



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2016 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

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PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. Hal Hopson

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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,
the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of overflowing grace,
we come to you with repentant hearts.
Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.
Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.
Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.
Forgive us our neglect and thoughtlessness.
Bring us home from the wilderness of sin,
and strengthen us to serve you
in all that we do and say;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in ☩ Christ Jesus,
who gave himself up for us all,
your sins are forgiven and you are made free.

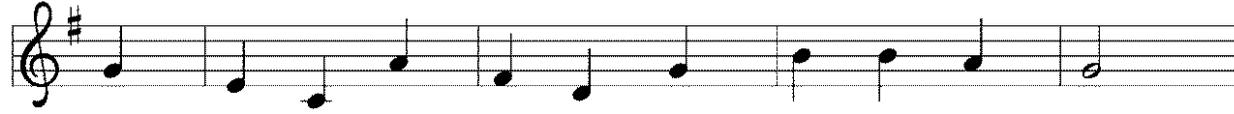
Rejoice with the angels and with one another!

We are home in God's mercy, now and forever. **Amen.**

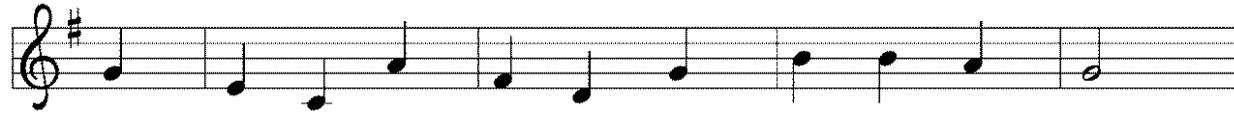
GATHERING SONG

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

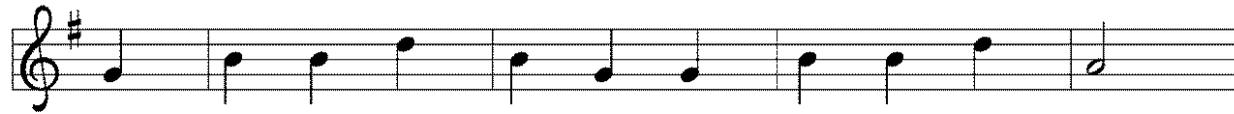
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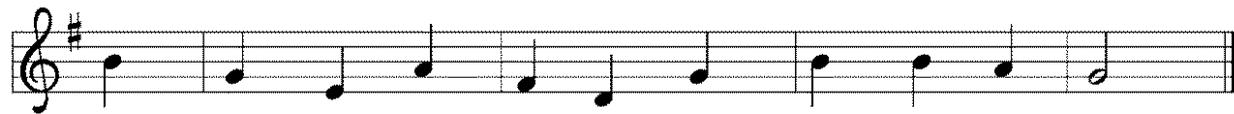
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

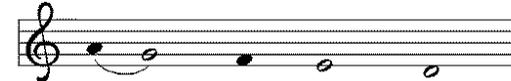
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

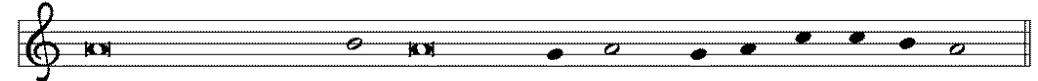
And also with you.

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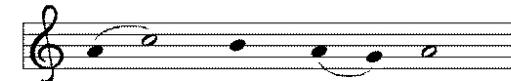
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



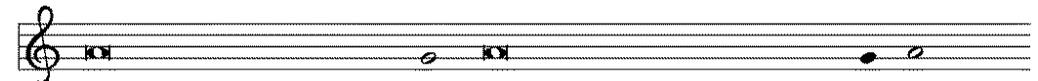
Lord, have mer - cy.



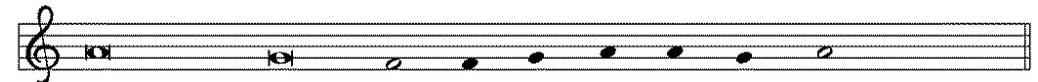
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



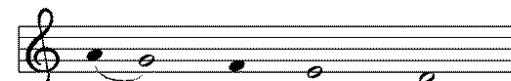
Lord, have mer - cy.



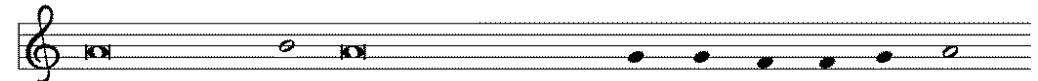
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



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 wor - ship and praise,



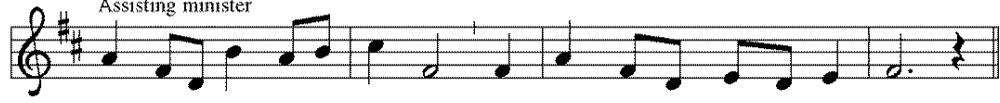
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



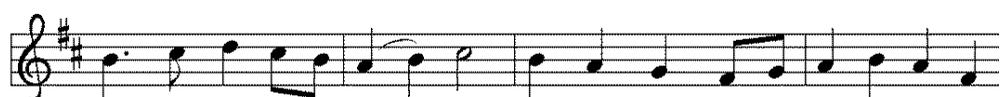
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

Page 86 in the Bible

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 51:1-10

(The Psalm is read responsively)

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;**

so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

⁶**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,**

and would have me know wisdom deep within.

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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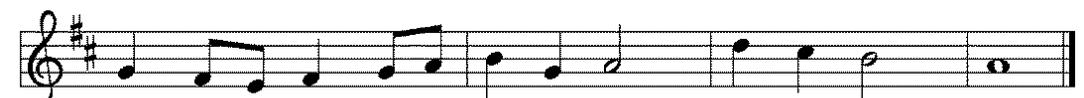
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes: The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

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

Please respond at the end of each petition:

Rejoicing in the Spirit's work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Please respond at the end of each petition: Hear us O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

Create in Me



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

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God Almighty send you light and truth
to keep you all the days of your life.

The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the \oplus Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth
to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Videographer: Hope Levine

Altar Guild for September: Joan Kloster and Phyllis Moen

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of their daughter, Julie Thune and their son Jim Thune, from Alan & Marilyn Pederson.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Adeline 'Addie' Rolands, 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. Available date is: Dec. 4, 25.

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 2016.

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!

The Good Samaritan committee is asking for donations to the Clothes Closet located at Salem. We are in need of new socks and underwear at this time. If shopping is difficult for you, we will also accept gift cards/cash for the committee to shop for needs. All donations can be left with at the office. Thank you for your generous support of the Good Samaritan Ministry.

PRAYER

changes things

The family and friends of Addie Rolands

Prayer Families: Callie Bergan, David and Shelly Bergan, Katie Bergan, Robert and Sheila Berger Family, Janet Bergo, Jamie Bergo

Those worshipping August 31/September 4: 152 Giving: \$5076



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!

Staying Strong is giving us the challenge of “Staying Strong” through participation in September appeal to raise an additional \$20,000 above and beyond our regular weekly giving.

To participate in the “Staying Strong Appeal” you can give a onetime amount anytime in the next four weeks with a separate envelope or check, with “Staying Strong Appeal” written on the memo line or envelope back; or add to your giving anytime weekly in the month of September as our goal of \$20,000 is reached. It’s also possible to give to the appeal by giving online on our website. Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in the ministry of Salem Lutheran. Starting Strong! Staying Strong! We celebrate the plans God has for us in the future, as we share the gospel and legacy all our church has to offer!

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, September 18th.

Vocational Benefits of Stephen Minister Training – “I recently was given an extraordinary opportunity to take over as executive director of a nonprofit organization in trouble. I used my Stephen minister skills with the entire staff, including the board, since grief was a major factor. By listening and caring and using a process approach, it became a tremendous growth opportunity for everyone involved.”
Don from San Antonio, Texas We are looking to start up a new training class soon. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister, call Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior’s and Salem.

Next Week’s Lessons: Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113, 1Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship - Chapel

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle – Carol Johnson
5:30 p.m. Council – Library

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:00 a.m. LMAMA – Food Shelf
10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge
1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Life Serve Bloodmobile–Fell. Hall
5:30 p.m. Stewardship Board - Library

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:30 p.m. 8th Grade Acolyte Training
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Instruction – Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Meal – Fellowship Hall
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Closing Devotions – Fell. Hall
6:00 p.m. New Life Nutrition – Room #4

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

11:30 a.m. WELCA Guest Day– Fell. Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:30 p.m. Communion Worship – Chapel

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:30 a.m. Communion Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fell. Hall
9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Gathering - Chapel
10:30 a.m. Worship - Chapel

Where have the pew cushions gone?

You may be wondering what has happened to the pew cushions in the sanctuary. The beginning of the summer some of the cushions were removed to clean and it was decided to evaluate the condition of all of the pew cushions. The pew cushions were purchased in 1982 and are beyond the point of cleaning. The Property Board and Executive Board have decided to toss out the pew cushions rather than return them to the sanctuary. If you are in need of a cushion in order to attend worship please feel free to bring your own chair cushion and leave it in the hat rack in foyer of the church.

Why is Salem purchasing two new Chalices for Communion?

There has been some confusion and discussion about why Salem is purchasing two new Chalices. The Altar Guild has been discussing the need to re-plate one of the silver chalices for the past year. The silver is flecking off in the inside of the chalice. A jewelry store was contacted; the cost to re-plate the cup would be approximately \$1200 and the process would take six to eight months. It was suggested to purchase two pouring chalices at a cost of \$562 each; \$1124 for two matching chalices. The Altar Guild voted to recommend the purchase of two new chalices and this was approved by the Salem Church Council in August.

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