



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

GATHERING

Prelude

Bells

Call to Worship (Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens.

Praise God from the heights!

Praise the Lord, you angels.

Sing praise, you heavenly host!

Praise the Lord, O sun and moon.

Join in song, O shining stars!

Praise the Lord, snow and rain.

Blow loud, wind and storm!

Praise the Lord, O trees.

Dance with joy, O birds!

Praise the Lord, women and men.

Rejoice, children and rulers!

Praise the Lord, weak and strong.

Sing for joy, timid and bold!

Praise the Lord, mothers and aunts.

Give praise, grandfathers and cousins!

Let all creation praise God's name!

Praise the Lord!

*Song

All are Welcome

ELW 641

Prayer of Confession (Acts 11, John 13)

God of all people, our hearts are too narrow,
our perspectives are too small.

**We reject those who are not like us—
those with different political opinions,
those who struggle with mental illness,
those who disagree with us.**

**We forget that all are your beloved children,
and neglect your call to love one another.
Forgive us, O God,
for the many ways we have failed
to be a people known by our love.
Show us how to be more caring.
Teach us how to love one another,
and make us faithful disciples. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Acts 11, Revelation 21)

God dwells among us,
giving to all who believe
the repentance that leads to life.
Rejoice in the Lord,
for we are a forgiven people. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music *If You Want to be Wise* **Creature Praise Choir**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

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Gospel Song *Good Soil* **W&P 52**

Gospel: John 13:31-35

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Sermon Song *We are Called* **ELW 720**

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

Peace

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

Offering

Special Music *Creature Praise* **Creature Praise Choir**

Offering Song *Make Me a Servant* **W&P 96**

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.

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.**

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.

Blessing (John 13)

Jesus gave a new commandment:
to love one another.

**Because Jesus loves us,
we should love one another.**

Go forth to serve.

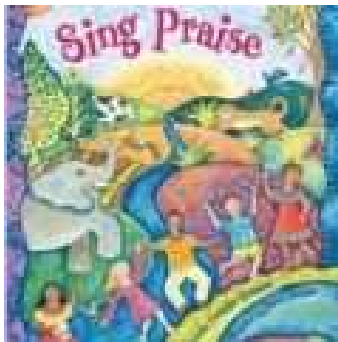
Go forth to love.

We go with God's love and blessing. Amen.

Sending Song

Earth and All Stars

ELW 731



Dismissal

Alleluia. Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Assisting: Pastor Melinda McCluskey

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Special Music: Creature Praise Choir

Reader: Roy Kvale

Acolytes: Michelle Jones, Emma Hoffman

Ushers: Ron & Phyllis Moen, Roy Kvale

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 Craig Porter from Gail Porter. Today would have been his 61st birthday.

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 this morning and 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.

Senior Choir will be this morning at 10:00 a.m. The choir will be singing May 1 and May 22.

Next Sunday the following youth will be confirmed at Salem.

Please join them as they affirm their Baptism at the 9:00 a.m. service.

Bennett Eaton, Andrew Fjelstad, Mason Fritz, Katelyn Groe, Megan Groe, Tyler Helgeson, Madison Holtan, Ryan Knudtson, Chance Levine, Hope Levine, Nathaniel Lorensen, Grace Okland, Jackson Rice, and Elijah Stene.



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Those worshipping: April 17/20: 159
Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$12,190

Next Week's Lessons:

Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5, John 14:23-29

Please remember in prayer this week:

The family & friends of Alberta Heiny

Char Keltner, Harold Hurley, Bill Rondeau and Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: Jamie Turnbull, Mitchell Turnbull, Gregory Turvold, Jack Turvold, Joel/Carol Twedt, Alissa Tweed Family, Barbara Tweed, Craig Tweed, James/Doris Tweed, Valerie Tweed

Pie Social!

Join Lake Mills Care Center and Mills Harbour in welcoming Amanda Creen as Administrator-In-Training!

Wednesday, April 27th at 3:00 p.m. in the Care Center dining room.

Apple Pie, Boston Cream Pie, and Strawberry Cream Pie will be served.

National Day of Prayer is a day set aside for prayer for our Nation and our National Leaders, State Leaders, County and Town leaders. The National Day of Prayer this year is **Thursday, May 5th** at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church beginning at 7:00 a.m. followed by coffee and bars for fellowship. The service should conclude around 7:30 am. Pastors will lead us in prayer. Teresa Nicholson and Paula Hanson will sing and there will be congregational singing as well. Our nation needs prayer. Come together to lift your hearts in prayer.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th.

PreK – 2nd grade youth will be singing at the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Please have your child in the chapel by 8:30 a.m. that morning for practice.

This is the last day of Sunday School.



Pastor Joel Guttormson will be installed Sunday, May 15.

Pastor Steve Brackett is preaching.

Potluck at 11:00 a.m. Main course will be provided.

Please bring salads and desserts to share.



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

MONDAY, APRIL 25

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

4:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

7:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry – Lounge

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion

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

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Faith Statement Night – Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. Informal Worship – Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

9:30 a.m. Brooke Adams/Cass Pierce Bridal Shower – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 1

9:00 a.m. Confirmation Worship Service - Sanctuary

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

11:30 a.m. Eaton Confirmation Reception

**North Iowa Choral Society & Choral Society Children's Choir Presents
"British Invasion"**

Friday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the NIACC Auditorium. Tickets \$5

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