



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2015 - 8:30 a.m.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Prelude *Cornet Voluntary* Anonymous (18th Century)

Bells, Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who brings us out of captivity into freedom,
out of the wilderness into the promised land,
out of death into life.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

**we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
Forgive us and give us strength
to turn from sin
and to serve you in newness of life.**

Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit,
God gives us a new birth,
and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ,
+ God forgives us all our sins.

Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness
and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.



INTRODUCTION

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

***Call to Worship**

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

Call upon God while he is near.

Wicked, forsake your ways!

Unrighteous, forsake your thoughts!

Come back to God.

Return to the Lord!

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The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***Gathering Hymn**

Red Book #522

As We Gather at Your Table

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**

Leader: Lord, have mer - cy. Assembly: Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

***Hymn of Praise**

Red Book #838

Beautiful Savior (Stanzas 1 & 4)

***Prayer of the Day** (spoken together)

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Blessing of the Lector

Let us pray...Oh, that today we would hear God's voice. May we hear your voice today, Lord, as Melinda reads us the scriptures. Let not our hearts be hardened, but open to the word of life. **Amen.**

WORD

Scripture Readings

Old Testament	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16	Page 14
New Testament	Romans 4:13-25	Page 161

***Gospel Acclamation**

Red Book #515

Red Book #157 *Break Now the Bread of Life* (stanza 1)

**1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
My spirit waits for you, O living Word.**

***The Gospel**

Mark 8:31-38

Page 44

***Gospel Acclamation**

Red Book #515

Break Now the Bread of Life (stanza 3)

**3. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
Your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
Teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**

Sermon

***Sermon Hymn** **Red Book #759**
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*** 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** **Red Book Page 152**

***Sharing the Peace**

Because this is flu season, please refrain from touching during the sharing of the peace unless you are certain you are germ free.

MEAL

Offering

***Offertory** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***Offering Prayer** *(Spoken together)*

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Words of Institution**

***The Lord's Prayer** **Red Book Page 154**

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.

"Lamb of God..." **Red Book Page 154**

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be served at the rail. Come forward as the ushers direct you. All who believe in the real presence of Jesus in the sacrament are welcome at the table.

***Table Blessing**

***Song** *"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"* **Red Book #207**

***Prayer after Communion**

Pastor: Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus, and the light of the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

***Sending Song** *Will You Come and Follow Me* **Red Book #798**
Dismissal

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

Postlude

Preaching: Pr. Peter Soli
Assisting & Lector: Pr. Melinda McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Sound: Alan Skellenger
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Bob Thompson's birthday, March 10, from Betty and the family.

Lenten Healing Journey – Our Need and God's Healing

Throughout his ministry Jesus offered healing to those suffering from physical and emotional ailments. During this Lenten season our midweek worship will center on healing. The 7:15 evening service will include hymns, scripture, the message, and individual or family healing prayer. The 10:00 morning service will include Bible study how Jesus offers healing to the broken and sinful world in which we live. Each week will focus on a different healing need.

March 4	7:15 pm	Healing for Anger and Resentment
March 11	7:15 pm	Healing for Disease and Disability
March 18	7:15 pm	Healing for Destructive Habits and Addictions
March 25	7:15 pm	Healing for Broken Relationships
April 2	7:15 pm	Maundy Thursday – First Communion
April 3	7:15 pm	Good Friday

For those who would like to enjoy a soup supper a weekly fellowship meal will be served by the Youth each Lenten Wednesday before worship.

Lent Soup & Sandwich Suppers Served 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	
March 4:	Chicken Tortilla & Tomato Basil Soups Ham & Beef Sandwiches
March 11:	Chicken Wild Rice & Vegetable Beef Soups Ham & Beef Sandwiches
March 18:	Chili & Broccoli Cheese Soup Beef & Turkey Sandwiches
March 25:	Vegetable Beef & Chicken Noodle Soups Turkey & Ham Sandwiches

This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's

BASKETS of PROMISE CAMPAIGN

Each week we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble **Personal Care Kits** that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble 175 LWR Kits during Lent.

HERE IS OUR CARE KIT COLLECTION SCHEDULE –

Bring items to the narthex or office:

March 1: Bath Towels

(Light-weight, dark color, maximum 52" X 27")

March 8: Toothbrushes (Adult size, in original packaging)

March 15: Combs

March 22: Nail Clippers (Metal, attached file optional)

March 29: Bars of Soap

Wednesday, March 4 is packing day for “Stop hunger. Start hope” at the Waldorf Atrium. Each meal costs 25 cents. All donations are welcome. Last year 72,000 meals were packed which translates to \$18,000. If you would like to get a group together to participate or go on your own contact Pøtt Van Auken at pva@wctatel.net. You can choose 2, 3, 4, or 5 o’clock.

We will have a container in the narthex for cash/check donations today.

The 10:30 worship service is streamed live on Salem’s new website. Navigate to www.salemlakemills.com on your computer, phone, or tablet to view and listen to the service. Broadcasts are recorded and are available to watch at any time using the link on the Live Streaming page.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3. Cost for 2015 is \$83. Call the office to reserve your dates.

Dates available for 2015: March 8, April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 31, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27

Stephen Ministry Needs YOU!

Even if you are not a Stephen Leader or a Stephen Minister, you play an important role in our Stephen Ministry. Our Stephen Ministers need your prayerful support as they confidentially meet with their care receivers every week. Our Stephen leaders also need your help in identifying people who might benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship. If you see a friend, coworker, neighbor, relative, or someone else who could us some extra Christian care, tell that person about our Stephen Ministry and get permission to refer him or her to a Stephen Leader. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior’s and Salem.

Please remember the following Prayer Families in your prayers this week:

Reuben/Delores Hanna, Blake Hansen Family, Mike/Gail Hansen, Brian/Krishna Hanson Family, David/Annie Hanson, Dennis/Kathy Hanson, Gene/Julie Hanson Family, Gladys Hanson

Let’s Talk

Call Committee and Transition Team members are hosting a series of Let’s Talk sessions. These sessions have been scheduled at different times, on different days.

THREE WAYS TO SIGN UP!!!

Signup Wednesday or Sunday on the clipboards

Signup by calling the office (641.592.1771) or online www.salemlakemills.com:

Click the **Quick Links:**

Link to Let's Talk information and registration

Each session will last 90 minutes. Pastor Soli will facilitate each session while team members make notes. The focus of these sessions will be on identifying things which we have in common and bind us together; and also the different perspectives we have on matters related to being Salem Lutheran Church.

All sessions will be held in the fellowship hall. They will start and end on time. Refreshments will be provided.

The results of these meetings will be presented to the congregation in April.

Mornings	Afternoons	Evenings
Tues. 3/10—9:30	Sun. 3/8—1:30 & 3:30 Childcare provided	Thurs. 3/5—6:30
Thurs. 3/19—9:30	Sun. 3/15—1:30 & 3:30 Childcare provided	Tues. 3/10—6:30
Tues. 3/24—9:30	Mon. 3/16—1:30	Thurs. 3/12—6:30
	Thurs. 4/9—1:30	Wed. 4/8—7:00

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

MONDAY, MARCH 2

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle – Elaine Aamodt

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Sue Myli

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

10:00 a.m. Lent Service/Bible Study - Chapel
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Room #4
4:00 p.m. Tai Kwon Do – Room #2
5:30 p.m. 5th Grade First Communion Class – Room 4
6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Meal – Fellowship Hall
7:15 p.m. Lent Service - Sanctuary
8:00 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

9:30 a.m. Deborah & Tabitha Circles – Fellowship Hall
Rhoda Circle – Library, Sarah Circle – Dominy Twito
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle – Virginia Thomas
6:30 p.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 a.m. World Day of Prayer Service - Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

9:00 a.m. Emily/Dan Helgeson Baby Shower – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

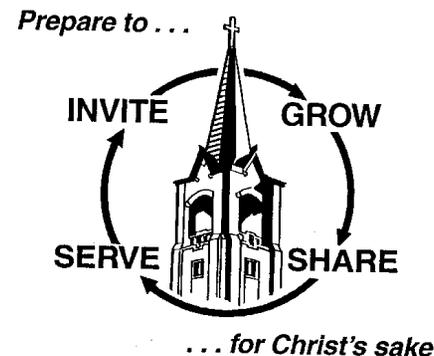
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3:30 p.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall

Next Week's Lessons:

Exodus 20:1–17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

Those worshipping at Salem last week: 249

Last week's giving to the glory of God: Not available



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