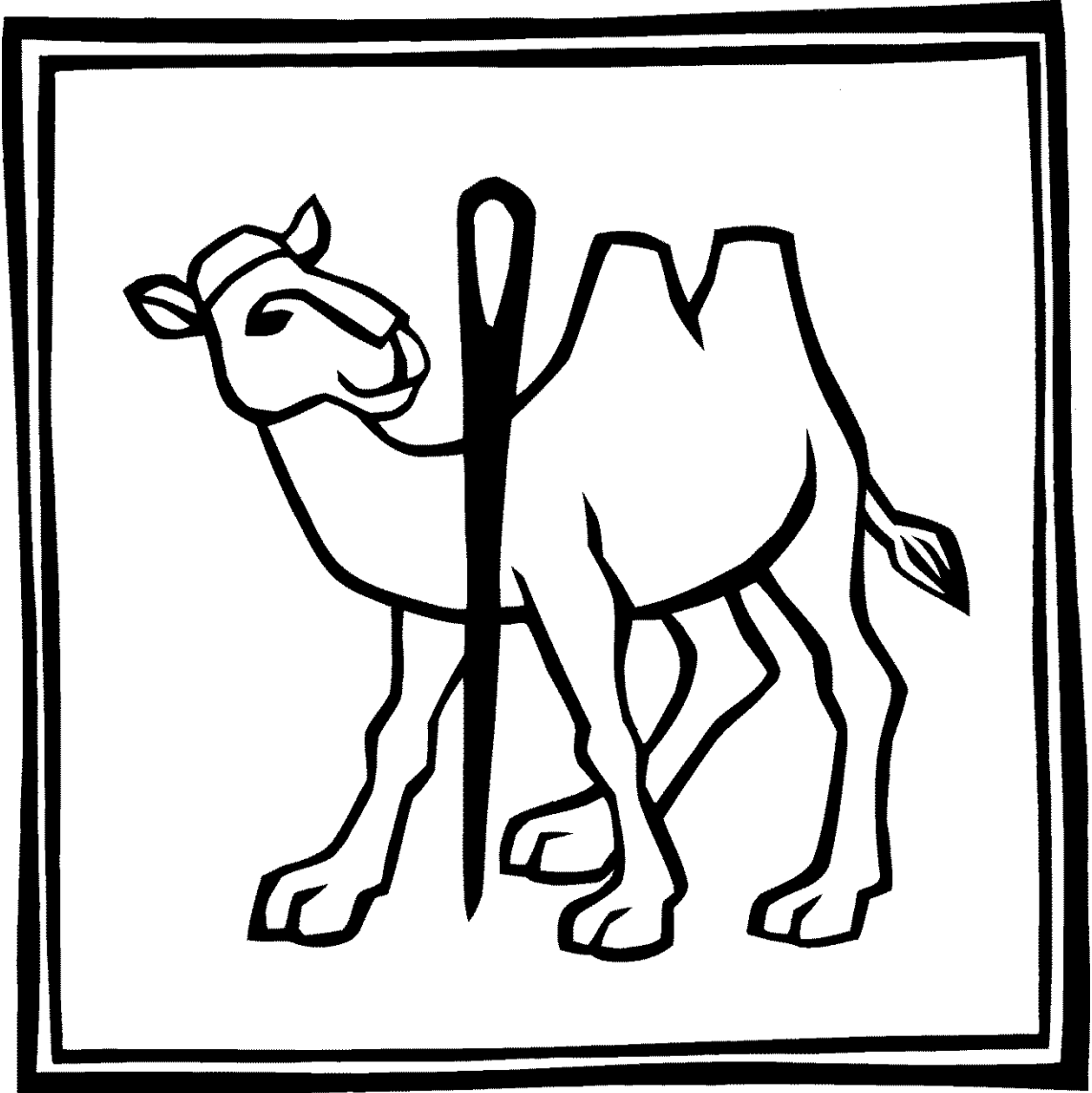




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 10, 2021 – 9:00am



OUR MISSION: We are God forgiven and mission driven.

OUR VISION: To be that Lake Mills place where belonging, healing, growing, serving and believing are open to all, regardless of background, experience or aptitude. Central to this is that we are a -forgiving, mission-driven community, which means we all want to have an impact, shaped by the love of Christ to serve all others.

<p>Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson Organist: Ruth Sheldon Reader: Sondra Nelson Liturgical Choir: Open Sound: Shannon Bruhns Acolytes: Shannon Bruhns Ushers: Shannon Bruhns Communion Servers: Altar Guild for October: Linda Helgeson & Gloria Kvale</p>	<p>Sunday--9:00am Worship Service Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson Organist: Ruth Sheldon Reader: Carlton Shaw Reader 1: Dakota White Reader 2: Tori Sterrenberg Liturgical Choir: Al Skellenger, Willie Skellenger, Larry Rice, Nancy Guttormson Sound: Chike Ikefuama Live Stream: Brad Evenson Video: Chike Ikefuama Acolytes: Lyle Thomson Ushers: Lyle and Orloue Thomson Communion Servers: Altar Guild for October: Linda Helgeson & Gloria Kvale</p>
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The radio broadcast is given in honor of Evelyn Knudtson's birthday.
Evelyn's birthday is October 14th.

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INTRODUCTION

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY/READING

Reader 1: Wow! I got seventeen catalogues in the mail today. Lots of things to look at and order. I know that I will find just the things I want to make me very happy. It's got to be in these catalogues. Now all I have to do is find it.

Reader 2: What does the Lord want you to do?

Reader 1: I don't know. The preacher always says God wants us to be happy and I'm happiest when I'm buying stuff.

Reader 2: What is it about buying that makes you happy?

Reader 1: Well, you know.....it means I have what I want. I have control. I can look around and say that I made these choices and that all this stuff is mine, all mine.

Reader 2: Does that make you feel complete? You seem to need a steady stream of catalogues.

Reader 1: You never know when just the right thing will come along.

Reader 2: The right thing has come along - the thing that will make you truly happy.

Reader 1: OK, Let me see the catalogue. I'll buy it!

Reader 2: You won't find it in catalogues. You will find it - true happiness - in serving God by helping others.

Reader 1: I'd like to truly be happy, you know.

Reader 2: Let go of all the false things that are tying you down, your need for control, for possessions, anything which is keeping you from listening to God's word and following God's way. Don't be afraid. God is with you and will support you in your transition from captive to one who freely and joyfully serves. Come now. Serve the Lord. You have been given the gifts to help others.

Reader 1: I'm a little frightened, but I will open my heart to God, fully and freely.

GATHERING SONG

Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Vol. 2

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
 Open the eyes of my heart
 I want to see You
 I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart Lord
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To see You high and lifted up
 Shining in the light of Your glory
 Pour out Your power and love
 As we sing Holy Holy Holy

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME *Everything's Possible for God* Whirl Story Bible p.292

WORD

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 90:12-17

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

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?* WOV p.31
We stand for the hearing of the gospel.



GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

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

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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- 1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
- 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

All may be seated as the pastor invites us into our time of prayer.

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The pastor concludes the prayers

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

OFFERING**MUSICAL OFFERING****OFFERING PRAYER**

With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer to you all that is already yours, O Lord. Everything we possess is a gift from you. You so freely give us what we need, and you promise even greater treasures that await us in heaven.

Take what we offer and use it for the goodness of your kingdom. Help us share generously with others all that you so graciously give to us.

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

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, ✚ one God, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Nothing is Impossible

Vol. 5

Through you I can do anything

I can do all things

Cause it's You who gives me strength

Nothing is impossible

Through You blind eyes are opened
Strongholds are broken
I am living by faith
Nothing is impossible

I'm not gonna live by what I see
I'm not gonna live by what I feel
Deep down I know that You're here with me
I know that You can do anything

Through You I can do anything
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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THE LORD
YOUR GOD
AND SERVE
ONLY HIM

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