



Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450
Welcome to the House of the Lord
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sinfonia to Cantata 106

J.S. Bach

BELLS

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

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

ELW #531

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.

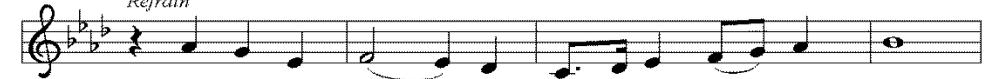


A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

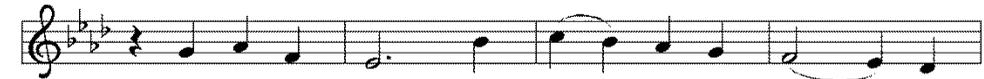
Refrain



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:



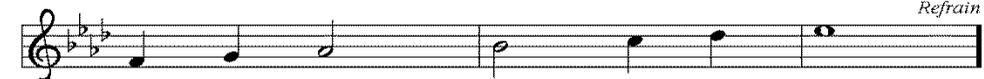
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



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

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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A reading from Ezekiel

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Be Still and Know

Senior Choir

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

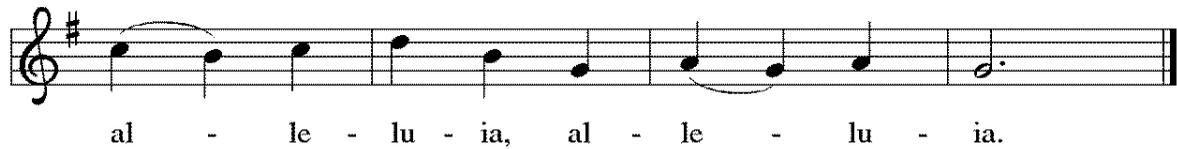
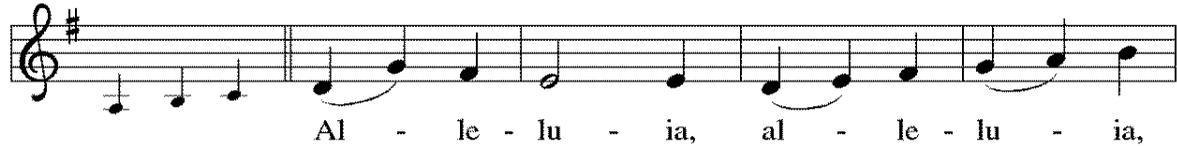
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A reading from Philippians

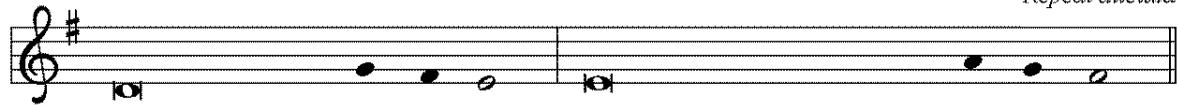
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32

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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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

ELW #517

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: Hear us O God, *your mercy is great.*

A brief silence.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts 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

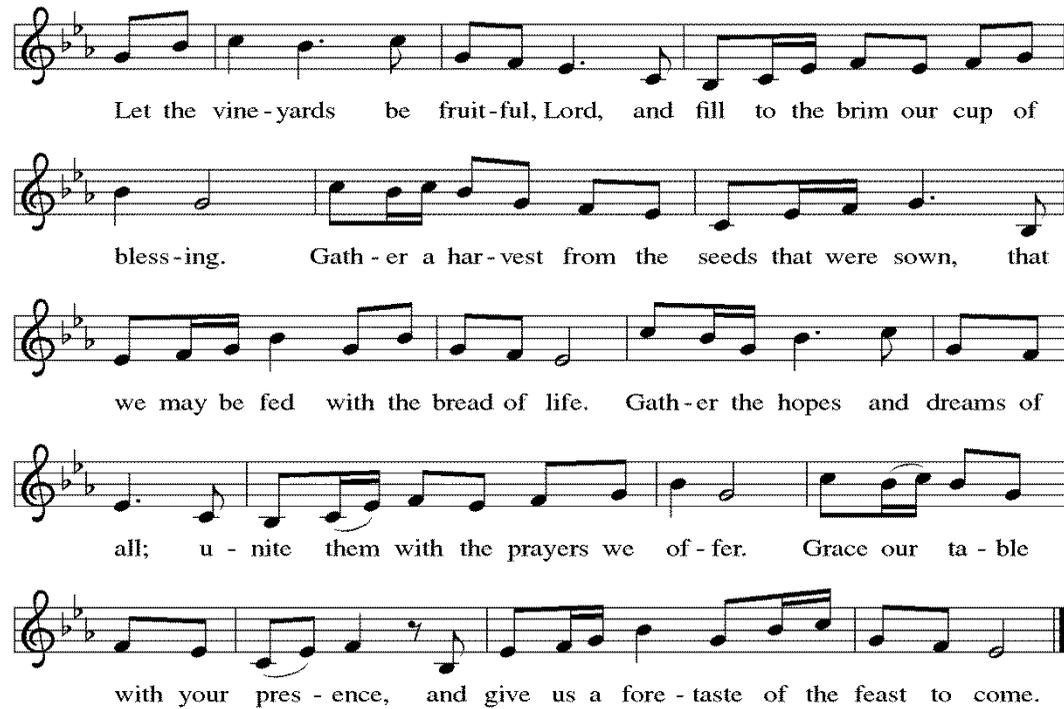
Bread of the World

Senior Choir



OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

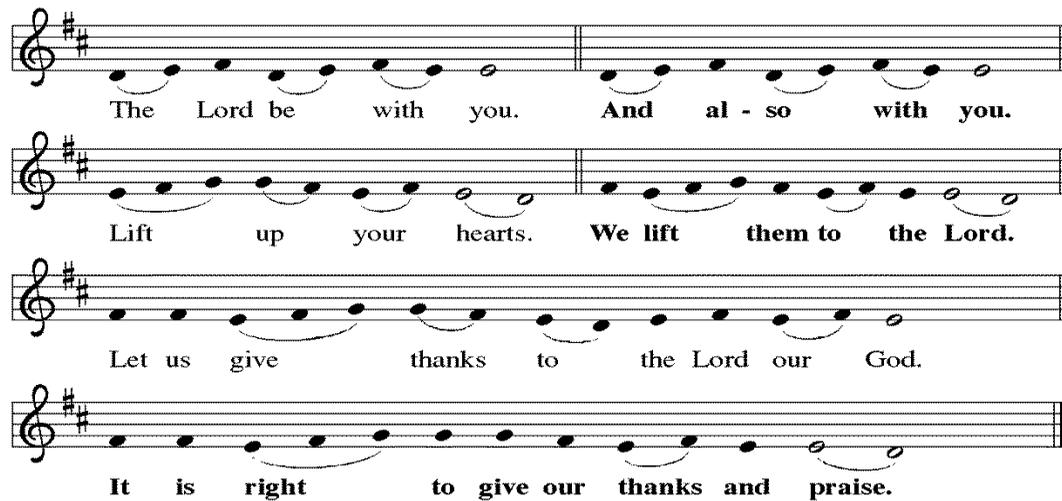


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us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

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Lyle & Orloue Thomson

Reader: Willie Skellenger
Communion Servers: Keith & Joanne Helland
October Altar Guild:
Joan Kloster, Phyllis Moen, Janet Swenson

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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 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 2017 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. Call the office to reserve your dates. Cost for 2017 is \$83.

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.



Loren Stene has a display of his Intarsia artwork in the fellowship hall this morning between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. This will be very interesting for all. Don't miss it!

Photo: Lake Mills Graphic

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.

It is not too late to join us for Faith Formation: 4 year olds - 6th graders are all welcome Sundays at 9:45 in the chapel.



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.



Celebrating Together
500 Year Anniversary of Reformation
With Neighboring Lutheran Churches

Reformation Hymn Fest

Saturday, October 7th at 5:30 p.m. in Salem's sanctuary

**Reformation Tour of Sites & the Land by Bill & Linda Tweeten
and Rev. Steve Smith**

Sunday, October 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary

"Luther" Movie

Saturday, October 28th at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 29th at 12:30 p.m.

Showing at The Mills Theater in Lake Mills

Joint Reformation Worship and Fellowship Meal

Sunday, November 5th at 10:00 a.m. at Salem Lutheran Church.

This will be a joint worship celebrating the Reformation Anniversary

All offerings will go to local and national benevolences.

The meal will be catered with costs covered by a free will offering.



Salem Lutheran Church Confirmation Class For 7th and 8th grade students
is held each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Salem Fellowship Hall.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

Those worshipping September 23/24:186 Giving: \$3346

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Intarsia Art Display & Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall; Creature Praise Choir – Choir Room

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle - Library

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Board - Library

7:00 Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30 a.m. Rhoda/Elizabeth Circles – Library; Grace Circle – Fellowship Hall; Sarah Circle – Carole Hagen

2:00 p.m. Marth Circle - Library

5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board – Library

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Middle School 5th Quarter following the High School Football Game – Salem

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:30 p.m. Reformation Hymn Fest With Neighboring Lutheran Churches - Sanctuary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

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 Worship - 4 year old – 2nd Graders Sing – Sanctuary

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