



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

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



INTRODUCTION

Someone is casting out demons in Jesus' name who isn't part of Jesus' own circle, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE	<i>Concertato</i>	Henry Purcell
BELL		
CALL TO WORSHIP	<i>We Shall Walk Through the Valley</i>	Senior Choir
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<i>The assembly is invited to remain seated</i>	
GATHERING HYMN	<i>Spirit of Gentleness</i>	ELW #396

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing;
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain
"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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.

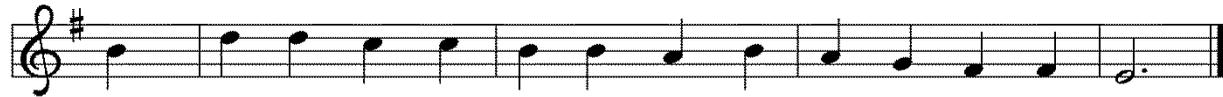
God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

KYRIE



- 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.



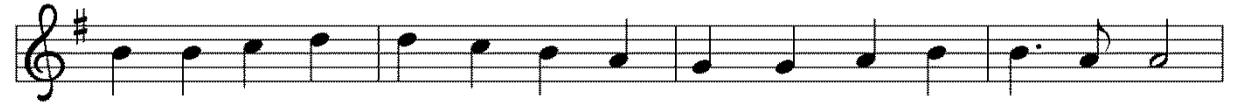
We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GREETING

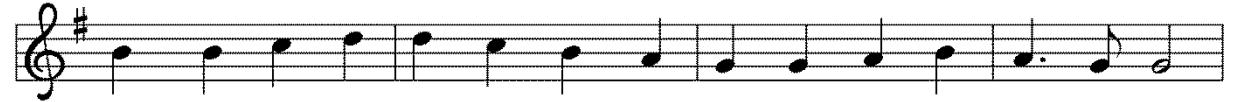
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

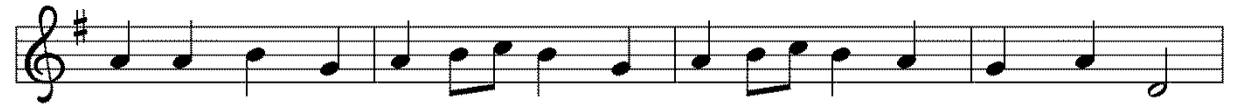
HYMN OF PRAISE



- 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.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery." ¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 19:7-14

Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the women

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.

¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Word of God, Word of Life.

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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 9:38-50

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

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

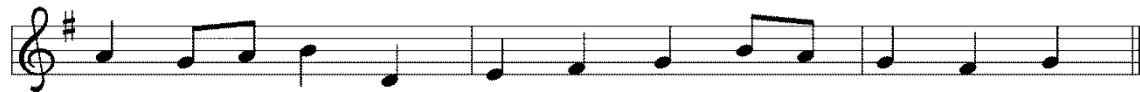
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1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 gather together people of faith in every time and every place to be the risen body of Christ in the world. Enliven the church to nourish its members, to love the earth, and to serve its neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Creative God, you weave together the fabric of the universe. Forests and fields bear the banner of your abundance. Give us wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of our resources. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sovereign God, you bless people with intelligence and compassion. Inspire citizens to raise up good leaders who seek peace and reconciliation among nations and who long to repair the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, you house the homeless, free the captive, and heal the sick. Make our hands your hands in service to strangers and friends. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Welcoming God, you have given us to each other in this congregation. Make us glad to receive those you send to us and ready to receive their unique gifts and perspectives. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In every time and place you raise up witnesses who testify to your love and tender mercy. We remember with thanksgiving all who made your word known in the world. 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.

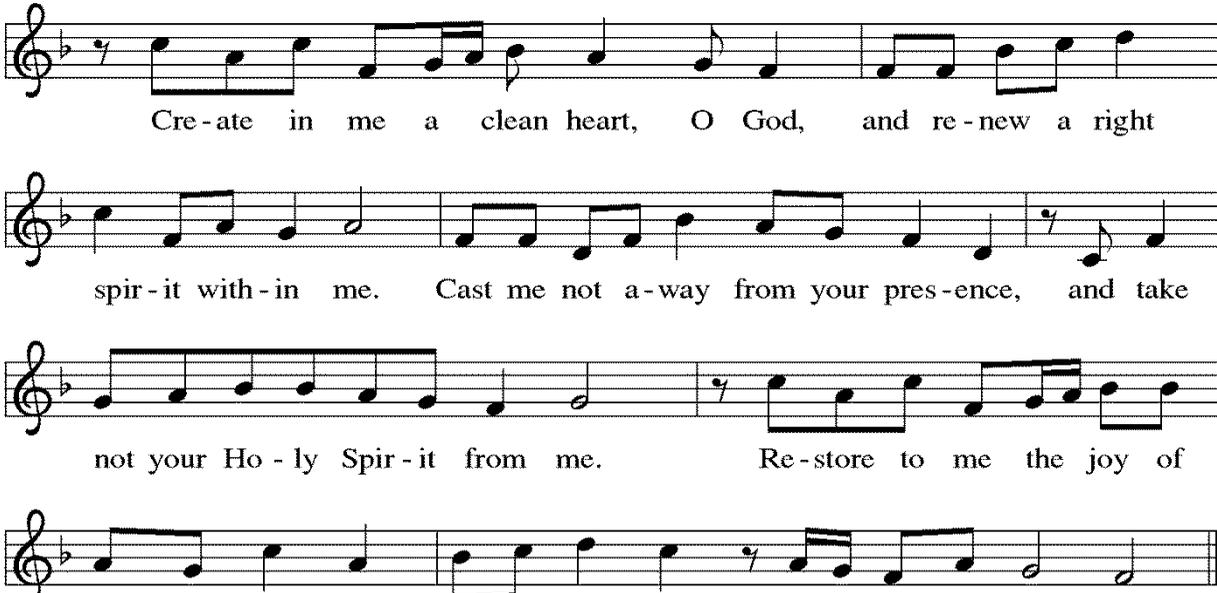
OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Speak to Me, My Lord

Senior Choir

OFFERING HYMN



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

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.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;

Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;

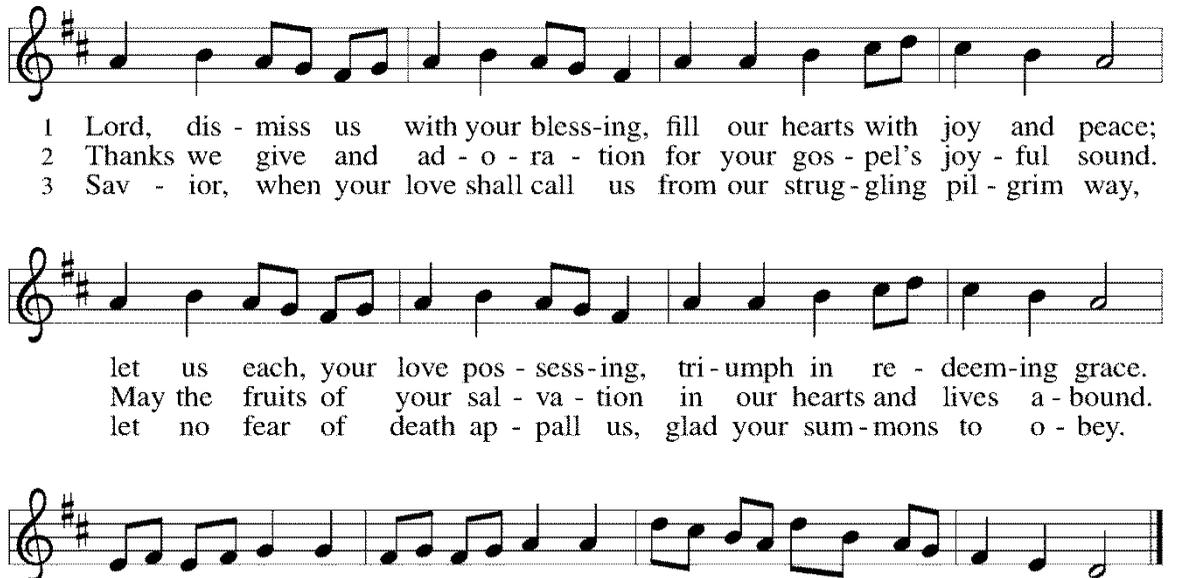
Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,
let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.
Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

BENEDICTION

7 Fold Amen

Senior Choir

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Assisting: Melinda McVey McCluskey
Ushers: Dolly Gregor & Margaret Okland
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Acolytes: Becca Holtan, Kyla Johanson, Maddie Paton

Choir Director: Kathleen Nelson
Reader: Elijah Stene
Altar Guild for September:
Sharon Casey, Jean Rondeau

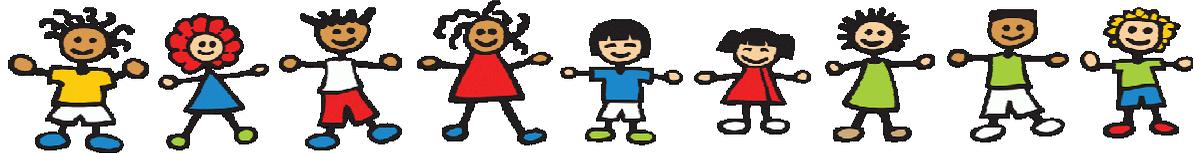
The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Vernell Kvale's birthday, September 30th, from Violet and family.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KLOW-FM 107.3.

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2018 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KLOW (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.

Readings for next week: Genesis 2:18-21, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16



Salem's Clothes Closet is open Mondays from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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.

SAVE THESE DATES

Faith Formation

September 30 - 3rd Grade Bibles Classes begin and will meet Oct 7, 14, and 21
October 28 – Reformation Sunday, 3rd grade Bibles

Come Join Us! Fall Family Festival, Sunday, Oct 28th from 4 to 6pm.

Everyone welcome...big and small. There will be a hayride, bonfire, pumpkin painting, Trunk or Treat, costumes, bingo & other games, food & snacks, and more!

If you are interested in donating, we are in need of pumpkins/gourds, decorated vehicle trunks, and soup donations. Please contact Jennifer Sauer with any questions...641.903.1847.

November Family Event... Cosmic Bowling! Sunday, Nov. 18th from 2 to 4pm at SuperBowl in Forest City. We would love for you to join us in some family fun. If you have interest, please let us know on the new Family Bulletin Board [coming soon...outside Pastor's office] so we can give the bowling alley an estimate on how many lanes to reserve.



Senior Choir practice 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 rehearsals 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.

Church Dashboard for Contributions 9/24/2018

Last Sunday, 9/23/18: \$3,319

Year-to-date as of 9/24/18: \$192,481 - Last year as of 9/24/17: \$204,676

Difference year-to-date: -\$12,195 (or) -6.0%

Attendance: Those worshipping September 22/23: 177

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.

Please keep in prayer the family and friends of Carmen Rusley. Services for Carmen were held Saturday at Salem.

Also keep in prayer the family and friends of Dale Otto. A memorial service will be held today at St. John's Episcopal Church in Center, Texas.

HIKING THE APPLACHIAN TRAIL



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

2:00 P.M.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
Scarville, IA**

Free Will Offering

Refreshments following presentation

At age 70, Dave Readinger completed the 2,174 mile Appalachian Trail.
He and his wife, Mary Ellis, now live near Forest City, Iowa.

W.E.L.C.A. Church Bazaar

Saturday, October 6, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- ♦ *baked goods / ethnic (lefse)*
- ♦ *basket / quilt donations*
- ♦ *breakfast*
- ♦ *crafts*
- ♦ *garden goodies*
- ♦ *mugs*
- ♦ *cookbooks*

*mmm,
Lefse!*



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
428 W. Walnut Street
Manly, IA

Annual Fall Harvest Soup/Salad Luncheon
Sunday, October 7 – 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Manly IA

All you can eat!

All Homemade Soups, Scrumptious Salads and Mouthwatering Pies!

Bake Sale!!! Door Prize: \$50

Adults \$8 Children 5-10: \$4 Pre-school Free

We are happy to say we are now HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE!

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

4:00PM TO 6:00PM

TRUNK OR TREAT

COSTUMES

PUMPKIN PAINTING

GAMES & HAYRIDES

EVERYONE WELCOME!

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH



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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Trinity Lutheran Church Mason City, Iowa **Scandinavian Bazaar**

Thursday, November 1, 2018

8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m.

New Location this Year
(due to church renovations)

Columbia Club

(former Knights of Columbus Hall)
551 South Taft Avenue, Mason City, Iowa



Come visit our . . .

Scandinavian Coffee Shop

Featuring Norwegian sandwiches, lefse, pastries, rolls, pies and more - Open 8 a.m. till 10:30 a.m.

Luncheon serving from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*Menu: Scandinavian Meatball Dinner with pie
\$8.00 Take-Out available*

Shop our . . .

Scandinavian Boutique

Featuring unique holiday and everyday gift items

Gift Gallery *Beautifully handcrafted one of a kind items*

Candy and Bake Shop

Norwegian pastries, candies, breads, bars and more

Lefse Shop *early - sells out fast*

Bazaar proceeds support various community and church charities



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

9:30 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; 3rd Grade Bible Class
Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle - Library

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle – Library; Grace Circle – Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle - Library

5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board - Lounge

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

9:35 a.m. Faith Formation – Chapel; 3rd Grade Bible; Class Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
Play & Pray - Lounge

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary (4 years old – 2nd Grade Sings)

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