



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2015 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's light and truth into our hearts. We see God's heart most clearly in the way Jesus shares human suffering, in an agony both the John and Hebrews readings describe.

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

GATHERING

Prelude *Veni Creator Spiritus* Plain Song 4th 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.

***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 #759

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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 Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. 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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in 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	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Page 817
New Testament	Hebrews 5:5-10	Page 237

***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**

John 12:20-33

Page 110

***Gospel Response**

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

* Hymn *O Master, Let Me Walk with You* Red Book #818

* 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 #802

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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

The radio broadcast this morning is in memory of loved ones from the Hoffmann Family.

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

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 still in progress.

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 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 25: Vegetable Beef & Chicken Noodle Soups Turkey & Ham Sandwiches

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked his disciples to watch and pray for an hour. We, too, are asked to watch and pray at a Prayer Vigil in the Chapel starting after the April 2nd Maundy Thursday evening service until the start of the April 3rd Good Friday evening worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The time slots are for ½ hour but you can sign up for a full hour if you wish.



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 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 and The Enduring Gift Fund

will provide scholarship funds to help with camp costs. We want all kids who would like to attend be able to do so. All kids will receive funding.

Let us know what your needs are.

Contact Pastor Soli with any additional financial needs.

Contact the Salem office if you plan on attending 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



Video camera operators are needed to record the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Salem.

The service is live-streamed each week.

If you are interested, training will be provided. Contact Pastor Soli at 507.369.6303.

Feeling Down?

Our Stephen Ministry can help. Stephen Ministers aren't just there for "big" crises. They're also available for the little ones, because many times the little things can really add up. So don't wait until you have a really big crisis; consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you feeling down. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

Please remember in prayer this week:

Darlene Madson

The family & friends of Richard Benson

Please remember the following Prayer Families in your prayers this week: Kevin/Janet Hebrink, Kyle Hebrink, Wade Hebrink, Sharon Hegel, Sylvia Heimdal, Otis Heinicke, Alberta Heiny, Brandon/Kasey Heinz Family

Those worshipping at Salem last week: 270

March 8 giving to the glory of God: \$6545.25

Last week's giving to the glory of God: \$5593.25

Please save April 12, 2015 for friends and family roller skating. Roller City in Mason City, from 1:30 – 3.00

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

MONDAY, MARCH 23

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

9:30 a.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

10:00 a.m. Lent Service/Bible Study – Chapel
1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion
2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion
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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Communion Service - Sanctuary
10:30 Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Next Week's Lessons:

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 14:1-15:47

Join us for Easter morning choir. Rehearsals will be held Wednesday, March 25th at 8 p.m. and April 1st at 7 p.m. Virginia Thomas will direct the Hallelujah Chorus at the 8:30 service.

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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