



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2015 - 10:30 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.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Song

Today Is the Day

Call to Worship

The Lord is making a new covenant with the people of God.
Here in this place,
Christ writes the law of love on our hearts.
We are children of the living God.
Together, let us worship the Lord of Love!

Opening Prayer (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.

Scripture Readings

Old Testament	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Page 817
New Testament	Hebrews 5:5-10	Page 237
*The Gospel	John 12:20-33	Page 110

Children's Sermon

Confession Prayer (read responsively)

Lord, we confess that we love our lives as they are.
We struggle with even the *idea* of change.
We wrestle with the thought of doing things differently.
But we know that the life we cling to is only a half-life.
Only you, O Lord, can give us true life in full.

Forgive us for holding onto the wrong things.

Teach us by your Spirit to *let go* of our agendas and assumptions.

Help us to let go of our self-righteousness and false notions of power.

Give us the strength and courage to try new things.

Encourage us – and even push us – to let go of ourselves so we can fully embrace you, Holy God.

We pray these things in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

Sermon

Sermon Song *Bless the Lord*

***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

Offering *I Will Sing* Praise Band

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**

SENDING

Sending Song

Hear Our Praises

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 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!

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

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

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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