



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 1, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sonatina No. 1 from Op. 36

Muzio Clementi (1752-1832)

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.**

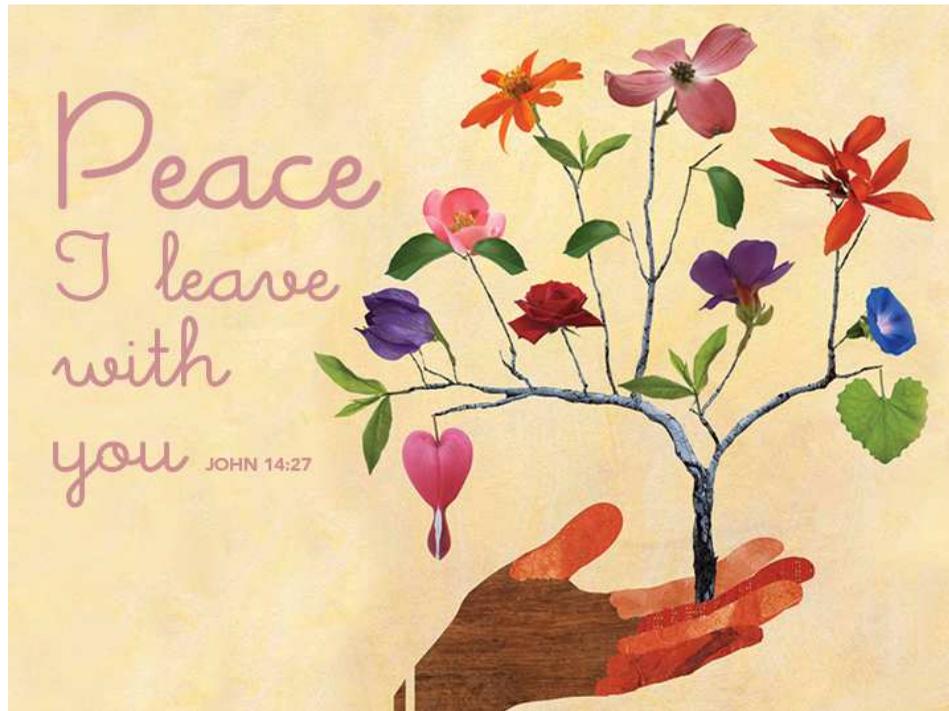
GATHERING SONG *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW 815

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.

Confirmation Sunday



INTRODUCTION

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

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A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 67

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (Ps. 67:4)

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

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John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

ELW 732

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION - Affirmation of Baptism

PRESENTATION

Council President I present the 2016 Confirmation class members. These fourteen students desire to make public affirmation of their baptism. Please come forward as your names are read.

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.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for Bennett, Andrew, Mason, Katelyn, Megan, Tyler, Madison, Ryan, Chance, Hope, Nathaniel, Grace, Jackson and Elijah, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Students together: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Students together: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Students together: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: 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

Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

A brief silence.

Please respond at the end of each petition: Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each student responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Each individual student will kneel for the laying on of hands and blessing. Family members and sponsors are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Stir up in Bennett, Andrew, Mason, Katelyn, Megan, Tyler, Madison, Ryan, Chance, Hope, Nathaniel, Grace, Jackson and Elijah

the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence,

both now and forever. **Amen.**

Council President: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

SENIOR CHOIR

The Blessing Riddle

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Go My Children with My Blessing

ELW 543

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

The radio broadcast this morning is in honor of Linda's special day today, from Curtis & Linda Graham.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KIOW-FM 107.3.

Available dates are: July 10, Aug. 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.

Preaching & Presiding: Pastor Joel Guttormson

Assisting: Pastor Melinda McCluskey

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Reader: Connie Sabin

Acolytes: Morgan Brainerd and Emma Hoffman

Ushers: John & Cathy Charlson

Communion Servers: Wayne & Judy Nyguard

Sound: Al Skellenger

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

Videographer: Brad Evenson

Altar Guild for May: Kathleen Nelson & Doris Tweed

All are welcome for coffee and goodies in the fellowship hall following the service.

Sending of Communion is 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.

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized child through Word and Sacrament to identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission. The Confirmation ministry is a continuing obligation of the church to each member.

The service of Affirmation of Baptism is used to mark the occasion of confirmation of the congregation. Having completed confirmation instruction and having affirmed their faith, these young people are welcomed into full membership in the congregation – including voting privileges and the right to serve on council and other governing committees.

We congratulate and welcome the newly confirmed members into full membership in the church. We pray for their continued growth in faith and service in and among God's people.

Bennet Christopher Eaton

Parents: Chris & Karla Eaton

Date of Birth: 09-24-2001

Date of Baptism: 11-10-2001

Sponsors: Tom & Amy Wilhelm, Tony Sorenson

Verse: Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

Andrew James Fjelstad

Parents: Ryan Fjelstad & Elizabeth Sprecher

Date of Birth: 03-16-2002

Date of Baptism: 06-22-2002

Sponsors: Laura Fjelstad, Mary Hamm

Verse: John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Mason DeLaine Fritz

Parents: Teresa & the late Daron Fritz

Date of Birth: 08-09-2001

Date of Baptism: 09-10-2001

**Sponsors: Dan & Rajeen Tonner
Daeon & Carrie Fritz**

Verse: Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Megan Ruth Groe

Parents: Steve & Melissa Groe

Date of Birth: 10-24-2001

Date of Baptism: 12-23-2001

**Sponsors: Dwight Dodd, Angie Buck
Don & Julie Helgeson**

Verse: Joshua 1:19

I hereby command you: "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Madison Ann Holtan

Parents: Jason & Abby Holtan

Date of Birth: 12-09-2001

Date of Baptism: 02-09-2002

Sponsors: Chad & Shannyn Bechtel, Don Holtan

Verse: Psalm 84:12

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Katelyn Helen Groe

Parents: Steve & Melissa Groe

Date of Birth: 10-24-2001

Date of Baptism: 12-23-2001

**Sponsors: Doug & Jennifer Dodd
John & Dawn Bodenham**

Verse: Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Tyler Kurtis Helgeson

Parents: Shawn & Julie Helgeson

Date of Birth: 03-20-2001

Date of Baptism: 05-06-2001

**Sponsors: Jeff Miller
Melissa Pruin, Bradley Helgeson**

Verse: Matthew 28:20

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Ryan Jacob Knudtson

Parents: Don & Nancy Knudtson

Date of Birth: 02-12-2002

Date of Baptism: 04-13-2002

**Sponsors: David & GayJean Knudtson
Eric & the late Karen Eppard**

Verse: John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Chance Jay Levine

Parents: Matt & Jennifer Levine

Date of Birth: 02-04-2002

Date of Baptism: 03-31-2002

**Sponsors: Terri Seedorf, Steve Seedorf
Eric Levine, Jason Benz, Sarah David
Jessica Anderson**

Verse: Romans 8:31

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Nathaniel Louis Lorenson

Parents: Lou & Stephanie Lorenson

Date of Birth: 01-18-2002

Date of Baptism: 03-20-2013

Sponsors: Teresa Fritz, Beth Chlapaty

Verse: Romans 8:31

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Jackson James Rice

Parents: Dan & Allison Rice

Date of Birth: 01-18-2002

Date of Baptism: 03-31-2002

**Sponsors: Jason & Jennifer Chose
Lindsay Chose McCord, Jennifer Rice Hilton**

Verse: Psalm 23:1-4

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

Hope Lee Levine

Parents: Matt & Jennifer Levine

Date of Birth: 02-04-2002

Date of Baptism: 03-31-2002

**Sponsors: Terri Seedorf, Steve Seedorf
Eric Levine, Jason Benz, Sarah David
Jessica Anderson**

Verse: Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Grace Amelia Okland

Parents: Heather Okland

Grandparents: Lloyd & Margaret Okland

Date of Birth: 03-19-2002

Date of Baptism: 07-13-2002

**Sponsors: Scott & Micki Anderson
Lois Jamtgaard, Cory Hanson**

Verse: John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Elijah Loren Stene

Parents: Erich & Julie Stene

Date of Birth: 10-26-2001

Date of Baptism: 12-01-2001

**Sponsors: Jon & Tara Stene, Tammy Fredrickson
Andy Stene, Mark Schwemmler**

Verse: Romans 10:9

Because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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.



National Day of Prayer 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.

Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution will be held Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 – Noon. \$20 donation for an abundance of food. No residency or income requirements. All are welcome. Bring 2 boxes or laundry baskets to carry your food home. Next Ruby's Pantry is June 4. The pantry is located at Albert Lea Assembly of God, 1540 S. Shore Drive, Albert Lea MN. (507.373.7989)

Rogation Sunday is May 8. What is Rogation Sunday? The word comes from the Latin word which means "to ask". We ask for a lot of things from God - on this day the church gathers to honor God for the gift of creation and to pray for the land, the gift of labor, and the needs of all people. You are asked to bring soil from your gardens or fields in a jar, seeds, garden gloves or hats to worship next week. We will offer these to God and ask God's blessings upon our labor as we use the goodness of creation for God's glory.

Pastor Guttormson will be installed Sunday, May 15.

Pastor Steve Bracket is preaching.
Potluck at 11:00 a.m. Main course will be provided.
Please bring salads and desserts to share.



ANNUAL HELP STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE – SATURDAY, MAY 14

The Lake Mills U.S. Postal Service Letter carriers with the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 44 will collect food items at homes in Lake Mills on **Saturday, May 14th**. City and rural postal patrons are invited to put non-perishable food items on their mailbox or front steps for pickup. All donations will be given to the LM Food Shelf. Please check that food items have not been opened or expired

Graduates will be recognized Sunday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m. worship and 10:00 a.m. fellowship time.



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Those worshipping: April 20/24: 233
Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$6103
Noisy Offering for Lutheran Campus Ministries: \$261



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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

MONDAY, MAY 2

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4
4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle - Library
6:00 p.m. Syttende Mai Banquet – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 3

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Library 7:00 p.m. Altar Guild – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4
5:00 p.m. Confirmation Pizza – Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Informal Communion Service

THURSDAY, MAY 5

7:00 a.m. National Day of Prayer – St. Patrick's Catholic Church
9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Circle – Thelma Stene
9:30 a.m. Grace Circle – Library; Rhoda Circle – Gloria Kvale; Sarah Circle – Mavis Bergo
2:00 p.m. Martha Circle Potluck – Library
5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board - Library

FRIDAY, MAY 6

12:00 p.m. Property Board 3:10 p.m. Girl Scouts – Room #4

SATURDAY, MAY 7 10:00 a.m. Amanda Thorson/Justin Webb Bridal Shower – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MAY 8

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

Next Week's Lessons: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

Please remember in prayer this week:

The Confirmands

The family & friends of Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: Bill/Linda Tweeten, Jacob Tweeten, James Tweeten, Dominy Twito, Keith Twito, Jennifer Ullestad, Marilyn VanDenBosch

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