

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Salem Lutheran Church

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November 23, 2016 – 7:15 p.m.



INTRODUCTION

Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

²**Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;

we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Word of God.

Work of Life

HYMN

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

READING Philippians 4:4-9

Word of God.

Work of Life

OFFERING

In joy we bring forth our gifts to God. In doing so, we remember all God's gracious acts for us through the plentiful harvest of the land. Praise be to God, the creator of all things.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

GOSPEL John 6:25-35

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MEDITATION

HYMN

We Plow the Fields

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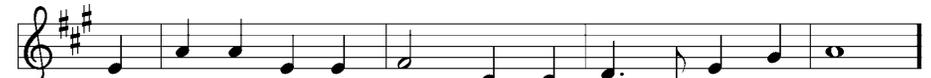
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

PRAYERS

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.

Please respond at the end of each petition:

let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

A brief silence.

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

**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.**

BLESSING

God who loves us,
who gives us eternal consolation and good hope,
comfort your hearts
and strengthen them in every good work and word;
and the blessing of almighty God,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**



HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Salem offices will be closed November 24-25th.
No Faith Formation or Faith Forming Worship on Sunday, November 27.

Happy Thanksgiving

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

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

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.



Hanging of the Greens

Saturday, November 26 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Meet in the Narthex. Many hands will make light work.
Everyone is welcome to help.

Operation Christmas Clothes

The date for tag pick up will start soon.
Watch the bulletin for more information.

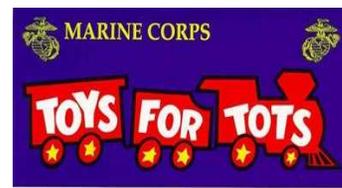


PRAYER
changes things

The family & friends of Marilyn VanDenBosch



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.



**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.**



To keep the Angel Tree tradition going help is needed to set up and decorate the tree. Will take 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.