



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 13, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

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PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (ISAIAH 12)

Come people of God; come and celebrate
God's gift of salvation.

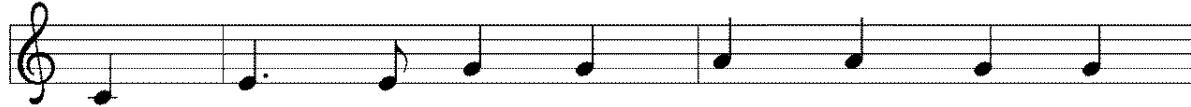
We come without fear.

We come trusting in God.

Come people of God; hear God's promises
and witness God's mighty deeds.

**In hearing the promises,
in witnessing the mighty deeds of God,
we are strengthened for all that lies ahead.**

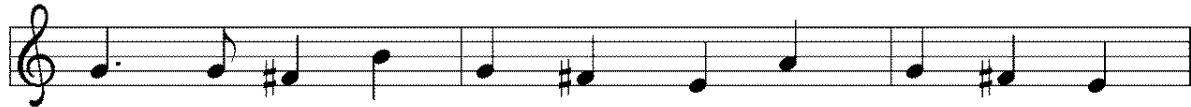
Come, let us worship and praise God
by shouting aloud and singing for joy,
for God truly is in our midst.



1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I
 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sus-
 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and right - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Isaiah 65, Luke 21)

O God, we are more like the vision in Luke
 than the vision of Isaiah.

We see wars, hatred, and violence everywhere,
 yet despair of ever stopping them.

We see oppression and injustice and persecution,
 but fail to raise our voices in prophetic protest.

We have become a pessimistic people.

Help us believe—really believe—

in Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kin-dom,

in your promise of a new heaven and new earth.

Let your cry be our cry:

“They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain.” Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Isaiah 12)

God is our strength and our salvation.

God's anger is turned away,

and in its place we find comfort,
 steadfast love, and forgiveness.

With this hope, we can draw water
 from the wells of salvation
 with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 4:1-2a

Page 996 in the Bible

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who fear God.

A reading from Malachi.

Word of God word of life.

Thanks be to God.

In righteousness will the LORD judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

The holy gospel according Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

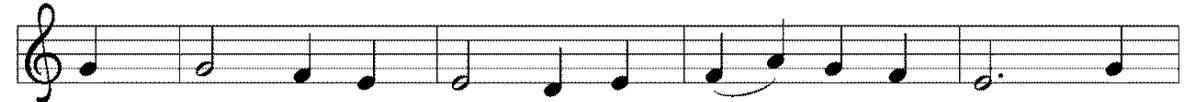
SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Peace, Like A River

ELW #785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

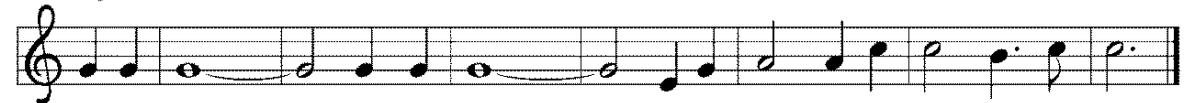


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Page 218 in the Bible

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

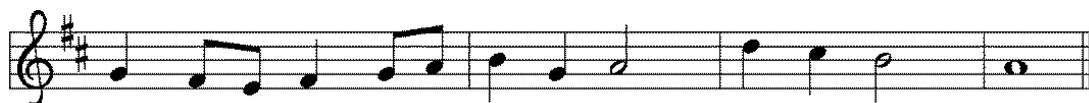
Word of God word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

*Please respond at the end of each petition: let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.***

Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sisters and brothers, we are part of the new heaven and new earth. In God’s love we can reach across the differences that divide us. Greet one another in this spirit of reconciliation and peace.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

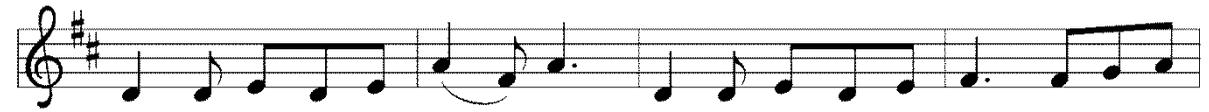
OFFERING SONG

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

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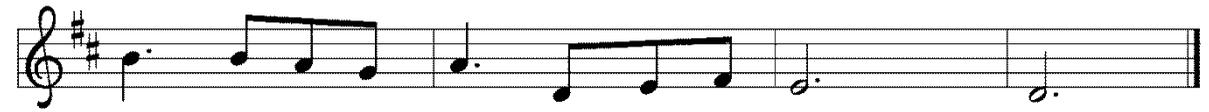
Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



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OFFERING PRAYER

O God, we long to make a difference in our world.
We offer you what we have: our visions and dreams;
our witness to your saving acts of love and justice;
our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst.
We offer you our very lives, that we may be coworkers with you to bring about true change. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Go forth into a world that needs new visions.

Bring the message of hope and love, of justice and peace, to all you meet. Live the dream.

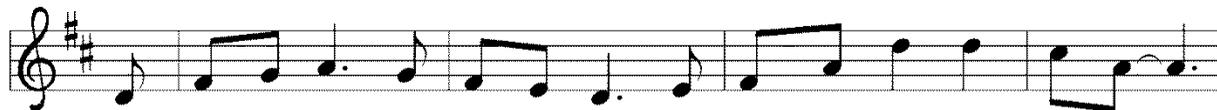
Make it reality. Celebrate endings and new beginnings, challenges and promises.

Live the new creation. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

My Lord of Light

ELW #832



- 1 My Lord of light who made the worlds, in wis - dom you have spo - ken;
- 2 My Lord of love who knew no sin, a sin - ner's death en - dur - ing:
- 3 My Lord of life who came in fire when Christ was high as - cend - ed:
- 4 My Lord of lords, one Trin - i - ty, to your pure name be giv - en



but those who heard your wise com-mands your ho - ly law have bro - ken.
for us you wore a crown of thorns, a crown of life se - cur - ing.
your burn - ing love is now re - leased, our days of fear are end - ed.
all glo - ry now and ev - er - more, all praise in earth and heav-en.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Ushers: Shawn Helgeson Family

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Videographer: Hope Levine

Altar Guild for November: Marilyn Hoffman and Doris Tweed

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Lester & Lovenea Groe from the Groe Family.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Marilyn VanDenBosch, from her family.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3 and can be heard on WCTA Cable Channel 2. Radio Broadcast 2017 Sponsorship Dates Available: Jan. 1, 8, 15, Feb. 5, 26, March 26, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, June 11, July 9, 16, 30, Aug. 13, 20, Sept. 3, 17, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 24.

We have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date in 2017.

Sending of Communion is the third Sunday of each month. Please call the office (641.592.1771) if you would like to receive communion at home on Sunday, November 20th.

Senior citizens that need a ride to church on Sunday mornings can call the church office (641.592.1771) and a ride will be arranged for you. Leave a message if there is no answer. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex for those willing to give rides.

Would you be willing to pair up with our confirmation students? Your role would be to support, encourage and pray for them. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Rhonda Harmon at [641-590-0256](tel:641-590-0256). There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you for your assistance.

Salem Women of the ELCA are hosting the Living Waters Cluster Fall Gathering November 19th.
The speaker is Pastor Kathy Graves of Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City.
9:30 a.m. coffee followed by Devotions, business meeting and program. All are welcome to attend.

Faith Formation is Sundays at 9:45am. Children meet in the chapel for songs, videos and a short lesson before dividing into small groups for games and crafts.

The Faith Formation Worship Service begins at 10:30.

Everyone is welcome!!!

If your child will not be attending the worship service, please plan to pick them up inside the church, at the entrance to the chapel, at 10:30.

The Board of Ed is looking for volunteers to help with Faith Formation on Sunday mornings, from 9:45-10:30. All instructions and supplies will be provided!

Please contact the office or any Board of Ed or Board of Youth member if you would be willing to help.

There will also be a signup sheet on Sundays at Faith Formation.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:15 p.m.

Salem offices will be closed November 24-25th.

No Faith Formation or Faith Forming Worship on Sunday, November 27.



**Community Thanksgiving Dinner
November 24, 2016, 11 am – 1:00 pm**

Asbury United Methodist Church - 107 E. Main, Lake Mills, IA.

The menu includes turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy, vegetable, roll, pie and beverage. Please call for reservations by Nov. 21st, strictly for planning purposes. Monetary or food bank donations will be accepted, but are not required. The entire purpose of this meal is to provide a “family” meal for anyone who may be alone, or for a family that would like to share this special day of thanks with others in our community. Deliveries will be available for shut-ins. Reservations can be made by calling 592-3389 or 592-5742.

Operation Christmas Clothes

The date for tag pick up will start mid-November.
Watch the bulletin for more information.



Tapestry Singers Advent Concert

Join us in the Sanctuary Sunday, November 27th at 4:00pm

Everyone is Welcome!



Hospice of North Iowa Tree Lighting Service will be held in Salem’s Chapel on **Tuesday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m. in Salem’s Fellowship Hall.** With your gift to Hospice, a light will be placed on the Tree of Life. Every light on the Tree of Life celebrates and honors our loved one and friends in a very special way. A light in memory of a loved one who has died is a reminder that, despite the wintry effect death can bring, life can still be celebrated. Names of those you wish to remember and honor will be listed at the service. Your contribution will help extend hospice care to others, so they can live the last months of their lives with dignity, often in the comfort of their own homes.



Drop off site/dates for 2016:

Pilot Knob Lutheran Church
2391 330th St, Forest City IA

Monday, Nov. 14: 4-6 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 15: 9 AM-1 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 17: 9-11 AM & 6-8 PM

Thursday, Nov. 17: 9-11 AM

Friday, Nov. 18: 11 AM – 1 PM

Saturday, Nov. 19: 1-3 PM

Sunday, Nov. 20: 12-2 PM

Monday, Nov. 21: 7-9 AM

Salem’s Life & Growth board is sponsoring our participation in Operation Christmas Child this year.

You may also bring completed boxes to Salem or to Pilot Knob Lutheran Church. Watch the bulletin for Salem’s deadline.

We will have a limited number of unassembled **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes. You may use your own shoebox. Gift ideas, do’s and don’ts, are on a sheet located on the table outside the chapel and in the narthex.



The Marine Corps Toys for Tots Collection Boxes will be outside the church office & in the narthex. Unwrapped gifts may be placed in the box. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

You
are welcome
to place mittens,
caps and scarves on the
Mitten Tree by the pulpit
prior to services in December or
at any time during the week.
Gifts will be distributed
locally and in the
surrounding
area.



To keep the Angel Tree tradition going help is needed to set up and decorate the tree. This usually takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 26th this year) when the rest of the church is decorated for Christmas.

All help would be greatly appreciated!

There is no charge to dedicate an angel. You can pick up an angel in the church office and hang it on the tree yourself anytime you wish. A book will be on the table where you can write the name of your loved one and note who is dedicating the angel. If you have purchased an angel in the past you can also pick up an angel and either hang it on the Angel Tree or take it home to enjoy on your own tree.



Salem's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22, 2017.

Watch for time and the schedule that day.

In preparation, we will begin preparing the Annual Report late December into January.

The Nominating Committee is beginning work on the ballot.

There may be council positions and committee positions to fill.

If you are interested in helping with the "Work of the Church" in this capacity,
contact one of the council members:

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Salem offers a safe and easy way to give online. Scan this QR code to go to the website. There you can click the **Donate Now** button to make your gift.

You decided the amount. You will need either a credit or debit card to complete the transaction. Thank you for your support of ministry at Salem!

Those worshipping October 29/30: 208 Giving: \$770.07

Those worshipping November 5/6: 259 Giving: \$6761.42

PRAYER
changes things

The family & friends of Marilyn VanDenBosch and David E. Steffens

Prayer Families: Christopher Charlson, Harlan Charlson, John and Cathy Charlson, Matthew Charlton, Nathan Chodur, Sara Chodur

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship - Chapel
4:30 p.m. Tapestry Advent/Christmas Concert Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
5:30 p.m. Council – Library

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. Opportunity Village Meeting - Library
2:15 - 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4
7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Room #10

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

9:00 a.m. Living Waters Cluster Fall Gathering – Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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9:30 a.m. Praise Creature Choir – Choir Room; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Faith Forming Worship - Chapel

Next Week's Lessons: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20, Luke 23:33-43

Salem WELCA Meeting – Thursday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please bring your Thankoffering boxes to the meeting for collection.

Stephen Ministry and Spiritual Growth – “Being a Stephen Minister continues to help me grow in my understanding of Jesus’ call to love and serve one another. I greatly enjoy the relationships I have with my fellow Stephen Ministers and my care receivers. Most of all, I have had the joy of seeing firsthand the unfathomable depths of Christ’s love for us.” **Stephen from Portland, Oregon** We are looking to start a new training class of Stephen Ministry. If you feel God’s call to serve with your gifts of caring, please call Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior’s and Salem.



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