



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Second Sunday in Lent
March 1, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Song

Today Is the Day

Call to Worship

We come to worship this morning from different places.

O God, do not be far from us.

We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

O God, do not be far from us.

We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

O God, do not be far from us.

We hear Jesus' words with different ears.

O God, do not be far from us.

"Deny yourselves."

O God, do not be far from us.

"Take up your cross."

O God, do not be far from us.

"Follow me."

**O God, we thank you for drawing near to us
in this place, in our lives. Amen.**

Opening Prayer (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.**



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.

Scripture Readings

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| Old Testament | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 | Page 14 |
| New Testament | Romans 4:13-25 | Page 161 |
| *The Gospel | Mark 8:31-38 | Page 44 |

Children's Sermon and Sermon

Prayer (*congregation speaks the bold text*)

Oh, God of love, power and faithfulness,

**We journey with your son,
ever closer to Jerusalem,
to his cross his true destiny.**

We hear his words

**"Take up your cross and follow me,"
but we aren't sure if it's the crosses of this life,
or the actual cross of death.**

We hear his words,

**"deny your self,"
and wonder which self it is;
the self we put on for others,
or the self centered self
that wants it all for ourselves?**

Whichever it is,

**it seems like Jesus
sure is asking a lot of us
and we aren't sure we can do this.**

**God we will need your holy spirit
to be able to do this.**

**God we will need your grace and mercy
to be able to do this.**

We remember that you empowered your disciples,
the early Christians, and others who decided to follow you,
we believe that you will do likewise for us. **Amen.**

Sermon Song

How Great Is Our God

***Apostles' Creed** (*spoken together*)

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, Peace

MEAL

Offering

You Are My All in All

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

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Distribution of Communion

When Holy Communion is served, all Christians who recognize the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament and the offer of forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table. Children are invited forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the ushers' instructions in coming for communion. Glasses of white grape juice are located in the center of each tray of wine for those who would prefer it. Gluten-free communion wafers are also available.

*Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song *In the Secret*

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.

Preaching: Pr. Peter Soli

Assisting & Lector: Pr. Melinda McCluskey

Pianist: Bill Georgia

Video Coordinator: Anna Ramaker

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.

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| 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.

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| 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 donations today.

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 |
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| 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 |

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 KLOW-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 use 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

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

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary

1:30 p.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall

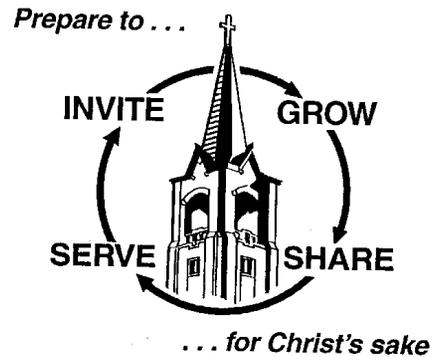
3:30 p.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall

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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