



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

O Had I Jubal's Lyre

G.F. Handel

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

All Creature, Worship God Most High!

ELW #835 verses 1, 4, 5, 6

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.

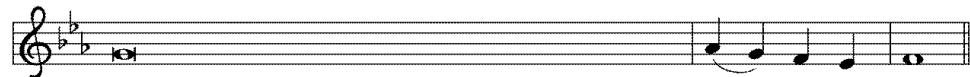
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



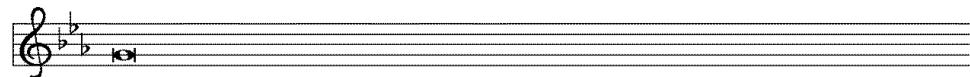
Lord, have mer - cy.



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 de - fend 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:

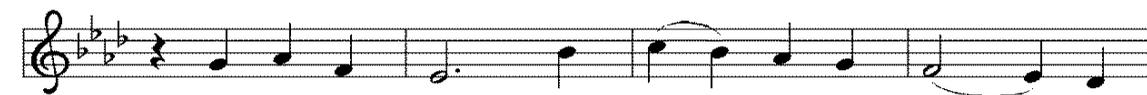
Refrain



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:



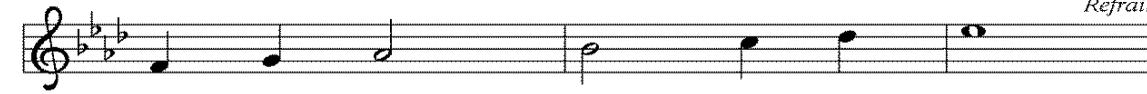
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



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

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

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A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Today's psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the women* Psalm 80:7-15

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

¹⁵behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

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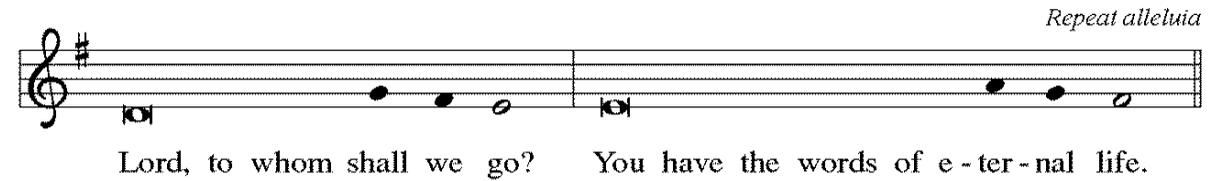
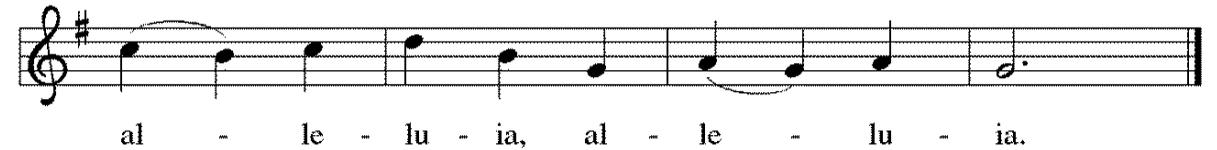
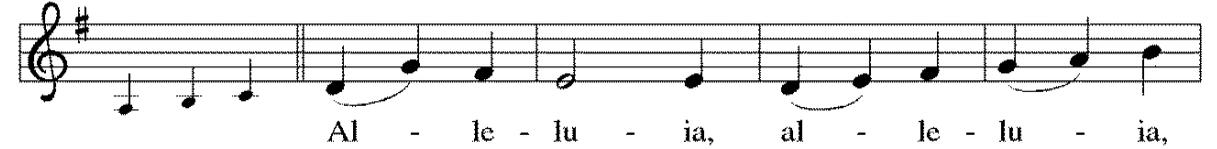
A reading from Philippians

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

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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

My Song is Love Unknown

ELW #343

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Gideons

Roger Solmonson



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

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING SONG



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

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

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, \dagger Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW #769

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: Kelsey Kirschbaum and Megan Knudtson
Assisting: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey	Reader: Drake Abbey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	October Altar Guild:
Ushers: Lyle & OrLoue Thomson	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 Marilyn VanDenBosch's birthday, today, from the family.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Phyllis Brackey from her family. Services for Phyllis were held Wednesday at Salem.

Flowers have also been placed in loving memory of James Tweed from his family. Services for Jim were held Friday at Salem

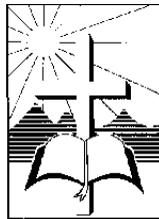
The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3. Reserve your special date to sponsor the 2017 8:30 a.m. worship service broadcast on KIOW (107.3 FM) radio in Forest City. The service can also be heard at 8:30 a.m. on cable channel 2. Call the office to reserve your dates. Cost for 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.

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

Those worshipping September 30/October 1:182 Giving: Not available

At the 10:30 service this morning Bibles will be presented to children 3 year-olds and younger: Beckham Fjelstad, Emeryn Wempen, Kali Budach, Jackson Gilbertson, Cooper Helgeson, Reece Helgeson, Anna Menke, Calvin Nelson, Knox Ritter, Gracie Roder, Essabell Sauer, Daxton VanGundy, Molly Koeppen, Kaci Osheim, Stella Gonzalez, Adelyn Brackey, Lillian Brackey.



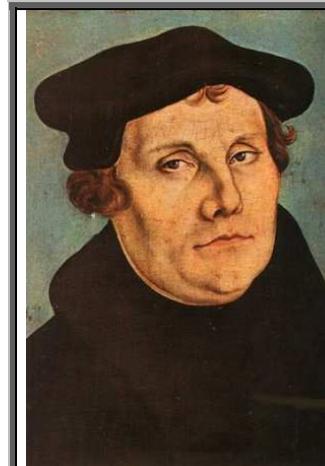
Bible classes for 3rd grade youth and their parents will be held Sundays, October 15 & 22 at 9:40 a.m.

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 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.



Please keep the family and friends of Phyllis Brackey and Jim Tweed in your prayers.



REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

All Saints Sunday is a day of remembrance for the saints.

As we gather for worship on October 28 & 29th, 2017, we will remember the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year. The people of Salem Lutheran Church are invited to submit the names of those whom they wish to have included in the prayers on that day as we give thanks to God for such lives of faithfulness. **Please list the loved ones you would like included in prayer and return to the office by Oct. 23, 2017.**

Your Name _____

Person to be remembered _____

Relationship to you _____
[family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc.]

Date of Death _____

Person to be remembered _____

Relationship to you _____
[family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc.]

Date of Death _____

Person to be remembered _____

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Person to be remembered _____

Relationship to you _____
[family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker, etc.]

Date of Death _____

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
- 3:15 p.m. Daisy Girl Scouts – Room #4
- 5:30 p.m. Council - Library

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group - Lounge
- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 3:15 p.m. Brownies – Room #4
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Board - Library

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 8:15 a.m. High School Testing – Fellowship Hall
- 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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service - Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
- 9:40 a.m. 3rd Graders/Parents Bible Class – Room #3
- 1:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service

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