



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

GATHERING

Prelude

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

Bells

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,
**you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus’ resurrection.
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Make us alive in Christ, O God.
Make us new as you make all things new.
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God’s throne!
The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace,
and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you
and † frees you from your sins by his blood.
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.**

*Gathering Song *Thine Is the Glory*

ELW #376

*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**

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***Canticle of Praise** *This Is the Feast*

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***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm: Psalm 23 read responsively

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Page 273 in the Bible

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***Gospel John 10:22-30**

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *The Lord's My Shepherd*

ELW #778

***Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Announcements

***Prayers of Intercession**

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

A brief silence.

Please respond at the end of each petition: Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

***Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***Words of Institution**

The Lord’s Prayer

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

P: 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.

Invitation to Communion

The table of life is spread before you.
Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

Communion

Sending of Communion

Eternal God,
whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with our sisters and brothers who are *sick/homebound*.
In your love and care, nourish and strengthen
those to whom we bring this communion
in the body and blood of your Son,
that we may all feast upon your abundant love
made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,
the blessing of ☩ Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Song *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

ELW #788

Dismissal

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Melinda McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Ushers: Ron & Phyllis Moen
Acolytes: Madison Holtan, Andrew Fjelstad, Mason Fritz
Reader: Bruce Adams
Communion Servers: Doug & Rhonda Harmon
Sound: Al Skellenger
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey
Videographer: Hope Levine
Altar Guild for April: Sharon Johnson, Pat Young

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Elsie Ann Ritter’s 5th birthday, today, from her grandparents, Dave & Mary Peterson.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KLOW-FM 107.3.
Available dates are: July 10, Aug. 7, 14, Oct. 16, 23, Nov. 6, 20, Dec. 4, 11.

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, May 15th.

Missing: Black leather coat with maroon lining was missing after coffee fellowship last Sunday. If you took it by mistake, please bring it to the office. Thank you.

Senior Choir will be practicing this morning, April 17 and 24 at 10:00 a.m. The choir will be singing May 1 and May 15. Everyone is welcome to sing!

Wanted Salem Communications Director: Salem is in need of a part-time communications director. Duties include: updating Facebook, website page, and digital sign; and preparing the monthly Outreach newsletter. Two – five hours per week with compensation. To share your talents, call Deb Throne at (641) 592-3344.



A Noisy Offering
to benefit Iowa’s State Campus Ministries
will be received on Sunday, April 24th.



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!

PRAYER

changes things

Please remember in prayer this week:

The family & friends of Alberta Heiny

Char Keltner, Harold Hurley, Bill Rondeau and Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: Craig Thorson, Darrin Thorson Family, Kim Thorson Family, Ronald Thorson, Todd/Jill Thorson Family, Brian/Debra Throne, Jeremi Throne Family, Dennis Trostheim, Harriet Trostheim, Darlene Trytten



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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 a.m. Communion Service - Sanctuary

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

10:00 a.m. Senior Choir – Choir Room

10:40 a.m. Youth Choir

MONDAY, APRIL 18

2:00 – 5:00 Food Shelf Open

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

7:00 p.m. Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

2:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Piano Lessons - Lounge

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Pizza – Fellowship Hall

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge

5:30 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation – Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Informal Communion Worship - Chapel

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

11:30 a.m. WELCA – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall; Senior Choir Practice – Choir Room

10:40 a.m. Youth Choir - Chapel

Those worshipping: April 13/17: 179

Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$11,085.61

CORRECTION TO THE CALENDAR IN THE OUTREACH:

WELCA meets at 11:30 a.m. on the 21st of April. NOT 2:00 p.m.

Next Week's Lessons: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

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