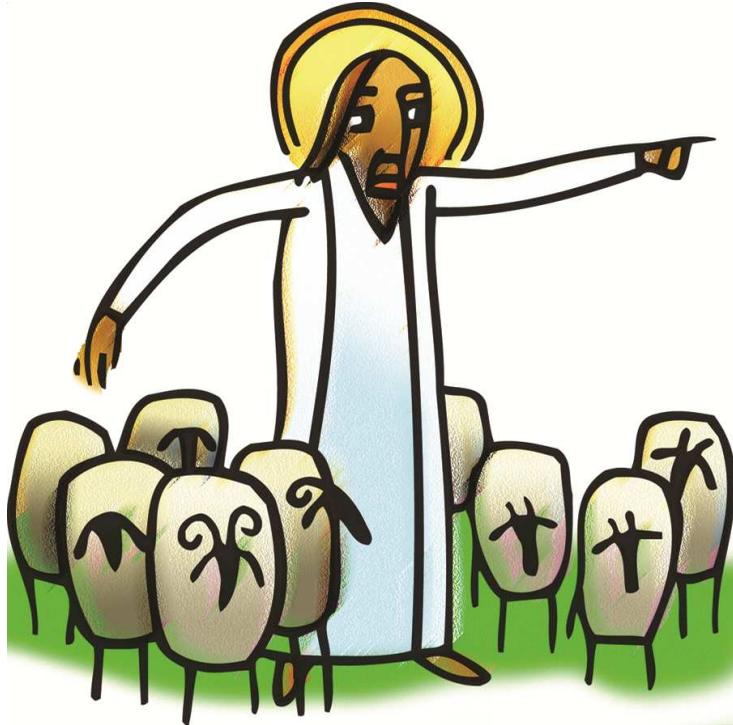




Salem Lutheran Church
401 S. Lake St. Lake Mills IA 50450

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Christ the King Sunday
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 26, 2017 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet awaiting the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW #855

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.

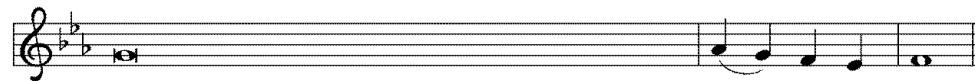
KYRIE



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.



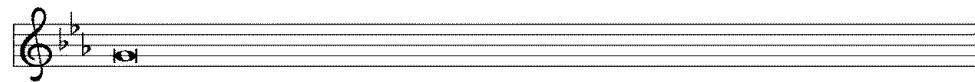
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

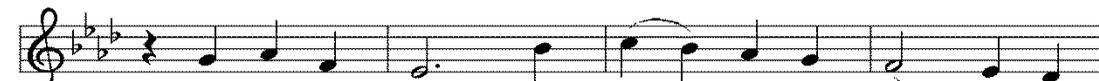
Women sing verse one, men verse two, all join in on verse three and the refrain:



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 power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A reading from Ezekiel.

Since Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a We read today's psalm responsively beginning with the pulpit side.

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

^{7a}For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from 1 Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25:13-46

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

SERMON**HYMN OF THE DAY***Thine the Amen*

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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. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING**GENEROSITY MOMENT**

Recognition of Jim Tweed Memorial

MUSICAL OFFERING**OFFERING SONG**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW #434

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson	Acolytes: Josie Gilbertson, Jady Hengesteg
Organist: Ruth Sheldon	November Altar Guild:
Ushers: Dennis Madson, Ron/Phyllis Moen	Gloria Kvale, Pat Thorson
Reader: Becky Helgeson	

The radio broadcast this morning is given in loving memory of DeVere Steffensen from Clarine and family.

Pledge cards for 2018 were distributed at the services this past weekend. If you did not get one, please check with the office for your copy. All completed cards can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off/mailed to the church office over the next several weeks. Thank you for your support.
Stewardship Board

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

Readings for December 3: Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Those worshipping November 18/19: 264

Please keep in your prayers Alex & Lisa (Nelson) Kubik. Alex & Lisa were married Saturday.

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.



Hanging of the Greens will be held 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.

Tapestry Singers Advent Concert
Join us in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00 p.m.
All are Welcome!

The Hospice of North Iowa Tree Lighting Service will be held in Salem’s Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 14th at 6:00pm. 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 ones 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 life in dignity, often in their own homes.

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



The Marine Corps Toys for Tots collection box is outside the church office! Unwrapped gifts may be placed in the box. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Angel Tree – A Little History

The Angel Tree was started in 2000 by the Miriam Circle members. A longtime circle member had passed away and the Angel Tree was dedicated to her memory. People were able to purchase angels and the narthex tree was decorated with these angels each year. The names of all dedications were also recorded in a special book on display near the tree. Through the years over 500 angels have been dedicated.

If you have purchased an angel in the past you can also pick up an angel and either hang it on the Angel Memory Tree or take it home to enjoy on your own tree. All previously dedicated angels are recorded in the memory book.

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.

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MAP MISSIONAL ASSESSMENT PROFILE

We will be hosting more Listening Sessions Dec. 4th and 5th!

If you were unable to attend the previous ones please take a look at the sign up times and find one that will fit your schedule. Your input is needed and welcomed as we continue to gather data to help us move into the next chapter of Salem's ministry.

To sign up for a Listening Session go to:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a4ae2ba4f85-salem>

If you would like help signing up, call Helen in the office – 641.592.1771.

The Congregation is welcome to join us in the presentation of the MAP results.

Monday, December 4th @ 7pm in the fellowship hall or Tuesday, December 5th @ Noon in the fellowship hall.

Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch if you'd like to the Tuesday, Dec. 5 meeting.

Map Result Sharing – MAP Points of Interest

Week 2:

Our congregation has a significant sense of belonging, and yet is struggling to be unified or cohesive. Differences of opinion and the need to learn from our diversity warrants attention.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

8:30 a.m. Traditional 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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers - Lounge

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge

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

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

9:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Amber Christianson Baby

Shower – Fellowship Hall

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship

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

4:30 p.m. Tapestry Advent Concert - Sanctuary