



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

A little faith goes a long way is our Lord's point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in water and the word (holy baptism), bread and wine (holy communion), the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

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

PRELUDE

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.

GATHERING SONG

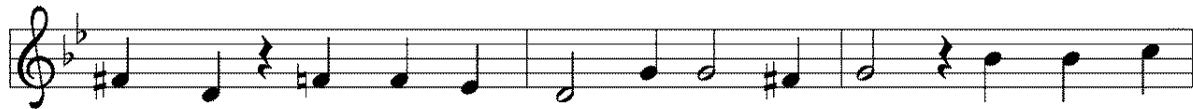
If you But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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

Majestic

video projection

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
The heavens declare your greatness. The oceans cry out to you.
The mountains, they bow down before you.
So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to you. **(Repeat)**

O I will worship you. I will worship you. We will worship you. We will worship you.
The heavens declare your greatness. The oceans cry out to you.
The mountains, they bow down before you.
So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to you.
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Children's Time

Entering Faith Formation Classes and Picture Bible Blessing

Pastor: As part of the Faith Stepping Stones program at Salem we welcome our three-year-olds into the Faith Formation classes at Salem by presenting a picture Bible. Would the following children and their families come forward to the altar.

Christian Delzer, Kellen Flo, Kalen Hanson, Kenley Helgeson, Griffin McCord

Pastor: These parents and our three-year-olds are beginning an important and beautiful journey of faith with this Faith Step by entering faith formation classes. Let's welcome these young students to.

Congregation: We welcome you to your first day of Sunday school. May the Lord bless you with the sweet joy of learning about God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with other children and adults.

Pastor: As each child's name is read, a parent or other caregiver will give the child her or his copy of a Storybook Bible. A theme of this milestone is keeping promises. As each child receives a storybook Bible, he or she will say to the one giving the book, "Thank you for keeping your promise".

Child: Thank you for keeping your promise.

Pastor: (After all the children have received their storybook Bibles, the children and adults walk to the baptismal font.) Together let us walk to the baptismal font. Adults, with a wet

finger make the sign of the cross on the child's forehead, and say the child's name and the words "You are a loved child of God."

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Dear God, we ask you to bless these children, their families and friends, with the joy of learning about your love for them all and your will for their lives. In the name of Jesus Christ. **Congregation:** Amen.

Third Grade Bible Blessing Service

Pastor: As part of the Faith Stepping Stones program here at Salem, our third grade Faith Formation students are receiving Bibles during our worship this morning. Would the following children and their parents come forward:

Abby Beaty, Jersey Budach, Landyn Christian, Samuel Grothe, Ava Menke, Gracie Pederson, Zachary Stene, Dakota White

Pastor: Parents, today is a Faith Stepping Stone for you and your child. As you give your child a Bible, you will be fulfilling one of the promises you made at the time of his or her baptism: "to place in their hands the Holy Scripture." We encourage you to continue to fulfill your baptismal promises so that your child may lead a Godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Through the words of the writer of Psalm 119, God reminds us that His holy word can be a guide and a friend to us as we live our lives each day. The Psalmist writes: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Children, we encourage you to let your Bibles be such a guiding light for you as you read and study them.

Pastor reads students' names and hands the Bibles to parents.

In turn, each parent reads the blessing printed on the front of the Bible and then hands the Bible to their child.

PARENTAL BLESSING

"These words, printed on the front of the Bible, are to be spoken to your child just before you hand the Bible to him/her.

**(Child's name),
may you read your Bible with happiness,
may God's word take root in your heart,
and may you be blessed with new life in Jesus' name.**

Pastor: The Gospel of John reminds us, "This word is written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, you speak to us through the Holy Scriptures. Grant that we all may hear, read, respect, learn and make your word our own. Through your Holy Spirit, may these children and their families be blessed in their study of scripture. AMEN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Page 974 in the Bible

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 37:1-9

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord. (Ps. 37:5)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

⁶The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Page 228 in the Bible

This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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.

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

Page 82 in the Bible

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

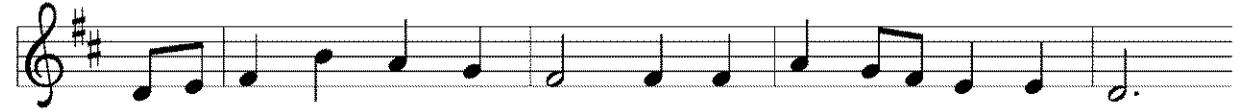
The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

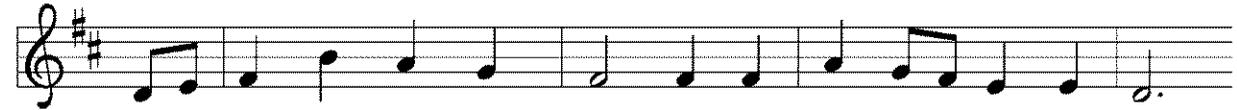
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

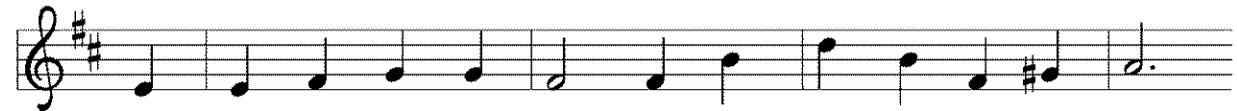
HYMN OF THE DAY



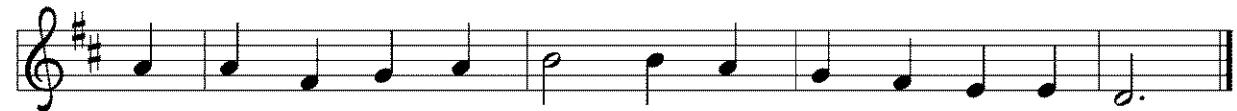
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Nicene

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: Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Creature Praise

Creature Praise Choir

OFFERING SONG

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful



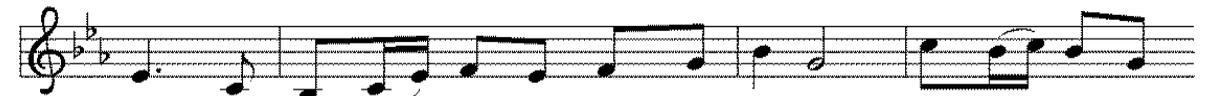
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



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

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.

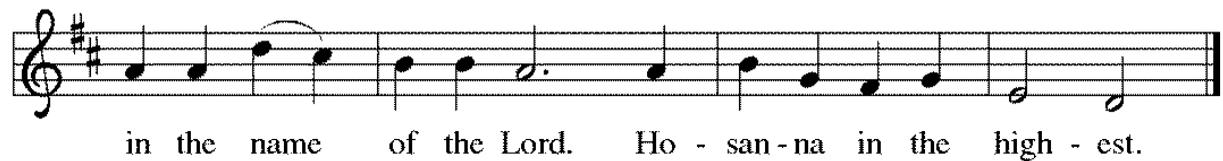
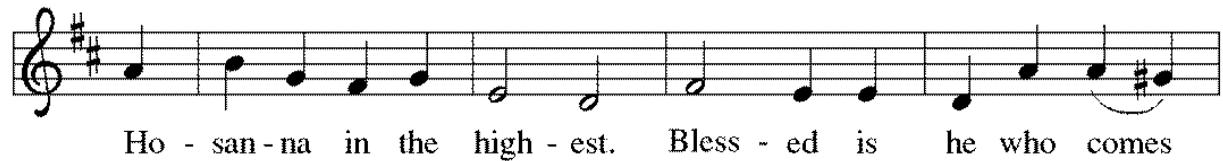
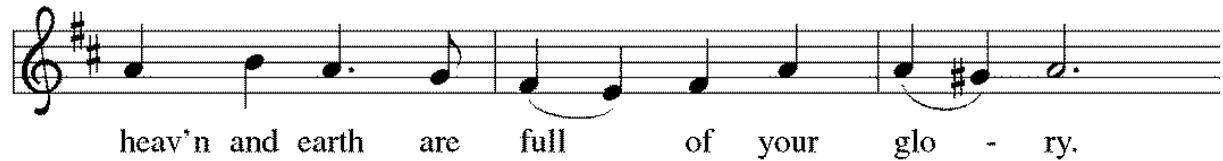
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



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

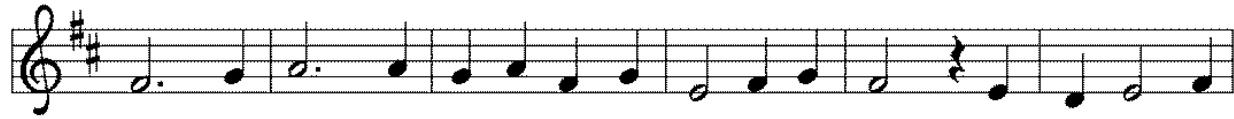
Take hold of the life that really is life.

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

Jesus Loves Me

Creature Praise Choir

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

BLESSING

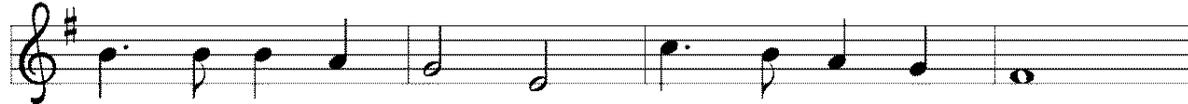
God Almighty send you light and truth
to keep you all the days of your life.

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.

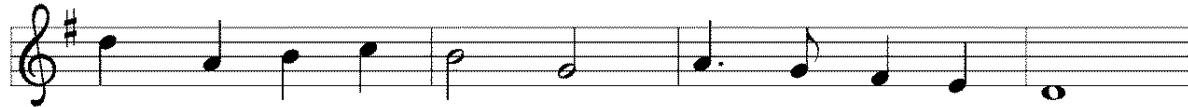
Amen.

JESUS JOHN 14:6
THE WAY - TRUTH - LIFE

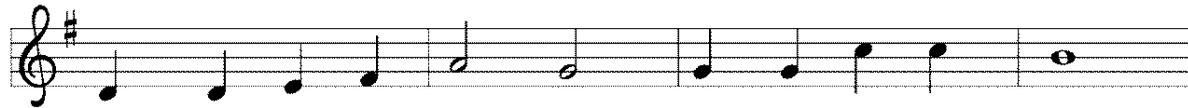
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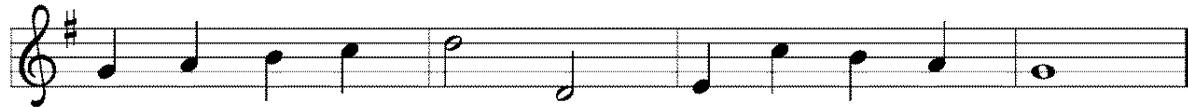
1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

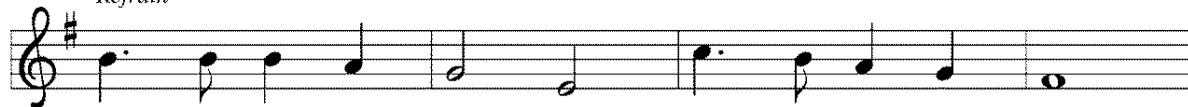


Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Reader: Roy Kvale

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Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

Videographer: Hope Levine

Altar Guild for October: Candy Hanna and Medara Winter

Thank you Pastor Steve Bracket for being with us this morning!

The radio broadcast this morning is 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 KIOW-FM 107.3 and can be heard on WCTA Cable Channel 2. December 25th is available for sponsorship.

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.

We are looking for people who are willing to pair up with our confirmation students!

Your role would be to support, encourage and pray for them. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Rhonda Harmon at [641-590-0256](tel:641-590-0256). There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you for your assistance.

Senior citizens that need a ride to church on Sunday mornings can call the church office (641.592.1771) and a ride will be arranged for you. Leave a message if there is no answer.

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those willing to give rides.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, October 2, 2016 – Following this service

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

*****Note there will be one service and no Faith Formation Class Oct. 2**

Coffee Fellowship will follow the meeting.

The Good Samaritan committee is asking for donations to the Clothes Closet located at Salem. We are in need of new socks and underwear at this time. If shopping is difficult for you, we will also accept gift cards/cash for the committee to shop for needs. All donations can be left with at the office. Thank you for your generous support of the Good Samaritan Ministry.

PRAYER

changes things

The family and friends of Milford Helgeson

Our youth and their families who have received Bibles today.

Prayer Families: Leroy Brackey, Mark & Barb Brackey, Michael Brackey, Pam Brackey, Paul Brackey, Shirley Brackey, Spenser & Ashley Brackey Family, Stephanie Brackey, Tyler Brackey



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!

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 in the next four weeks 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!

Those worshipping September 21/25: 176 Giving: \$5492

Sending of Communion is the third Sunday of each month. Please call the office (641.592.1771) if you would like to receive communion at home on Sunday, October 16th.

Stephen Ministry Changes Lives – “Stephen Ministry has, without question, changed my life and my relationship with God. Stephen Ministry allowed me to answer a long-resisted call to serve God in a meaningful ministry. I have enjoyed every aspect of this important ministry of distinctively Christian care.” **Michael from Pflugerville, Texas**

We are looking to begin a new training class of Stephen Ministers. If you think God is calling you to share your gifts of caring, please consider becoming a Stephen Minister, and give Pastor Randy a call at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior’s and Salem.

Sign-up Now for the Senior High Service Trip

Sign-Up Begins for the 2017 High School Service Trip **to Bullock Creek, Michigan**
Signing-up includes completing a registration form with a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00.

Contact the Parish Office (567-3675) any time to sign-up.
Registration deadline (with deposit) is Monday, October 17th.



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle – Kathy Nelson

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Norma Thompson
7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4
7:00 p.m. St. Patrick’s Youth Group – Room #10

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Circle – Milly Miller; Grace Circle – Library
Rhoda Circle – Faye Aamodt; Sarah Circle – Lois Johnson
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle – Library (Bring goodies to share)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Schwartz/Storby Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

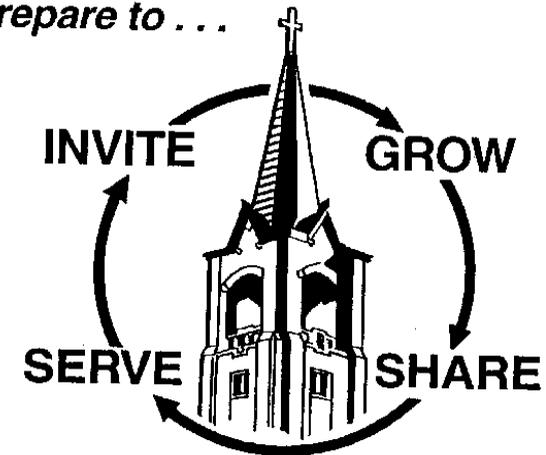
Schwartz/Storby Wedding
5:30 p.m. Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

Next Week’s Lessons: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

Prepare to . . .



. . . for Christ’s sake

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