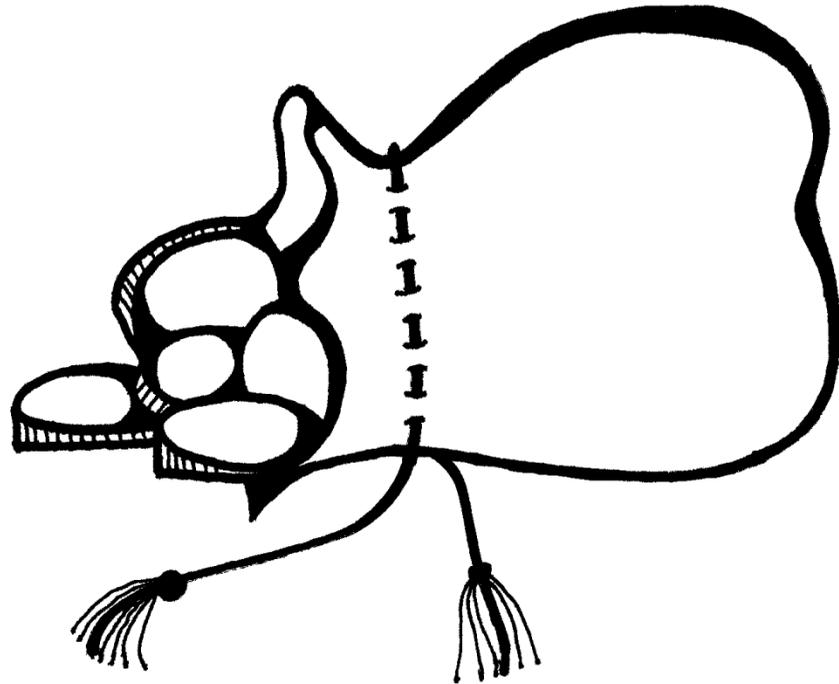




**Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450**

**Welcome to the House of the Lord**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 22, 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**

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.

**PRELUDE**

**BELLS**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Distribution of Consecration Cards**

**Dan Rice**

**GATHERING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Psalm 79, Jeremiah 8, Luke 16)

O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

**We come in celebration and song.**

We come in gratitude of your inheritance.

**We come as those who have received blessing upon blessing.**

We hear the cry of the poor in the land, and ache to offer them relief.

**We come to bring them blessing upon blessing, in Jesus’ name.**

O God, we come into your courts with praise and thanksgiving!

**We come in celebration and song.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

***Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak***

**ELW#676**

**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.**

## KYRIE



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!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 8:18--9:1

<sup>18</sup>My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. <sup>19</sup>Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?") <sup>20</sup>"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." <sup>21</sup>For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. <sup>22</sup>Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? <sup>9:1</sup>O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

Psalm 79:1-9

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

- <sup>1</sup>O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- <sup>2</sup>**They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**
- <sup>3</sup>They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.
- <sup>4</sup>**We have become a reproach to our neighbors, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**
- <sup>5</sup>How long will you be angry, O LORD? Will your fury blaze like fire forever?
- <sup>6</sup>**Pour out your wrath upon the nations who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.**
- <sup>7</sup>For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.
- <sup>8</sup>**Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low.**
- <sup>9</sup>Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

## SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

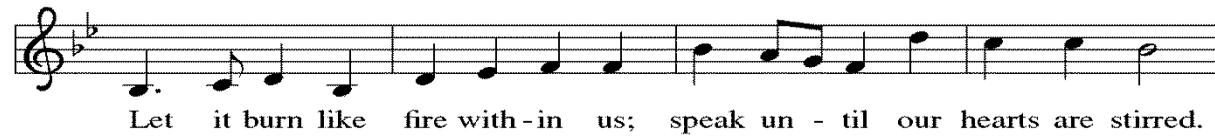
<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to stand for the reading of the gospel.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

SERMON SONG

*Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW #685

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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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*We will remain seated for the confession and prayers*

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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

Response 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.

*A brief silence.*

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

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### DEDICATION OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS AND KITS

LEADER: Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many Gifts — a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the Quilts we have made, to you.

**PEOPLE: We dedicate these Quilts and Kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each Quilt or Kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items — making each piece we have created an expression of love. There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use something as small as a Quilt, a Baby Care Kit, a School Kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.**

LEADER: Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

*Litany written by Shirley Splittgerber of Omaha, Nebraska, for the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization's LWR Workday*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Lord, we got up this morning, ate our breakfast, got dressed, and came to church—all to give you praise and thanksgiving. May these gifts be a blessing for those who had no bed this morning from which to arise; for those who had no breakfast and are hungry this day; for those who have no new clothes; for those who long to worship you but cannot. Take these gifts and use them as you will, O God. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.**

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## SENDING

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## BLESSING

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ✝ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. Amen.

## SENDING SONG

*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

ELW #717

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

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<b>Reader:</b> Wayne VanVeldhuizen
<b>Altar Guild for September:</b> Sharon Casey, Jean Rondeau

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Ernie Langerud and Mike Langerud from Sue, Mindy and family.

**Quilt and School Kit Sunday – September 22, 2019**

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

**THEATER AND THEOLOGY: A LOOK AT CHANGING VIEWS OF MARRIAGE AND THEOLOGY**

We will be previewing the movie, Sweet Land, A Love Story on Friday, September 27 in Salem’s Chapel at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. See the September Outreach for more info.

**The 4th Sundays of each month the council Blue Sheet will be inserted in the bulletins.**

At the 9:30 a.m. coffee fellowship time in the fellowship hall that day, discussion will be held on the Blue Sheet information and a topic selected by Pastors.

**Stretch your hearts and hands to help people in need.**

Today and every day, Lutheran World Relief Quilts and Kits of Care give families around the world some of life’s essentials, as well as a reminder that they are not alone. From chronic poverty and conflict to drought and typhoon, the intensity of humanitarian needs continues to increase. Your quilts and kits are urgently needed!

Anyone can work on a quilt or kit project. It strengthens fellowship within your congregation, serves as a faith witness to your community and brings you closer to your global neighbors. The gifts you give through these projects are an immeasurable blessing to families around the world. Help families in need around the world by making:



School Kits



Baby Care Kits



Personal Care Kits



Mission Quilts

**Church Dashboard for Contributions 09/17/2019**  
**LAST SUNDAY, 09/15/19: \$2,685**  
**Year-to-date as of 09/17/19: \$186,614**  
**Last year as of 09/17/18: \$189,522**  
**DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: -\$2,908**  
**Attendance: Those worshipping September 14/15: 195**  
**Noisy Offering to Date: \$491.08**

**Upcoming Faith Formation Events...**

**SEPTEMBER**  
22 Bible Class for 3rd Graders and Parents at 9:35am  
29 Bible Class for 3rd Graders and Parents at 9:35am

**OCTOBER**  
6 No Faith Formation – 1 Service at 9:30 am  
13 4 year old – 2nd grade SING at 10:30 service and Pray & Play  
Bible Class for 3rd Graders and Parents at 9:35am  
20 Bible Class for 3rd Graders and Parents at 9:35am  
27 3rd Graders receive Bibles at 10:30 service/Fall Family Festival

**NOVEMBER**  
3 4 year old -2nd grade SING at 10:30 service Play and Pray

**DECEMBER**  
1 No Faith Formation – Thanksgiving Break  
4 Christmas Program practice at 2:30pm  
8 Christmas Program at 10:30 service  
22 No Faith Formation – Christmas Break  
29 No Faith Formation – Christmas Break

**LAKE MILLS, IOWA**  
**FALL CARNIVAL**

**Tuesday, September 24**  
**Oakwood Park | 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!

**THANK YOU!**  
Sponsored by Lake Mills Parks and Rec, Lake Mills Public Library, area churches, MBT Bank, Farmers Trust and Savings Bank, Citizens Community Credit Union, Three Oaks Green House, Lake Mills Care Center and the Lake Mills Chamber Development Corporation.

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear...



but of power, love, and self discipline.”  
2 Timothy 1:7

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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service - Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation; 3rd Grade Bible Class;  
Coffee Fellowship/Blue Sheet & Topic Discussion – Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Youth Board – Library

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Room #7; Mission Quilters Canceled for this week  
2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

1:00 p.m. Staff  
3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2  
7:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry - Lounge

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion  
2:30 a.m. Lake Mills Care Center Communion  
5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Good Samaritan – Library  
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee – Room #8

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Board – Library

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10:00 a.m. Movie *Sweet Land* – A Love Story - Chapel  
3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2  
7:00 p.m. Movie *Sweet Land* – A Love Story - Chapel

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:30 p.m. Casual Service – Lounge

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 a.m. Traditional Service - Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation; 3rd Grade Bible Class;  
Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary  
3:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

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