



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

**Welcome to the House of the Lord**

**All Saints Sunday**  
**October 31, 2020 - 5:30 p.m.**



**INTRODUCTION**

*All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**  
**BELLS**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins before God and in each other's presence. We live in fear of death.  
**Forgive us, O God, for not seeing that death, as well as life, is in your hands.**

Because we see death as the end, we often live as though we have no future, surrendering ourselves to cynicism and despair.  
**Forgive us, O God, and remind us that Christ was raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died in the faith.**

We have a narrow vision of being your people.  
**Forgive us, O God, and open our eyes to the unity of your whole church and all her saints spanning time and space.**

We try to escape the responsibilities of today.  
**Forgive us, O God, for our lack of faith and our irresponsibility.**

The resurrection of God's Son is our living hope. God's Spirit forgives and renews us in hope. Whether we live or whether we die we are the Lord's. We live in this hope. Amen.  
**We live forgiven under God.**

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!

## REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

These saints of Salem Lutheran Church who have joined the Church Triumphant, are remembered as the bell tolls the joy of Jesus' triumph over death.

*A chime tolls as names of those who have died in the past year are read.*

Janet Cavett, Donald Adams, Wallace Winden,  
Susan Rice, Donald Grothe, Virginia Thomas,  
Donald Aamodt, Valeda Abbey, Pastor Merlin Norris,  
Steven Senne, Harold Hinderaker, David Linqvist,  
Terry Seedorf

We pray:

Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness. We give you thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your saints who have finished their life in faith and now rest from their labors.

**Amen.**

*Water is poured into the baptismal font*

When we were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were born anew to a living Hope.

**By water and the Word we were united to the Church, the community of saints on earth.**

These saints of Salem Lutheran Church, joined the Church through the waters of baptism and continue to live in the legacy of those who have gone before us:

*The chime tolls as the names of all who have been baptized in the past year are read.*

Avaleigh Kristine Wacek, Zaylin Nichole Crawford,  
Sterling Christopher Gonzalez, Charlotte Nicole Mosby

We pray:

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising us up to new life. Bless these saints who have been added to your earthly community through the waters of baptism. By the baptism into his death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

## 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

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory* ELW 426



- 1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
- 2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!
- 3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.



Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.  
Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.  
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!



All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;  
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.  
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,



in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.  
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.  
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

<sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

<sup>12</sup>singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

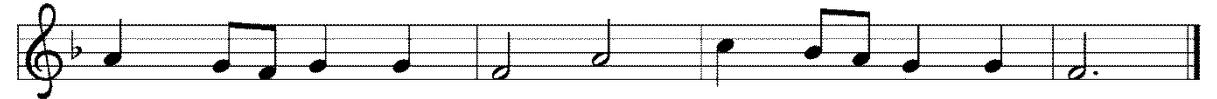
## SCRIPTURE SONG *Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand* ELW #441



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the  
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -  
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and  
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the  
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which  
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and  
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.  
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.  
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

### SECOND READING

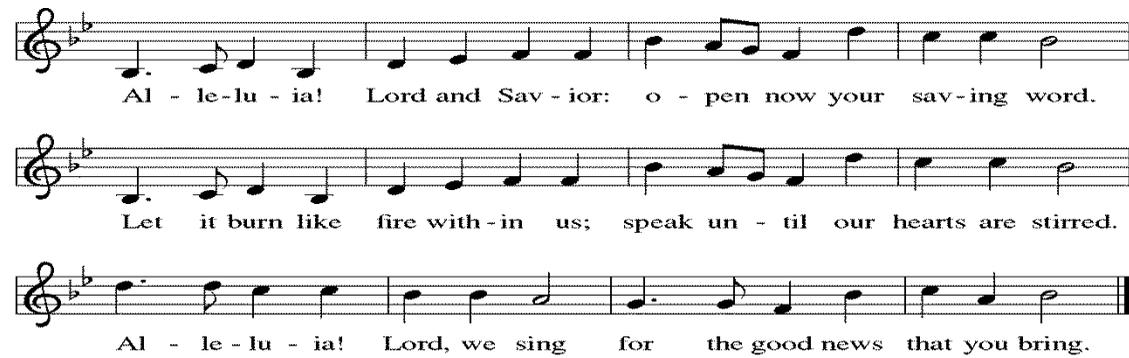
1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Matthew 5:1-12

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

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

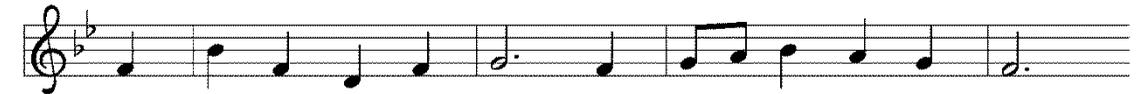
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

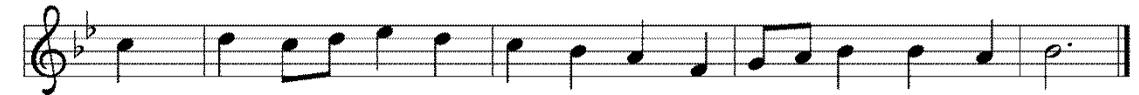
### HYMN OF THE DAY

*For All Your Saints, O Lord*

ELW #427



- 1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
- 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
- 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
- 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
- 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.  
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.  
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.  
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.  
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one**

**holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord of all the saints, we praise you for evangelists and martyrs whose sacrifices witness to your gospel across time and space. Inspire us by their courage to carry our faith to new people and places around us. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every place, the universe proclaims your greatness from generation to generation. Bless the work of naturalists, conservationists, and park rangers who train our attention to the wonders of the world you have made. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every nation, guide this country—red states and blue states, rural voters and urban voters, young and old—as we share in another national election. Kindle hearts eager to understand our common needs and seek our common good. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every blessing, your Son's blessing came to those living with poverty, grief, hunger, thirst, and persecution. Shape our vision of the saints to match his own. Awaken in us your call to serve all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every venture, anoint us with the missionary spirit of the early church. Bless all new missions of our synod, for congregations seeking redevelopment and churches reaching out to their neighbors and communities. Empower testimony from new communities of faith to shape a diverse witness to your saving power. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve those who have died in the past year as we light candles for all our loved ones who have died, remind us of the promise of resurrection and communion of saints. In faith, may we join with them in ceaseless praise. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

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### **MEAL**

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### **OFFERING**

#### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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.**

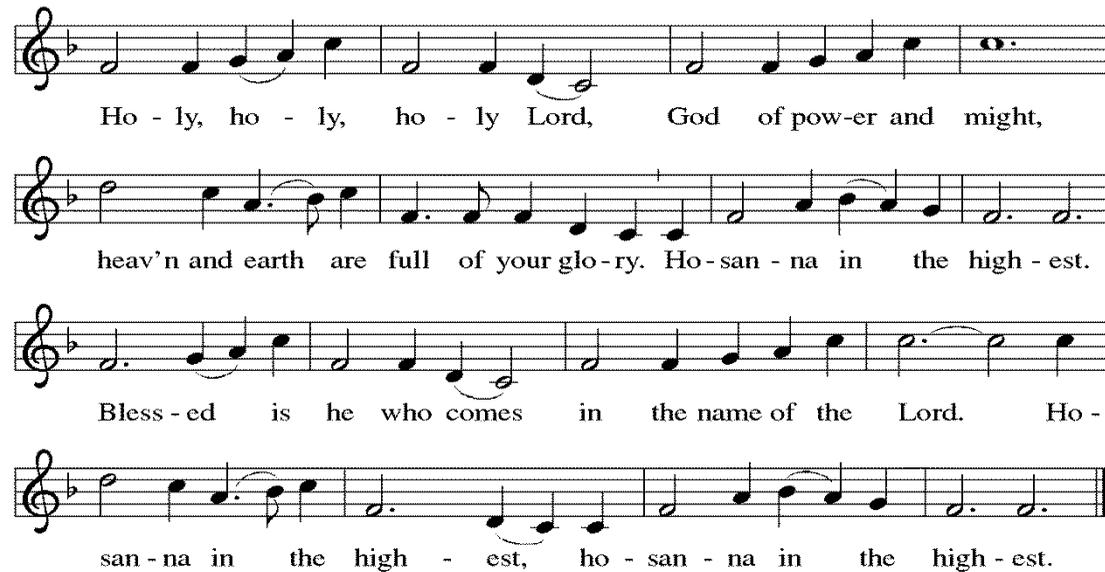
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with all the saints of every time and place, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*As you come forward to receive communion you are invited to light a candle for a loved one who has died and remembered on this day as one of God's beloved united with the heavenly saints in their heavenly home.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

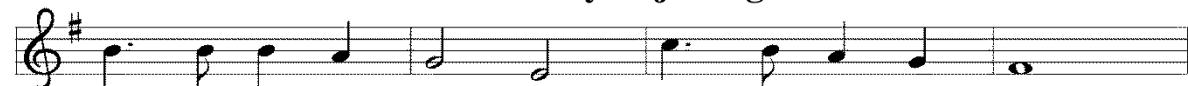
## BLESSING

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

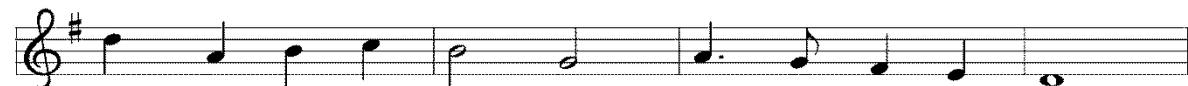
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN****On Our Way Rejoicing**

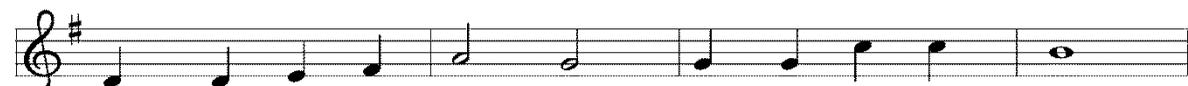
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1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



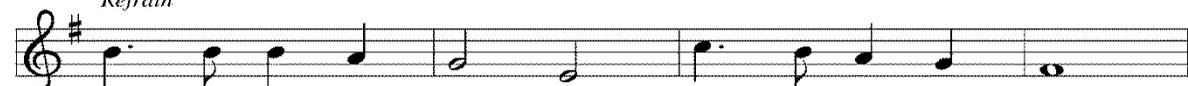
Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
 un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
 un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
 on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Preaching:** Pastor Joel Guttormson  
**Organist:** Ruth Sheldon

**Altar Guild for November:**

Pat Thorson  
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The radio broadcast this morning is sponsored by the members of Salem.

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## **SHARE THE JOY CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

Here at the Lake Mills Food Shelf, we are kicking off our Share the Joy program. This includes our Christmas Food Basket giveaway. I thought I would share some details for those who wish to become involved ...



Each Christmas the Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association with the help of an area 4H chapter pack Christmas Food Baskets for area families who are food insecure. The baskets include such food items as a ham or turkey, stuffing mix, pumpkin pie filling and pie crusts, a selection of canned vegetables, a 5# bag of potatoes, a bag of carrots, a bag of onions, a bag of oranges, a dozen fresh eggs, butter or margarine, in addition families also receive such items as: soups, canned fruit, cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, canned meals, like chilli and beef stew, rice, crackers, a bag of sugar or flour, and a gallon of milk to name just some of the items included in each Christmas Food Basket.

If you wish to donate to the Christmas Food Basket program, you may mail a check made out to the LM Food Shelf and on the memo line "Share the Joy". Gifts may be sent through your church or directly to the LM Food Shelf treasurer.

Address envelopes: c/o Rev. Jerry E. Robertson, 506 N.Washington St. Lake Mills, IA 50450

## **"DIFFERENCE MAKERS"**

How many persons does it take to make a difference? Only one...YOU!!! You can make a difference in your community. The Lake Mills Food Shelf, a program of the Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association, is searching for persons, like you, to make a difference as a volunteer in our community once a month to bag groceries ordered by our shoppers at the Food Shelf each Monday, from 2-5 p.m. We also need volunteers with strong arms and backs to help us unload the delivery of food by the Food Bank of Iowa on the first Tuesday of each month usually for approximately 40 minutes between the hours of 10:30am – 12pm.

If you wish to make a difference in persons lives as a volunteer at the LM Food Shelf, please phone Rev. Jerry Robertson 641-592-4484.