all,
your sins are forgiven and you are made free.
Rejoice with the angels and with one another!
We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.
Amen.

Let Justice Flow like Streams



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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GREETING

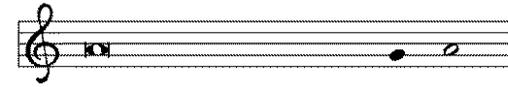
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

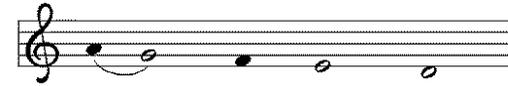
Blessing of the Quilts



KYRIE



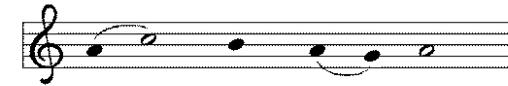
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



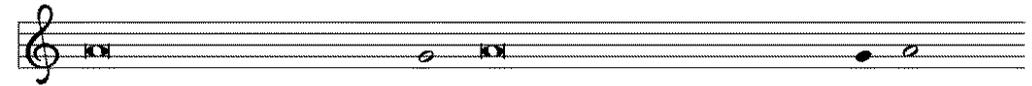
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



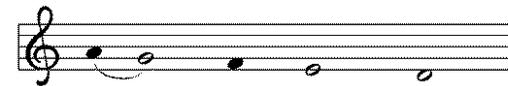
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister

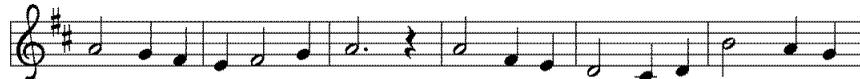


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

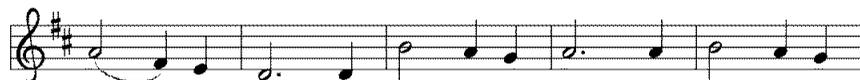


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING A reading from Amos 8:4-7

Page 954 in the Bible

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name | of the Lord.

²**Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

⁴**The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

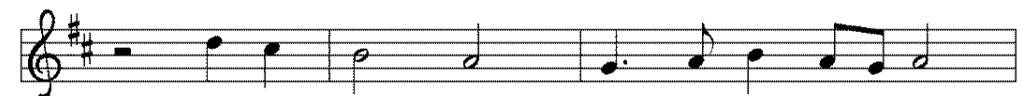
SECOND READING A reading from 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Luke 16. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

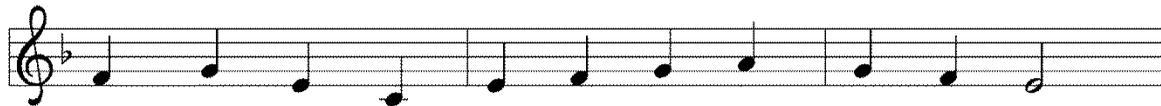
HYMN OF THE DAY

All Depends on Our Possessing

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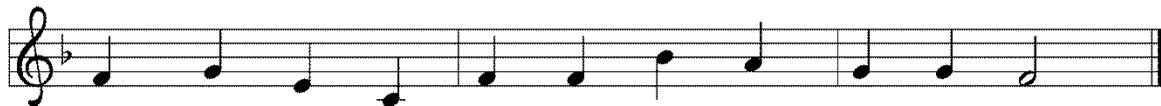
1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
 2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y
 3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -
 4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.
 new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.
 hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.
 soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are
 God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly
 To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing
 I shall doubt your wis - dom nev - er; as you will, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
 I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to you my way.
 way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in your grace.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please respond at the end of each petition:

Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Please respond at the end of each petition: Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

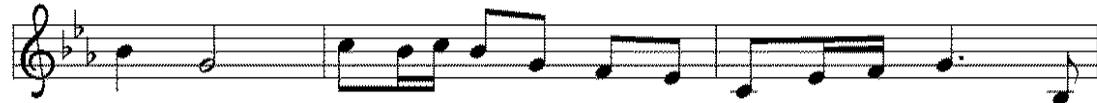
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MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG



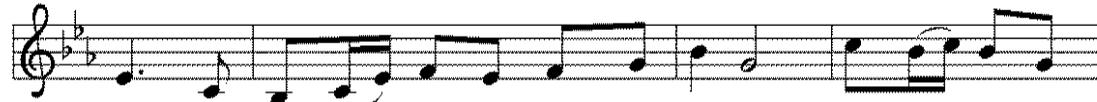
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



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

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

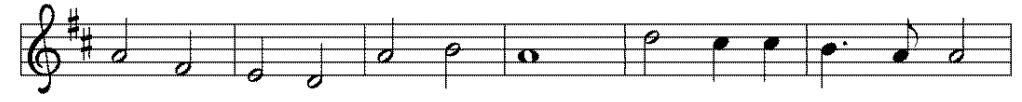
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

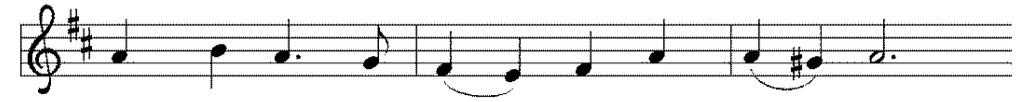
Preface

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



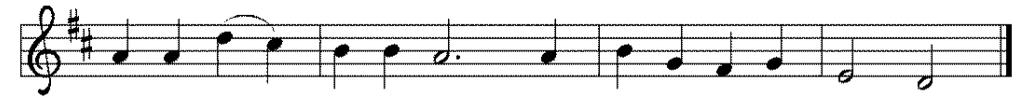
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

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:

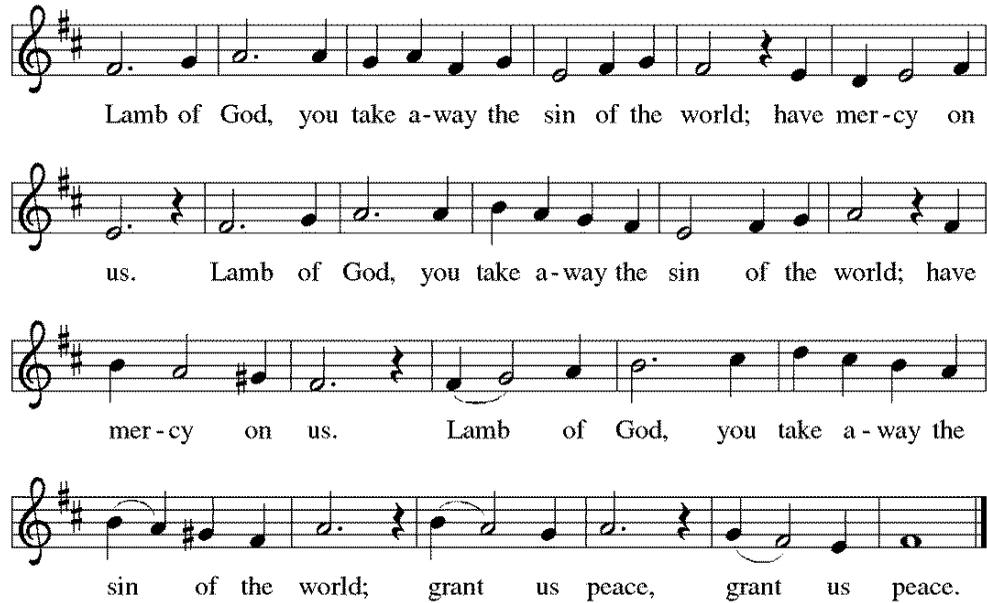
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Take hold of the life that really is life.
Come, take your place at the table.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



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.

DISTRIBUTION

Our invitation to communion is to all who have communed here or in other churches. As this is the Lord's Table. It is Jesus who invites all who desire, to come receive this gift of our Lord's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Children and others not prepared to receive communion are invited to come for a blessing. Ushers will direct you to the communion servers. White grape juice is provided in the center cups, gluten free wafers are provided upon request.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers in their homes. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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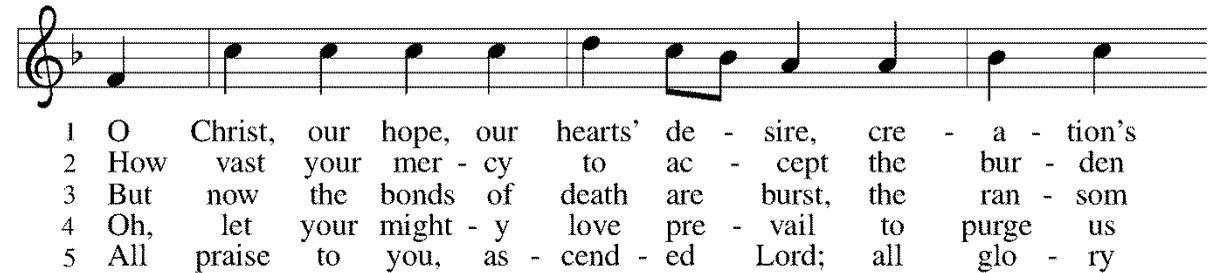
BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.
The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

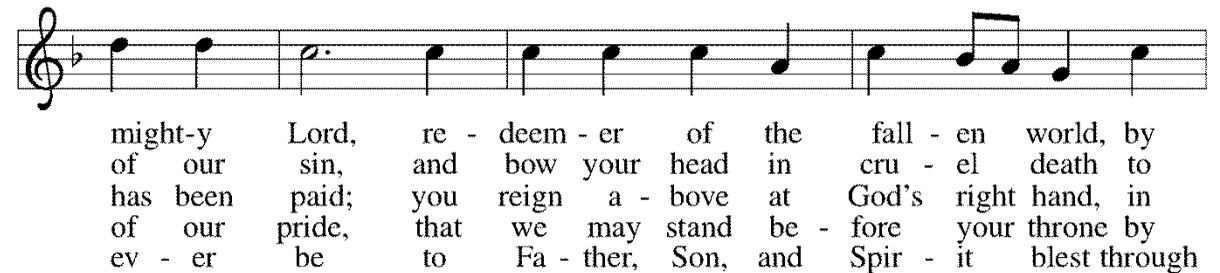
SENDING SONG

O Christ, Our Hope

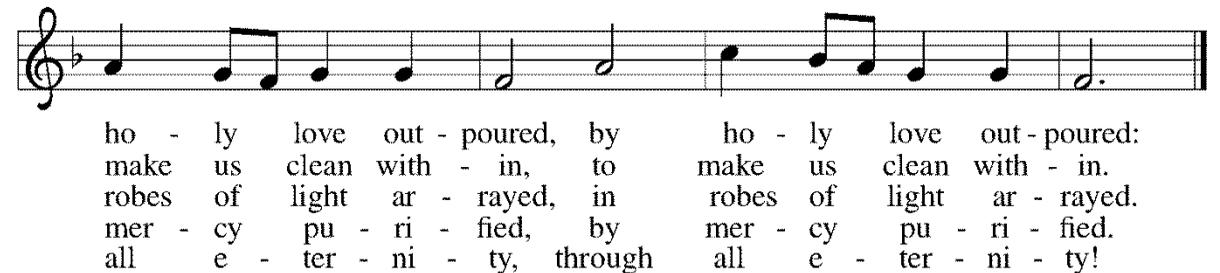
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1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Karen Twedt's birthday, September 26th, from the family.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Milford Helgeson from his family.

Today is Quilt Sunday

Quilts provide warmth in the form of bedding, shelter in the form of a roof, privacy in the form of a door to thousands of refugees in around the world.

Our next LWR shipment will soon be sent, so please have kit items in as soon as possible.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 2, 2016

The purpose of this meeting is to vote for the call of Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey as Associate Pastor (2/3 time) at Salem Lutheran Church.

AGENDA

Call to Order
Confirmation of a Quorum
Vote to extend a call to Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey as Associate Pastor at Salem Church
Vote on the compensation package for the associate pastor position
Adjournment

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3 and can be heard on WCTA Cable Channel 2. Dec. 25th available.

We 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 in 2016.**

The Board of Ed is looking for volunteers to help with Faith Formation on Sunday mornings, from 9:45-10:30. All instructions and supplies will be provided! Please contact the office or any Board of Ed or Board of Youth member if you would be willing to help!

**Middle School Lock-In
for Middle School and Junior High from the Northeastern Iowa Synod.**

October 14-15

UNI Wellness Center, Cedar Falls, IA

The event includes worship, recreation, food, and lots of fun and fellowship!
This year's focus is on loving your neighbor and how we serve those around us. Bring a non-perishable food item to support the UNI student food pantry!

Please register by September 30th.

Staying Strong is giving us the challenge of "Staying Strong" through participation in September appeal to raise an additional \$20,000 above and beyond our regular weekly giving. To participate in the "Staying Strong Appeal" you can give a onetime amount anytime this month with a separate envelope or check, with "Staying Strong Appeal" written on the memo line or envelope back; or add to your giving anytime weekly in the month of September as our goal of \$20,000 is reached. It's also possible to give to the appeal by giving online on our website. Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in the ministry of Salem Lutheran. Starting Strong! Staying Strong! We celebrate the plans God has for us in the future, as we share the gospel and legacy all our church has to offer!



Salem offers a safe and easy way to give online. Scan this QR code to go to the website. There you can click the ***Donate Now*** button to make your gift. You decided the amount. You will need either a credit or debit card to complete the transaction. Thank you for your support of ministry at Salem!



**Senior High Service Trip
Information Meeting**
2:00 pm - Sunday, September 25th
At Winnebago Lutheran
Snacks will be served.

Come and learn about “service trips”
and find out the date & location for the service trip for the summer of 2017.
We need Adult Chaperones to learn the ropes as this will be Sandy’s last trip.

**Sign-Up Begins for the
2017 High School Service Trip**

At the conclusion of the Information Meeting you can begin to sign-up for the 2017 Service Trip.

Signing-up includes completing a registration form with a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00.

Contact the Parish Office any time to sign-up.
Registration **deadline** (with deposit)
is Sunday, October 16th.

PRAYER

changes things

The family and friends of Milford Helgeson & Addie Rolands

Prayer Families: Jim Bergo, Krista Bergo Family, Stacy Anderson Family, Timothy Bergo, Carolyn Bethke, Allison Bezanson

Next Week’s Lessons: Amos 6:1a, 4--7, Psalm 146, 1Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

Those worshipping Sept. 7/11: 173 Giving: Not available

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Chapel; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship - Chapel

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

2:00 – 5:00 Food Shelf Open
7:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:30 p.m. Education Board - Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. 6th/7th Grade Acolyte Training
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Meal
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Closing Devotions – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4
7:00 p.m. St. Patrick’s Youth Group – Room #9

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

5:30 p.m. LMHS Football Team-Builders – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Andrea Rodberg Baby Shower – Lounge
11:30 – 2:00 p.m. PEO Program Backup Site – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Chapel; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship – Chapel
2:00 p.m. Youth Service Trip Informational Meeting – Winnebago Church

Gifted to Care – Spiritual gifts are gifts to give away. God gives them to us and we use them to serve others. How are you using your gifts right now? Are you looking for a new way to use them? If your spiritual gifts include one or more of the following – faith, mercy, teaching the faith, encouragement, or knowing – consider Stephen Ministry, a one-to-one care giving ministry. This may be just what you’ve been looking for! Pastor Randy is looking to start a new training class. If you are interested, please contact him at 641-590-0727, Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry of One in Christ, Our Savior’s and Salem.