



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Call to worship

L: Break our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

P: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

L: Come and let us worship with great joy!

P: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

L: God is about to do something new in our lives!

P: Let God's will become strong in our lives. AMEN.

Song You Are Mine

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. We hear the words "if only" and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence which will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness; but we don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Life is. Things happen which we didn't plan for and events swirl around us over which we have no control. But to place blame and not to find ways in which we can work through the situations is detrimental to everyone, especially ourselves. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Let go of your fears. God has forgiven you and offered to you God's healing love. Accept this free gift, for it is given for you through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.



INTRODUCTION

The Lord our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading we recall the transformation of Saul, the persecutor, into Paul, the apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

WORD

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Page 746 in the Bible

P Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song

Change My Heart, Oh God

* **Gospel: John 12:1-8**

Page 109 & 110 in the Bible

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

***Sermon Song** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

ELW 803

***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 hell. **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.**

***Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering Song

Give Thanks

Offering Prayer (Psalm 126, John 12)

Faithful Giver of Life, you have done great things for us. In the life and teaching of your Son Jesus, you welcome us into your heart. Help us open our hearts to others, that we may be ever more willing to offer our hospitality, our support, and our material resources wherever they are needed. Bless these offerings in your holy name. Amen.

Announcements

***Prayers of Intercession**

Hearing the call to return to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

A brief silence.

*Please respond at the end of each petition: Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.*

To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

***Lord’s Prayer**

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

SENDING

Blessing (Isaiah 43, Psalm 126, Philippians 3)

We leave this gathering, knowing that Christ Jesus has made us his own. Take the fruits of our worship into the world, bringing joy to those who weep, welcome to the outcast, and comfort to those who grieve. God is doing a new thing. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Amazing Love

***Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Preaching: Pastor Joel Dahlen
Assisting: Melinda McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Reader: Tammy Alphs
Ushers: Jason & Abby Holtan Family
Acolytes: Ryan Knudtson, Elijah Stene
Sound: Al Skellenger
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey **Videographer:** Hope Levine
Altar Guild for March: Candy Hanna, Medara Winters

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Ron Rasmusson’s birthday, March 2, from Karen.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Glennes Nelson. Services were held Thursday at Salem.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.

Available dates are: June 5, July 10, 17, Aug. 7, 14, 4, Oct. 16, 23, Nov. 6, 20, Dec. 4, 11.

We have a black Columbia jacket, size XXL, left in the narthex last Sunday morning. Please check your jackets to see if you mistakenly took home a black jacket with red trim. Call the office, 641.592.1771, or just bring it back and take yours! Thank you!

We have a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. Call the office to reserve a date in 2016.

Salem has a wheel chair available for use. It is kept in the narthex closet.

Sending of Communion will be held the third Sunday of each month. Please call the office (641.592.1771) if you would like to receive communion at home on Sunday, March 20.

Be sure to Direct 2015 Choice Dollars

Eligible Thrivent Financial members have until March 31, 2016, to direct any remaining 2015 Choice Dollars. After that date, Choice Dollars expire.

Act soon, before Choice Dollars expire! Visit Thrivent.com/thriventchoice today. Or, contact Beth Nyguard (641.592.0064)



Each week during Lent we are collecting Personal Care Kit items for the Baskets of Promise project. Basket will be in the narthex. Any questions, contact Sue Langerud. No date yet to assemble kits.

March 13: Nail Clippers (Metal, attached file optional)

March 20: Bars of Soap

Holy Week Prayer Vigil

Salem will be having a 24-hour prayer vigil starting after the Maundy Thursday worship service. The service will take place in the chapel. Anyone can sign up for an hour time slot. One can come alone or as any sort of family group, or other couple or group. The time can be spent praying for our church, nation, family or shut-ins and others in need of our prayers. It can be a very meaningful hour to spend in prayer during Holy Week. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Wednesdays at Salem during Lent - 6:00 p.m.

Soup & Sandwich Meal served by Confirmation Families in the fellowship hall.

7:15 p.m. Lent Services each Wednesday in the sanctuary.

Welcome to Week Five (March 16) in the Living Lent series, based on the word PAIN. We are reminded today that the pain of rejection and the pain of a father when a son leaves demonstrate the reckless love of God revealed in Jesus, who wipes every tear from our eyes. May this service's readings from Scripture, children's sermon, sermon and hymns all serve to help you to remember that we are people of the resurrection living in Lent.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Senior Choir rehearsals are scheduled for March 20. See back page calendar. The choir will sing for Easter Service, Sunday, March 27th at 9:00a.m.

If you would like to donate an Easter lily for our Easter Sunday services in honor of or in memory of a loved one please call the office (641.592.1771) or email (salem@wctatel.net) the office with that information by **WEDNESDAY MORNING March 23**. Lilies may be brought to the sanctuary on Friday or Saturday before Easter. Put your name on the bottom if you wish to pick it up after 10:30 worship on Easter Sunday.

Please remember in prayer this week

The family and friends of Glennes Nelson

Gavin Thompson, Darlene Madson,

Prayer Families: Lori Spurgeon, Mary Starn, Drew Steele, Jeffrey Steele Family, Steve/Sue Steele, David A Steffens, David E/Bonnie Steffens, Stephanie Steffens Family, Clarine Steffensen, Daryl/Linda Stelter

Next Week's Lessons: Isaiah 5:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:14-23:56

There are 2 red & 2 blue lawn chairs left here following the outdoor services. If you think they may be yours, call the office. If they are not claimed, they will be on the upcoming silent auction.

Those worshipping March 2nd & 6th: 325
Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$10,295.47

Collegiate Chorale in Mason City

We are pleased to announce that the Luther College Collegiate Chorale will present a concert in your area as part of our 2016 Midwest Tour at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City, Iowa, on Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. Conducted by Andrew Last, Collegiate Chorale's program will include "Little Man in a Hurry" by Eric Whitacre, "Gospel Mass" by Robert Ray, "Crucifixus" by Antonio Lotti, and "Freut euch und jubiliert" by Sethus Calvisius. The concert is open to the public, and a freewill offering will be taken during the concert.

The Simpson College Madrigal Singers will be in concert at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Buffalo Center, on Friday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Pre-K through 2nd grade will be singing at the Palm Sunday Service. Children should be in their classrooms by 8:45 a.m.



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!

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. First Communion Class – Room #6

MONDAY, MARCH 14

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

2:00 – 5:00 Food Shelf Open

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

5:30 p.m. Council – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

2:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

3:30 p.m. Piano Lessons – Lounge

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Meal – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. St. Pat's Youth Group - Room #9

7:15 p.m. Lent Service - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

2:00 p.m. WELCA – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

9:00 a.m. Council Retreat – Mills Theatre conference room

SUNDAY, MARCH 20 Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Communion Service/Sunday School Youth Sings - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 5th Grade Bakes Bread; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Senior Choir Practice – Choir Room

10:40 a.m. Youth Choir – Chapel

Holy Week Schedule

March 20: 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Communion Service/Sunday School Youth Sings - Sanctuary

March 24: TBA p.m. 5th Grade Family Meal

7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday/First Communion Service

8:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil Begins in the Chapel

March 25: 7:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil Ends

7:15 p.m. Good Friday Service

March 29: 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Sunrise Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Easter Communion Worship Service