



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
November 12, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

***Larger print bulletins are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Johann Gottfried Walther

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Basque Carol

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, ☩ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

Amen.

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God, our merciful redeemer,

we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ☩ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

Come, We that Love the Lord

ELW #625

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.

KYRIE



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.



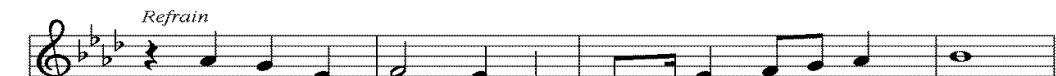
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Women sing verse one, men verse two, all join in on verse three and the refrain:



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.



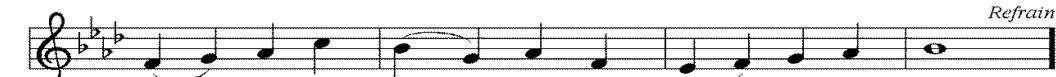
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



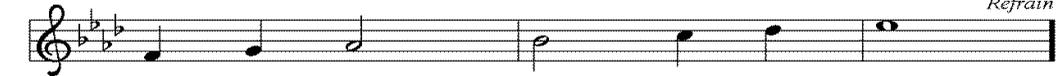
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



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

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24**Bible Page 952**

A reading from Amos.

In the days of Amos people thought that the day of the Lord would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The Lord demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.**PSALM: Psalm 70**

Today's Psalm will be spoken responsively beginning with the pulpit side.

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;****let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced. R**³Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**Bible Page 217**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

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The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**HYMN OF THE DAY***Blessed Assurance*

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH****Apostle’s 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.

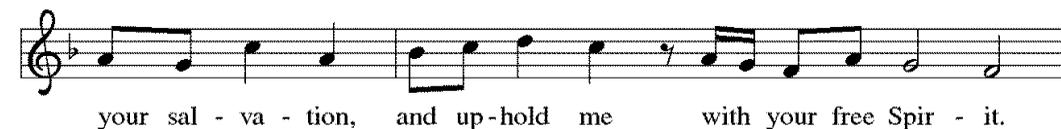
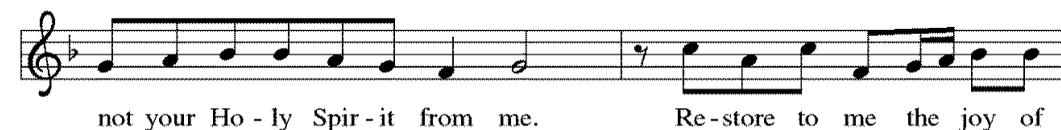
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*response: Hear our prayer.*

Welcoming God’s reign of righteousness and mercy, let us pray with people of every time and place.

A brief silence.

Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God, as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PEACE**OFFERING****MUSICAL OFFERING****OFFERING SONG****OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

The love of God surround you; the grace of ☩ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore. Amen.

SENDING SONG*Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

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DISMISSAL

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
Ushers: Doug & Vivian Richards
Acolytes: Thea Hoffman, Courtney Lorensen

Reader: Kayler Jensen
November Altar Guild:
Gloria Kvale, Pat Thorson

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of Darlene's birthday, November 7th, from Dennis Madson and the family.

***Confirmation pictures and certificates are available on the safe outside the office.

Readings for Nov. 19: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Psalm 90:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matt. 25:14-30

Those worshipping November 4/5: 280

Salem Board of Youth will be hosting a Faith-Filled Children's Book Fair.

The Book Fair will run from Nov. 5 thru Nov. 19th. A display table of sample books will be set up in the lobby by the elevator. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Sauer.

Care Givers Support Group Meets Nov. 14th at 10am in the lounge.

This meeting is open to anyone who is caring for a person with any type of chronic illness. There is no fee and you do not have to sign up to come. For more information, call Rachel at 641-530-5577.

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 2018 DATE - 592.1771. Cost for 2018 is still \$83

2018 - 8:30 A.M. KIOW RADIO BROADCAST DATES AVAILABLE:

Jan. 14, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, April 1, 22, 29, May 6, 20,

June 10, 17, July 8, 15, 29, Aug. 5, 19, Sept. 2, 16,

Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 23, 30

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.



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.

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.

The Tapestry Singers are rehearsing for their Advent Concert (Dec. 03, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.) Sundays, at 4:30 p.m. in the choir room.

SALEM LADIES:**Our Fall Living Waters Cluster**

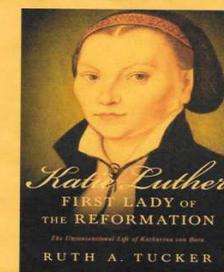
meeting on Sat 18 November 2017

will gather at the

Elk Creek Lutheran Church in Kensett

9:00 am Sign in / Coffee and treats

9:30 am Welcome, Devotions, Music



Our program will be a SKIT about Martin Luther's wife – Katharine von Bora.

Her dedication to Martin and his ministry, is being honored. She is a marvelous example of unselfishness and an admired mother and sister of our faith.

Please make your reservations now for this interesting revelation of Katharina von Bora Luther. Please phone JoAnn to let us know what Church you are representing and how many will attend. Thank you!

Call JoAnn Brunsvold at 641-845-2580.

Email - jobvold76@yahoo.com

Elk Creek Church, 4108 Killdeer Ave, Kensett, IA



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Is Wednesday, November 23rd

Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Salem will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. In this season of thanks, please join us in taking time to offer thanks and praise to the One “from whom all blessings flow.”

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

November 23rd, 11:00am—1:00pm

Asbury United Methodist Church, 107 E Main St, Lake Mills

Menu: turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, rolls and pie

Please call for reservations by November 17th, strictly for planning purposes.

Monetary or food bank donations will be accepted but are not required.

Deliveries available for shut-ins.

Make reservations by calling 641-592-3389

2017 OPERATION CLOTHES FOR KIDS!

Eighth Annual Operation Clothes for Kids

Donations will be distributed throughout the Lake Mills Community School District.

Tags will be available for pick up starting Friday, November 24th.

Pick a Christmas Tag (with a child’s needs/sizes on it) from one of the following tree locations: Salem

Lutheran Church (tree will be outside the office), Winnebago Lutheran Church, Word of Faith

Dominion Church, Farmers Trust and Savings Bank, or Manufactures Bank and Trust.

Purchase the items on the child’s tag, wrap in one box, attach the original Christmas Tag to the gift, and deliver to the listed sites by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13.

Feel free to team up and share costs.

Cash donations are accepted. Send to the LMCS Nurse’s Office, 102 S 4th Avenue E, Lake Mills, IA 50450. Make checks payable to LMCS Clothes for Kids



Hanging of the Greens will be Saturday, December 2nd at 9 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to help decorate the narthex, sanctuary and chapel for the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

You may bring treats to share!

Please watch for additional holiday events.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:35 a.m. Play & Pray Class (Age 3 & under) - Lounge

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

4:30 p.m. Tapestry Rehearsal – Choir Room

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

5:30 p.m. Council - Library

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group - Lounge

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class – Sanctuary; New Life Nutrition – Room #4

7:00 p.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room; St. Pat’s Youth Group – Room #9

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

2:00 p.m. WELCA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Be sure to bring your Thank-Offering boxes to the November 16th WELCA meeting!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

9:00 a.m. WELCA Living Waters Cluster Meeting – Elk Creek Church, Kensett

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Youth Praise Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation - Chapel

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship (4yrs old – 2nd grade sing) – Sanctuary

4:30 p.m. Tapestry Rehearsal – Choir Room

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