



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

**Welcome to the House of the Lord**

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 2, 2022 – 9:00am

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**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.

**Sunday--9:00am Worship Service**

**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson

**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Readers:** Cindy Haugsdal

**Liturgical Choir:**

**Sound:** Al Skellenger

**Live Stream:** Brad Evenson

**Acolytes:** Cora Sauer

**Ushers:** Brian, Jill, Makenzie & Kalli Budach

**Communion Servers:** Doug & Shannon Bruhns, Sondra Nelson, Becky Helgeson

**Altar Guild for October:** Linda Helgeson, Gloria Kvale

**Worship Coordinator:** Shannon Bruhns

The Live Stream Broadcast is given in  
Honor of Violet Kvale's 90th Birthday, October 7th  
and in Loving Memory of Vernell Kvale's Birthday,  
September 30th, from their Family.

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## INTRODUCTION

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

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

### BELLS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

*God, Whose Farm Is All Creation*

ELW #734



1 God, whose farm is all cre - a - tion, take the grat - i -  
 2 Take our plow - ing, seed - ing, reap - ing, hopes and fears of  
 3 All our la - bor, all our watch - ing, all our cal - en -



tude we give; take the fin - est of our har - vest,  
 sun and rain, all our think - ing, plan - ning, wait - ing,  
 dar of care in these crops of your cre - a - tion,



crops we grow that we may live.  
 rip - ened in this fruit and grain.  
 take, O God: they are our prayer.

## 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.**

## KYRIE

ELW p.213



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## SONG OF PRAISE

## Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW #167



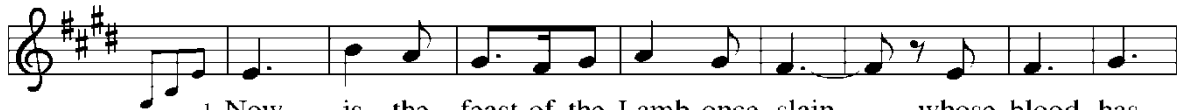
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Together 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

**CHILDREN'S TIME** *Timothy's Faith* (2 Timothy 1:1-14) Whirl Story Bible p.494

## FIRST READING

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

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 37:1-9

*Refrain; will be sung before the reading of the psalm and after verses 4 & 9.*

*It will be sung one time through by the cantor or choir and again with the congregation.*



Com - mit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

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

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

*Refrain:*

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what  
God will do.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice  
of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who  
prosper, the one who succeeds in <sup>1</sup>evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads  
only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall  
possess the land.

*Refrain:*

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of  
life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my  
ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

<sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am  
reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois  
and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I  
remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of  
my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of  
power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**    *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*    ELW #512

*We stand for the reading of the gospel.*



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.



## GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON



## HYMN OF THE DAY

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

ELW #681



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh-ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' 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

*We will be seated for the prayers.*

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather  
our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following  
the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your  
gospel. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by  
floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-  
discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and  
protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*The Pastor concludes the prayers*

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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## **MEAL**

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## **OFFERING**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*Together let us pray,*

**Gracious God,**

**in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

## **PREPARING FOR THE TABLE**

People of God, people of life. We gather as a holy communion, for a meal that has been shared countless times, in countless places, and in countless ways.

The first time this meal was shared, Jesus was gathered around a table with a ragged collection of people—outcasts, betrayers, the power-hungry, the fragile, lonely, lost.

The first time this meal as celebrated, Jesus promised that it was for all time, that whenever the bread was broken and the wine was poured, wherever the story was told around a table, he would be there.

Today we remember the story as it's been told a thousand times over; we eat the bread , and we drink the wine, and we affirm that we all belong as this table and that Jesus is here.

So if we come to this table angry, **let this bread and wine be our peace.**

If we come to this table broken, **let this bread and wine be our grace.**

If we come to this table betrayed, **let this bread and wine be our wholeness.**

If we come to the table in despair, **let this bread and wine be our life.**

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world and wine to quench thirsty hearts. **Thanks be to God.**

When Jesus ate with his friends, he took bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them saying: **“Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.”**

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: **“Drink. This cup poured out for you and for all people is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”**

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break the bread and share the one cup. **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE 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

Christ invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.

## DISTRIBUTION

## COMMUNION SONG

### *As the Grains of Wheat*

ELW #465

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Together let us pray,*

**God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

### *On What Has Now Been Sown*

ELW #550



1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the  
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -  
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may



pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,  
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low



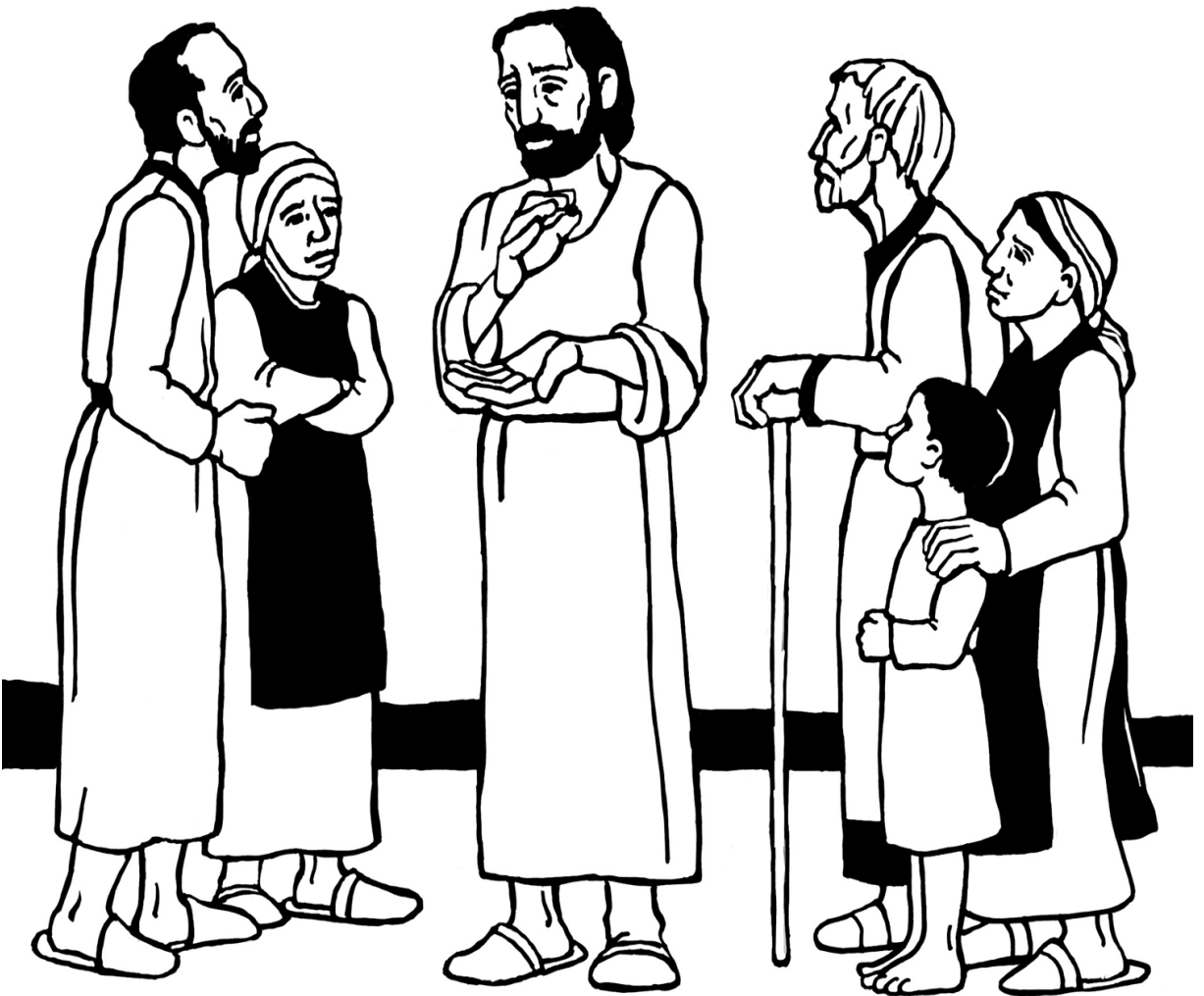
grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE



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