



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2015 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

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

GATHERING

Prelude *Sonata in A Major (k. 331)* WA Mozart (1756-1791)

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** **Red Book #803**
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 in a continuous manner using intinction. Ushers will direct you from both sides down the center aisle. You receive the bread at the center station and then walk to the side where you will dip the bread in the wine or grape juice. All who believe in the real presence of Jesus in the sacrament are welcome at the table. Gluten-free wafers available.

***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** *Amazing Grace* **ELW #779**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Frank Banwart's birthday, March 16, from his wife Darlene and family.

The flower arrangements in the narthex and front entry of the church are in memory of Sue Myli's parents, George & Lenore Clunis and Russell's parents, Rudy & Mabel Myli, his sister Ruth Myli and brother Harlon Myli.

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 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 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 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 www.okoboji.org 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!**

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

At the 10:30 service we will welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Henry Lee Myers. Henry is the son of Kelly & Kelly Myers. His godparents are Brandon & Kasey Heinz.

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 10:30 service today will not be live-streamed today. Equipment upgrades are in progress.

Show Them You Care!

When you see people who are sad, lonely, or grief-stricken, don't just tell them you care, show them you care. Ask how they are, listen to what they have to say, share the love of Jesus. And if their need is great, encourage them to consider Stephen Ministry as a way to receive the transforming love and care of Jesus. Stephen Ministers have been trained to bring Jesus's love to a person who is hurting. Stephen Ministers are members of One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem. If someone would like a Stephen Minister have them call Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727.

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

Please remember in prayer this week:

Our newest brother of the body of Christ, Henry Lee Myers

The family & friends of Richard Benson and

Dorothy Henderson, mother of George (Kathy) Henderson

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

Derek Harmon, Doug/Rhonda Harmon, Jerod/Samantha Harmon, Diana Haugen, Craig/Cindy Haugsdal, Michael/Jaci Haugsdal Family, Travis/Darcy Hauser Family, Keith Hebrink

Those worshipping at Salem last week: 248

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

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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
7:00 p.m. Justin Okland Piano Recital – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 16

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
7:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

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
5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge
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 19

9:30 a.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. WELCA – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

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

Salem Women of the ELCA will meet Thursday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Hostesses are members of the Elizabeth Circle. Martha Circle's program will be presented by Brian Budach of Lake Mills Physical Therapy.

Next Week's Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 29

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Thursday, April 2

6:00 p.m. 5th Grade Meal
7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday/5th Grade 1st Communion Service

Friday, April 3

7:15 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday, April 5

7:30 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
8:30 a.m. Tradition Easter Service
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Service

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