

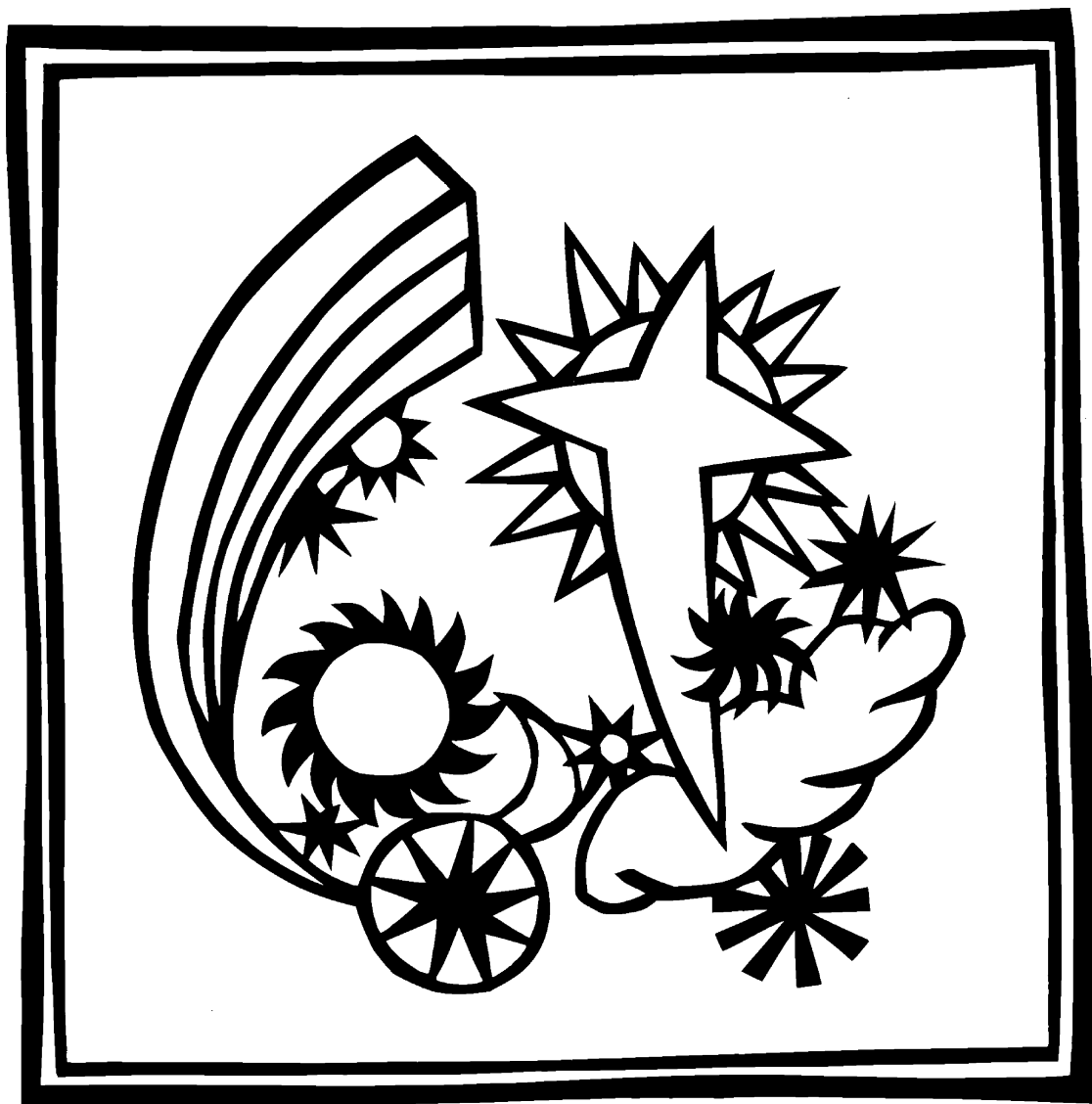


Salem Lutheran Church  
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

**Welcome to the House of the Lord**

**Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost  
November 13, 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:** Bruce Adams

**Liturgical Choir:**

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**Live Stream:** Brad Evenson

**Acolytes:** Tori Sterrenberg, Cora Sauer

**Ushers:** Cora, Adam & Jen Sauer

**Communion Servers:**

**Altar Guild for November:** Sharon Johnson, Margaret Okland

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## 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 meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."*

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

### BELLS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher,  
 your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word.  
 All that has life and breath praises your name.  
 For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.  
**We thank you, O God.**

You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world.  
 He healed the sick, fed the hungry,  
 preached your mercy, and called us to faith.  
 For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.  
**We praise you, O God.**

Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word,  
 that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption,  
 and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world.  
 For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.  
**We entreat you, O God.**

Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer,  
 for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG*****My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less***

ELW #597

*We stand for the gathering song*

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - 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 righ - 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.

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Together let us pray,*

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

## FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## SCRIPTURE SONG

*In All Our Grief*

ELW #615



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.  
 2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,  
 3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.  
 4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,  
 the clen - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.  
 He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,  
 then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.  
 Teach us the way in which love best is served.  
 but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.  
 and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

*Refrain*

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.

## SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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 21:5-19

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

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify.

<sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY*****Lost in the Night***

ELW #243

*We stand for the hymn of the day.*

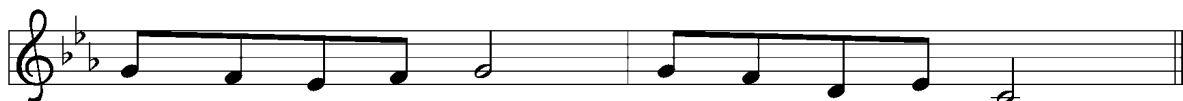
1 Lost in the night do the peo - ple yet lan - guish,  
 2 Must we be vain - ly a - wait - ing the mor - row?  
 3 Sor - row - ing wan - d'ers, in dark - ness yet dwell - ing,  
 4 Light o'er the land of the need - y is beam - ing;



long - ing for morn - ing the dark - ness to van - quish,  
 Shall those who have light no light let us bor - row,  
 dawned has the day of a ra - diance ex - cel - ling,  
 riv - ers of life through its des - erts are stream - ing,



plain - tive - ly sigh - ing with hearts full of an - guish.  
 giv - ing no heed to our bur - den of sor - row?  
 death's deep - est shad - ows for - ev - er dis - pel - ling.  
 bring - ing all peo - ples a Sav - ior re - deem - ing.



Will not day come soon?	Will not day come soon?
Will you help us soon?	Will you help us soon?
Christ is com - ing soon!	Christ is com - ing soon!
Come and save us soon!	Come and save us soon!

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**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

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**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.*

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

*A brief silence.*

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel. Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*The pastor concludes the prayers*

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*The offering is being collected by our ushers who will be passing the plates during the musical offering. The usher will bring the offering forward for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need prior to the offering prayer.*

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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.**

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## **SENDING**

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## **BLESSING**

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✝ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG***Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*

ELW #767



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;  
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;  
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.  
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.  
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;  
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,  
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.  
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.  
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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