



# Salem Lutheran Church

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



## INTRODUCTION

The third covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the central one of Israel's history: the gift of the law to those God freed from slavery. The ten commandments are one of the chief parts of Luther's catechism, a core piece of baptismal instruction. They begin with the statement that because God alone has freed us from the powers that oppressed us, we are to let nothing else claim first place in our lives. When Jesus throws the merchants out of the temple, he is defending the worship of God alone and rejecting the ways commerce and profit-making can become our gods.

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

## GATHERING

**Prelude**     *Voluntary in A Minor*     Anonymous (18<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**\*Sermon Hymn**      *Lift High the Cross*      **Red Book #660**

**\* 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.*

**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.

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

**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**      **Red Book #720**

***We are Called***

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**

<p><b>Preaching:</b> Pr. Peter Soli <b>Assisting:</b> Pr. Melinda McCluskey <b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon <b>Lector:</b> Pastor McCluskey <b>Sound:</b> Alan Skellenger <b>Video Coordinator:</b> Carol Abbey</p>
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The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Ron Rasmusson's birthday, March 12, from Karen.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Richard "Ricky" Benson. Services were held Saturday at Salem.

**Thank you for your contributions to "Stop hunger. Start hope."  
We sent \$160 to Waldorf which provides 640 meals.**

**Salem Women of the ELCA** will meet Thursday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. Members of the Elizabeth Circles are hostess. Martha Circle is in charge of the program which will be given by Brian Budach from Lake Mills Physical Therapy.

## 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.

<b>March 11</b>	7:15 pm	Healing for Disease and Disability
<b>March 18</b>	7:15 pm	Healing for Destructive Habits and Addictions
<b>March 25</b>	7:15 pm	Healing for Broken Relationships
<b>April 2</b>	7:15 pm	Maundy Thursday – First Communion
<b>April 3</b>	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 8: Toothbrushes (Adult size, in original packaging)**

**March 15: Combs**

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

**March 29: Bars of Soap**

### **Time to think about Bible Camps!**

Registrations forms for area Bible Camps are available on the Education Board table or online at these websites:

[www.ewalu.org](http://www.ewalu.org) [www.okoboji.org](http://www.okoboji.org) [www.riversidelbc.org](http://www.riversidelbc.org)

Salem WELCA will provide scholarship funds to help with camp costs.

**Contact Pastor Soli with any additional financial needs.**  
Contact the Salem office if you plan on attending any Camp and  
**register early to take advantage of Camp discounts!**

**“Ole & Lena’s 50th Wedding Anniversary & Vow Renewal and Old Fashioned Lutheran Church Potluck”**

Winnebago Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 11

Meal 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Program at 7:00 p.m.

Fundraiser for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Winnebago Church.  
Advance tickets: Winnebago (641.567.3550) or Singelstad Hardware

## 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](http://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

**The 10:30 worship service is streamed live on Salem's new website.** Navigate to [www.salemlakemills.com](http://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.

### Eyes and Ears of Jesus

We are the eyes and ears of Jesus on earth today. It is our opportunity to serve our Lord as we watch and listen to people around us, recognizing when they have needs for care. If you find someone with a need, listen and care. If you find the need is something greater than you can provide, tell the person about our Stephen Ministry and put him or her in touch with Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727 and he will try to assign a Stephen Ministry to the person in need. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

**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:** April 19, 26, May 3, 10, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27

**Please remember in prayer this week:**

**Darlene Madson**

**The family & friends of Richard "Ricky" Benson**

**Please remember the following Prayer Families in your prayers this week:** Kevin Hanson, Ray Harang, Rickie Harang, Rod/Sandra Harang, Gary/Donna Harig, Matthew Harig, Merrick Harig, Nick/Elise Harless

**Those worshipping at Salem last week: 177**

**February 18/22 giving to the glory of the God: \$3338**

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

## **THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

### **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

### **MONDAY, MARCH 9**

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open  
5:30 p.m. Council – Fellowship Hall

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

9:00 a.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall  
10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge  
1:00 p.m. Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

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 12**

9:30 a. m. Fine Arts Guild – Lounge  
6:30 p.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

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  
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall  
3:30 p.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall

### **Next Week's Lessons:**

Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

*Prepare to . . .*



*. . . for Christ's sake*

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