



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2015 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The image of the Good Shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sister or brother in need.

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Trumpet Voluntary

(18th century) Henry Heron

Bells, Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful and just God,
**we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We have not loved our sisters and brothers
as you have first loved us.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Let your Holy Spirit work in us
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the abundant life
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins.

In the name of + Jesus Christ,
I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.

Let the perfect love of God cast out fear,
fill you with joy,
and inspire you to live for others. **Amen.**

***Gathering Song**

The King of Love my Shepherd Is

Red Book #502

***Greeting**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

***Kyrie** (Spoken)

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord... **All: Lord have mercy.**
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord...
Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord...**Lord have mercy.**
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord...**Lord have mercy.**
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord...**Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise** *Thine is the Glory* **Red Book #376**

***Prayer of the Day** (spoken together)

**O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,
you seek the lost and guide us into your fold.
Feed us, and we shall be satisfied;
heal us, and we shall be whole.
Make us one with you,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

Scripture Readings
Acts 4:5–12 **Bible Page 125**

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.**

***Gospel Acclamation and Response** **ELW Page 151**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

***The Gospel** **John 10:11–18** **Page 107**
Response to Gospel Announcement & Conclusion are sung

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* **Red Book #789**

***Prayers of Intercession** **Red Book Page 152**

***Sharing the Peace**

Offering/Offertory

***Offering Song** *Create in Me a Clean Heart* **Red Book #186**

***Offering Prayer** (Spoken together)
**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.**

***The Lord's Prayer** **Red Book Page 154**

SENDING

***Blessing**
Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness. **Amen.**
Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses. **Amen.**
God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always. **Amen.**

***Sending Song**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Red Book #836

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Preaching: Kermit Singelstad

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Reader: Virginia Kingland

Sound: Al Skellenger

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Spencer Colby, Judy Colby and Carl Stelter, from Emily Colby and family.

The live internet broadcast at 10:30 this morning is in loving memory of Craig Porter's birthday, April 24th, from Gail and family.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Beryl Sand, from her family.

May Worship & Sunday School Schedule

Sunday, May 3...Worship & Confirmation at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 10...Worship on Mother's Day at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 17...Worship & Graduate Recognition at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m. May 3 & 10.

Salem has a wheel chair available for use in the narthex.

Here's What People are saying about Stephen Ministry: "I felt guilty about being angry at God. But my Stephen Minister didn't think I was terrible. He was very patient and just listened and cared. He demonstrated Jesus' unconditional love and helped me to trust God again." If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister walk alongside you through a difficult time, please call Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.



Live Internet Broadcast!

We have started a sponsorship program for the live internet broadcast of the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sponsorship is available for \$40 per Sunday. At this time the remaining Sundays in 2015 are available for sponsorship. Call the office to reserve a date. 641.592.1771

SALEM & ONE IN CHRIST PARISH FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Minnesota Twins vs. Chicago Cubs - Saturday, June 20th

Game Time 1:10 pm. *Bus will leave Salem at 10:00 am*

Cost - \$70.00 (Bus and ticket)

Left – Field Box Seats (lower level sect 126 seats under overhang – shade!)

Call the One in Christ Parish Office 641-567-3550 to reserve your seat(s).

Sign-up & payment before May 18th ...

Fifty-five tickets/bus seats reserved.

National Day of Prayer Service will be hosted by Lake Mills Area Ministerial Association in Lake Mills at Asbury Methodist. The first Thursday in May is set aside as a day for prayers for our Nation and our National, State and local leaders. We will meet for prayer and song on Thursday, May 7th at Asbury Methodist in Lake Mills, at 7:00 am and plan on finishing so people can be on their way to work by 7:30 or 7:45. Our local Pastors will be leading us in prayer. For those who do not have to rush off to work, Asbury Methodist is hosting a fellowship with some coffee and bars.

Please remember in prayer this week:

Megan Knudtson, who received her first communion at the Wednesday service

Connie Sabin, Darlene Madson, Clarine (Claire) Johnson

The family & friends of Beryl Sand

Prayer Families: Tel Hermanson, Thomas Hermanson, Timothy Hermanson Family, Tyrell Hermanson, Bradley Hill, Dennis/RoseAnn Hill, Jeffrey Hill, Jerry/Marilyn Hoffman, Travis/Ashley Hoffman Family, Sharon Hoffmann

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Transition Team/Call Committee Planning Retreat
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary

MONDAY, APRIL 27

2:00-5:00 Food shelf

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

6:30 p.m. Council/Call Committee/Synod Meeting – Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry – Lounge

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

6:00 Informal Worship – Chapel
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meal & Faith Statement Night – Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Choir

SUNDAY, MAY 3

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

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KLOW-FM 107.3. Cost for 2015 is \$83. Call the office to reserve your dates.

Dates available for 2015: May 3, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27

Those worship April 8, 12, 2015: 206

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

Next Week's Lessons: Acts 8:26-40, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church now has worship at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings.
Let's be good neighbors and not park in their lot.**



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