



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 7, 2018 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

*Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly is invited to remain seated

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,

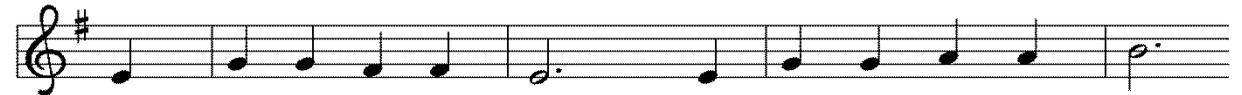
We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing 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.



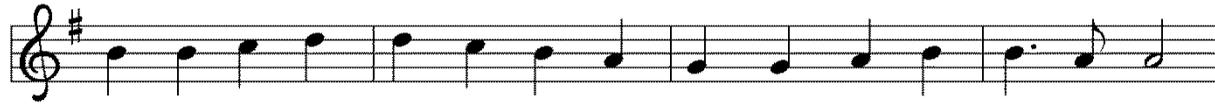
We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GREETING

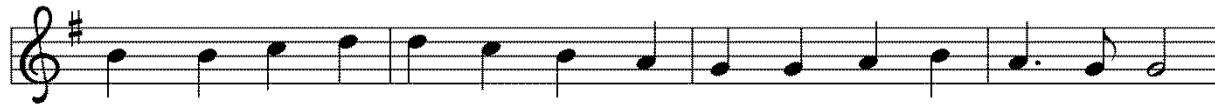
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

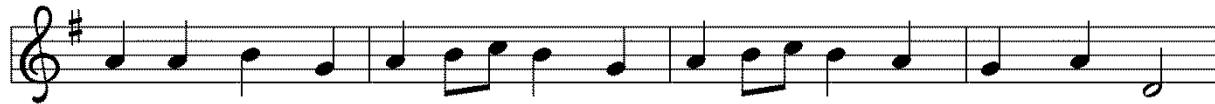
HYMN OF PRAISE



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.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 8

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

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants
and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence
the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars
you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings
that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and hon or you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING**Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet." Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.**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.

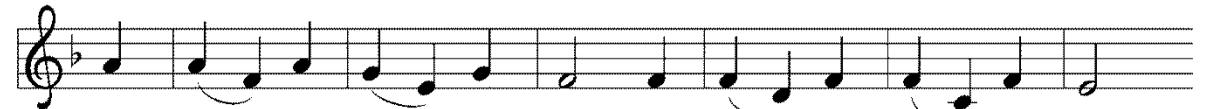
GOSPEL**Mark 10:2-16**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***ELW 656**

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, send your blessing out into the world through missionaries, evangelists, and servants of your church. Through them spread good news to all who need it Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We praise you for the animals of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all the works of your hands. Let our care for all you have made reflect your desire for the health of all creation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rule the nations of this world with the same grace you employ to align planets, stars, and moons. Where there is disorder, move us toward righteousness and justice. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Deliver your care to your children who feel unworthy of care. Bend down low to lift up people who struggle to find others who will embrace them in time of need. We pray especially for . . . Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring reconciliation among this community. Heal relationships that are broken. When we face division, open our eyes to signs of new life. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Along with all the saints, form us into a holy and loving community in which people can find abundant compassion and peace. Through us bring others into your unbreakable covenant. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Fairest Lord Jesus

Senior Choir

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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

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

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.



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

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

DISTRIBUTION

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 HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm, in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: Nora Pederson, Jolie Rice
Assisting: Melinda McVey McCluskey	Reader: Alan Skellenger
Pianist: Kathleen Nelson	Communion Servers: Bruce Adams, Sheila Burger
Ushers: Lyle & Orloue Thomson	Altar Guild for October: Candy Hanna, Medara Winter

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of David E. Steffens from Bonnie Steffens and family.

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

Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2018 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2.

Yesterday was Pastor Melinda’s birthday! Her parents, Gary & Nancy McVey, have placed a plant in celebration of her milestone birthday!

Readings for next week: Amos 5:6-7, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31



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

October 28 – Reformation Sunday, 3rd grade receives 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 practices 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 rehearses 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 10/01/2018

Last Sunday, 9/29-30/18: \$2,333

Year-to-date as of 10/1/18: \$195,174 - Last year as of 9/24/17: \$204,676

Difference year-to-date: -\$12,195 (or) – Last year as of 10/1/17: \$208,631

Difference year-to-date: -\$13,457 (or) -6.5%

Attendance: Those worshipping September 29/30: 145

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.

Meeting

Pastor Joel is composing an initial draft of the constitution and bylaws to present to the church council at its November meeting. Members of Salem are encouraged to join in the process by contacting Pastor Joel for conversations with individuals or groups. Pastor Joel will be available Friday October 19 at 10 am and 5:30 pm in the lounge.

JULY 2018 — RELIEF TO FAMILIES IMPACTED BY CENTRAL IOWA TORNADOES
The Noisy Offering for October for Hurricane/Flood relief in Iowa was collected October 29-30. The current total received is \$364.91. If you have not returned your container they may be brought to church on Sunday or to the office during the week.

Meals on Wheels drivers are needed to deliver meals to Lake Mills resident's homes. Meals are delivered Monday – Friday. Call Sylvia Heimdal for more information. 641.588.3549

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!

WELCA Living Waters Cluster Fall Gathering...Saturday, October 20 – 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Rock Creek Church, 3269 Foothill Ave, Osage IA

Pastor Mark Anderson, Assistant to the Bishop will speak about the shortage of pastors and deacons and what the Synod is doing to address the shortage.

For reservations contact Bev Mathers at 641.426.6364 before October 16.
Sign in time plus coffee and pastries served at 8:30 a.m.





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

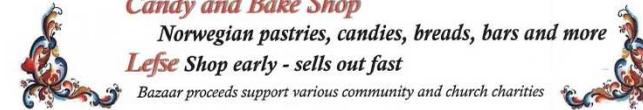
Gift Gallery *Beautifully handcrafted one of a kind items*

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, OCTOBER 7

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service

9:35 a.m. Praise Creature Choir— Choir Room; 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)

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Visitation for Vern Hagen – Mittelstadt Funeral Home

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

11:00 a.m. Vern Hagen Celebration of Life

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2

5:30 p.m. Council – Library

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group - Lounge

1:00 p.m. **Mission Quilters** – Fellowship Hall; Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:30 a.m. High School Testing – Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Fellowship Hall

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

5:30 p.m. Casual Worship Service - Chapel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir— Choir Room; Faith Formation – Chapel; 3rd Grade Bible Class;
Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

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

Please keep in prayer the family & friends of Vern Hagen. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Salem.

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