



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Third Sunday After Pentecost  
June 13, 2021 – 9:00am



**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.

<p><b>Saturday--5:30pm Worship Service</b>  <b>Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson</b>  <b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon  <b>Reader:</b> Cindy Haugsdal  <b>Liturgical Choir:</b> open  <b>Sound:</b> Shannon Bruhns  <b>Acolytes:</b> Shannon Bruhns  <b>Ushers:</b> Shannon Bruhns  <b>Communion Servers:</b>  <b>Altar Guild for June:</b>          Sharon Johnson &amp; Shelley Hagenson</p>	<p><b>Sunday--9:00am Worship Service</b>  <b>Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson</b>  <b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon  <b>Readers:</b> Brian Budach  <b>Liturgical Choir:</b> Nancy Guttormson, Bruce Adams, Willie Skellenger, Al Skellenger  <b>Sound:</b> Chike Ikefuama  <b>Live Stream:</b> Brad Evenson  <b>Video:</b> Chike Ikefuama  <b>Acolytes:</b> Lyle Thomson  <b>Ushers:</b> Lyle and Orloue Thomson  <b>Communion Servers:</b>  <b>Altar Guild for June:</b>          Sharon Johnson &amp; Shelley Hagenson</p>
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## INTRODUCTION

*The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

### BELLS

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE

We come to hear God's call.

**Life is a mystery.**

We are surprised by what we hear.

**We walk by faith.**

We are invited to be part of God's new creation.

**Life is a mystery. We walk by faith.**

Praise the One who gives us faith.

**Praise God.**

Praise the One who walks with us.

**Praise God.**

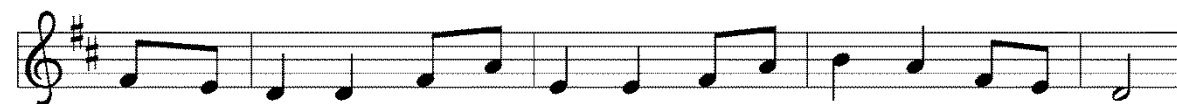
Praise the One who shrouds life in mystery.

**Praise God.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* ELW #843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

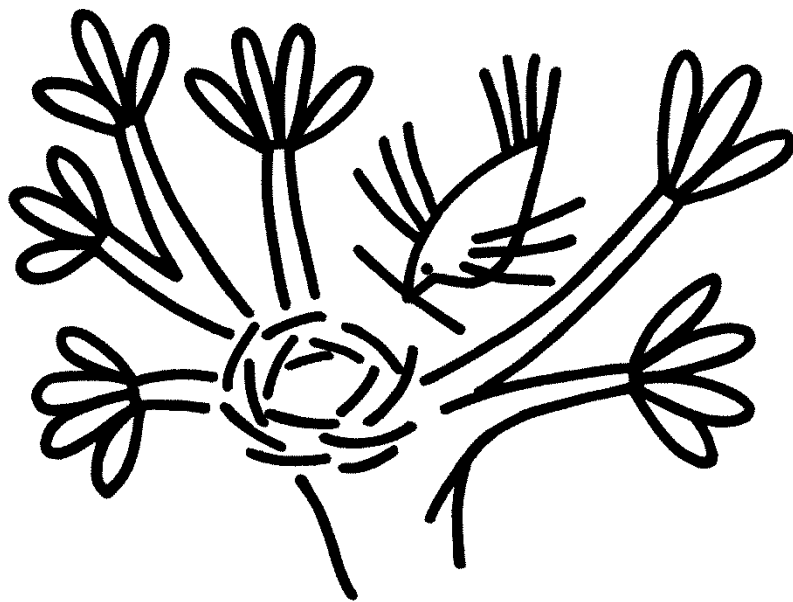
## FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

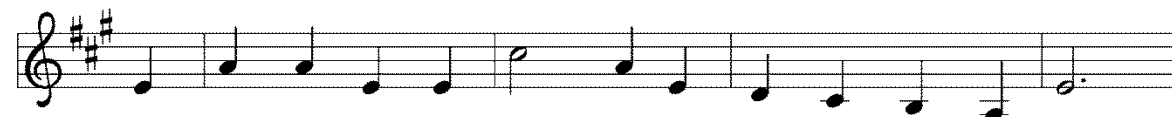


## SCRIPTURE HYMN

*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

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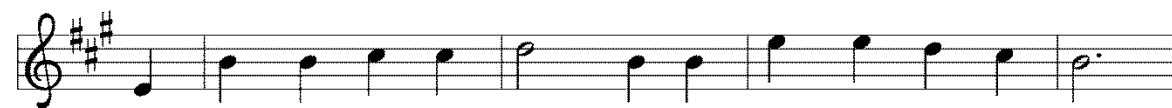
*All may remain seated for the scripture hymn.*



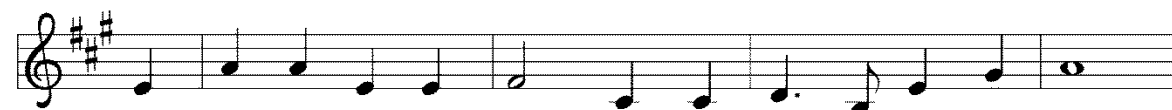
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



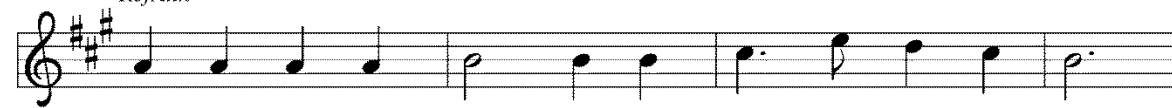
but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
You plant the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



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.

**SECOND READING**

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

<sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Faith*  
— over —  
*Fear*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* ELW #512

*We stand for the hearing 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

Mark 4:26-34

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

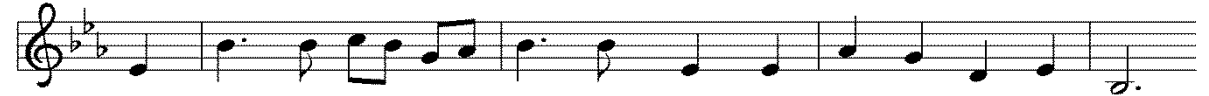
## SERMON



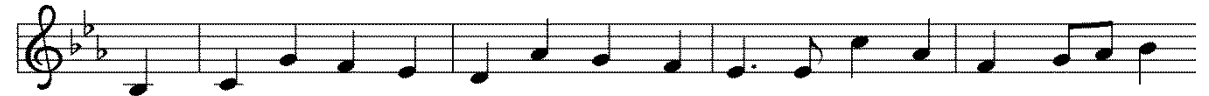
## HYMN OF THE DAY

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

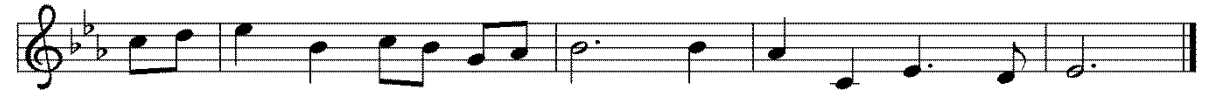
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1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - fresh - ed, re - stored,  
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## 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

*All may be seated as the pastor invites us into our time of prayer.*

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musician Ruth our organist. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Pastor concludes the prayers*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### OFFERING PRAYER

Bountiful God, you provide the seeds and fertile soil that offers a harvest of abundance. May these first fruits be a worthy offering of the gifts you so graciously provide. Let them increase a harvest of plenty to all who suffer in want.  
**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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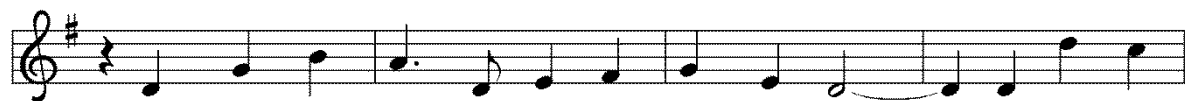
### BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

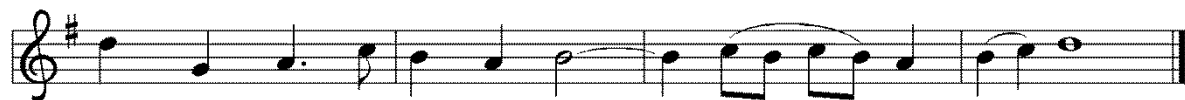
ELW #851



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -  
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most  
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as  
 men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship  
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness  
 e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us  
 joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
 moved us to a more pro - found  
 to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing, for whom he won the fight:  
 give us faith to sing al - ways:

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE**

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