



Salem Lutheran Church
 401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450
 Welcome to the House of the Lord
 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 October 20, 2019 - 8:30 a.m.



Salem's Mission and Vision

We are God forgiven and mission driven.

As God's people...we desire 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.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. We will remain seated during the confession and Kyrie

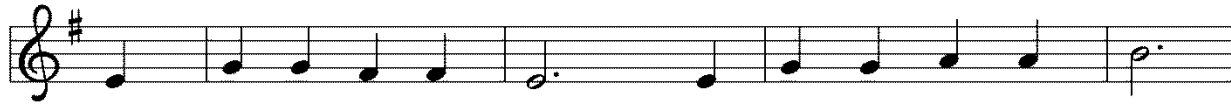
Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come. **Amen.**

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
 Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.
Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,
we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news. **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!

All are invited to stand as they are able

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

Now Thank We All Our God

ELW #839

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 121

The psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the women.

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

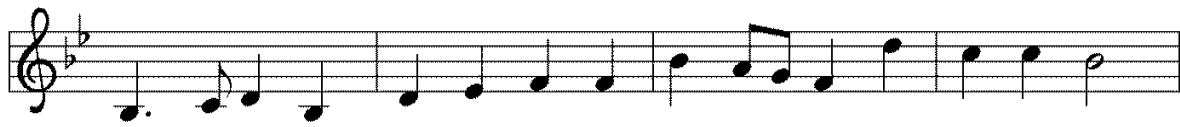
SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.*All are invited to stand for the reading of the gospel.***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

Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****SERMON SONG***Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright*

ELW #745

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 OF INTERCESSION

Response to the petitions: **hear our prayer.**

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.

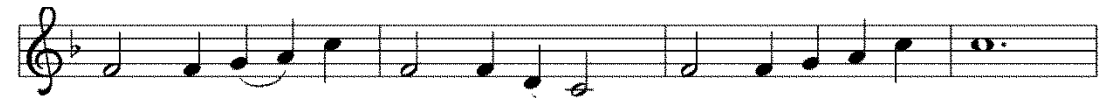
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

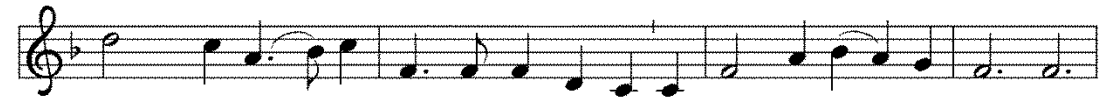
Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

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.



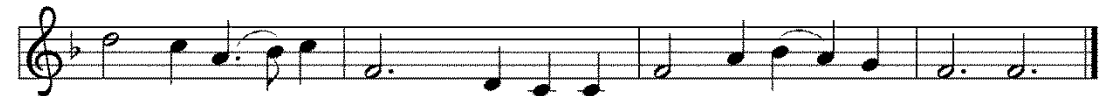
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ✝ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW#710

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of David Steffens from the Steffens family.

Altar flowers have been placed in loving memory of Elwood & Cora Rice, Jerry Severson, Juanita Okland and Eldon & Shirley Hagen from Nick & Brooke (Hagen) Rice who were married yesterday at Salem.

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McVey McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Lyle & Orloue Thomson
Reader: Tami Alphs

Acolytes: Claire Levine, Becca Holtan
Communion Servers: Doug & Shannon Bruhns
Altar Guild for October:
Sharon Casey, Sharon Johnson

Upcoming Faith Formation Events...

OCTOBER

20 Bible Class for 3rd Graders and Parents
at 9:35am

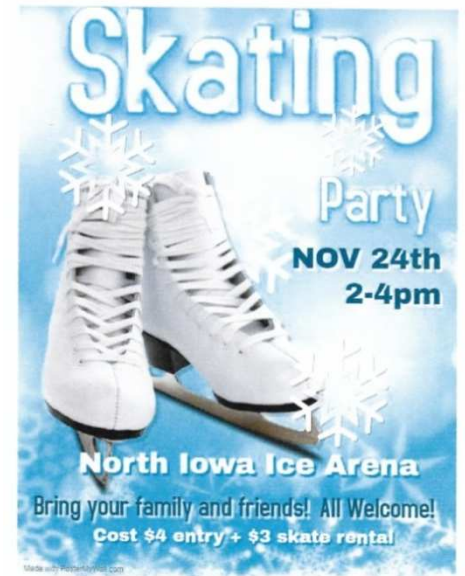
27 3rd Graders receive Bibles at
10:30 service/Fall Family Festival

NOVEMBER

3 4 year old -2nd grade SING at 10:30 service
Play and Pray

DECEMBER

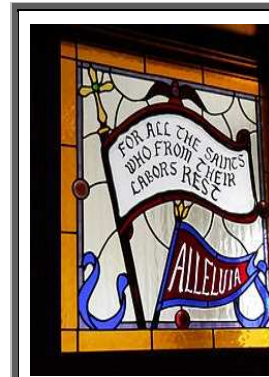
1 No Faith Formation – Thanksgiving Break
4 Christmas Program practice at 2:30pm
8 Christmas Program at 10:30 service
22 No Faith Formation – Christmas Break
29 No Faith Formation – Christmas Break



We will also have some snacks in the mezzanine for non-skaters or those taking a break.

Cost is \$4 entry + \$3 skate rental = total \$7

Hope you and your family and friends can join us!



REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

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

As we gather for worship on November 2nd & 3rd, 2019, we will remember the names of persons in the congregation who have died during the past year. Please join us as we give thanks to God for such lives of faithfulness.

We will also remember the saints of Salem Lutheran Church who joined the Church through the waters of baptism and continue to live in the legacy of those who have gone before us.

Church Dashboard for Contributions 10/14/2019

LAST SUNDAY, 10/13/19: \$3,555

Year-to-date as of 10/14/19: \$209,503

Last year as of 10/14/18: \$220,771

DIFFERENCE YEAR-TO-DATE: -\$11,267

Attendance: Those worshipping October 19/20: 229

AREA FALL CELEBRATIONS...



***Updated: Trinity Lutheran Church of Mason City will hold their Annual Scandinavian Bazaar on Thursday, November 7 • 8 AM – 1 PM.** Due to construction it will be held at the Columbia Club (former Knights of Columbus) at 551 S. Taft Ave., Mason City. The Coffee Shop is serving Norwegian pastries, lefse, rolls and pies at 8:00 AM along with the Bake Shop and Gift Galley featuring handcrafted items; \$8 Scandinavian Meatball meal served from 11 AM – 1 PM; a Scandinavian Boutique selling specialty items and foods; All are welcome.

Emmons Lutheran Church



Lutefisk Supper

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Servings at **11:00 AM, and 12:30, 5:30, and 7:00 PM**

ADULTS: \$17.00 in advance (no refunds)
CHILDREN (10 and under): \$5.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

Betty Knutson, treasurer	Emmons	507-297-5842
Emmons Lutheran Church	Emmons	507-297-5471
Security Bank Minnesota	Emmons	507-297-5461
Albert Lea YMCA - Deb Yost	Albert Lea	507-373-8228
MBT Bank	Lake Mills	641-592-0041

MENU
LUTEFISK
MEATBALLS & GRAVY
MASHED POTATOES
CORN
CABBAGE SALAD
CRANBERRY RELISH
LEFSE
PASTRIES

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Service - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation; 3rd Grade Bible Class;
Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service – Sanctuary

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet Open – Room #7
2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
6:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

1:00 p.m. Staff
3:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts – Room #2
7:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry - Lounge

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

2:15 p.m. Junior Scouts – Room #2
5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Board – Library

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

3:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts – Room #2

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Faith Formation; Coffee Fellowship/Forum
Blue Sheet Discussion on Upcoming Congregational
Vote – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Service/3rd Grade Bibles – Sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat
5:00 p.m. Fall Festival Meal

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Come join us....

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL!

4:30pm to 6pm on Sunday, Oct 27th

Wear your costumes and come trunk or treat in the church parking lot. There will be pumpkin painting, hayrides, soup & hot dogs.

Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled afternoon.

If you are willing to volunteer....
We are needing donations of soup, bars/cookies, and decorated trunks! Sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

Sunday, October 27th is the first Fourth Sunday Forum in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:00 am – Topics to be discussed are the Blue sheet (council minutes), Consecration Sunday Follow-up, Congregational meeting 11/24/19.



Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 24 at 9:30 a.m.
Purpose of the meeting is to consider a change in the wording of the Enduring Gift Fund Bylaws.

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