



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding that we read of in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Prelude *Sinfonia to Cantata 106, Gottes Zeit* JS Bach (1685-1750)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

*Entrance Hymn *Let the Whole Creation Cry* Red Book #876

*Greeting

Pastor: Alleluia Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

We worship the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

He is King of kings and Lord of lords.

He brings light into our darkness.

He is the morning star, the son of righteousness, the light of the world.

Through his death he has destroyed death, through his resurrection he gives us eternal life.

He is the resurrection and the life, the alpha and the omega.

*Hymn of Praise

Each Morning Brings Us

(To the tune of Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow)

1. Each morning brings us fresh outpoured the loving kindness of the Lord. It ends not as the day goes past, but gives us strength while life shall last.
2. Walk with us in the light of day, that we may ever, come what may, in hope endure, in faith be strong; abide in us our whole life long.

*Prayer of the Day (spoken together)

O God, you graft us onto Christ, the true vine, and, with tireless care, you nurture our growth in knowledge and reverence. Tend the vineyard of your Church, that in Christ each branch may bring forth to the glory of your name abundant fruits of faith and love. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

WORD

Scripture Reading
Acts 8:26–40

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Choir Anthem *I Will Serve the Lord All My Days*

Scripture Reading
1 John 4:7-21

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*Gospel Hymn *Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!*
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall rise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Red Book #377

The Gospel
John 15:1–8

Bible Page 113

Gospel Hymn *Alleluia, Jesus is Risen!*
Walking the way, Christ in the center
Telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, giving us glory'
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall rise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Red Book #377

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

Red Book #732

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism

Red Book Page 234

*Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering/Offertory

Shout to the Lord

Praise Band

*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.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

Red Book Page 154

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to the table of mercy, where the feast of life is spread.

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be served at two stations: on the floor in front of the steps and at the rail. Come forward as the ushers direct you. If you wish to commune at the rail, continue up the steps to the rail to receive the elements. If you wish to commune on the floor, present yourself to the one serving the bread and then receive the wine. All who believe in the real presence of Jesus in the sacrament are welcome at the table.

*Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Everlasting God, we bless you that you have brought us to the mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of your Son. Send us in his name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

Go, Make Disciples

Praise Band

*Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Preaching & Presiding: Pr. Peter Soli
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Choir Accompanist: Kathy Nelson

Assisting: Pr. Melinda McCluskey
Praise Band/Pianist: Bill Georgia
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

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.

<p>Faith McKenna Cox Parents: Cory & Tracy Cox Date of Birth: 11-01-2000 Date of Baptism: 01-21-2001 Grandparents: Donna Nelson, Wayne Nelson, Jack & Barb Cox Great-Grandparents: Wally & Elaine Cox, Carmen Tweed Sponsors: Deb Barrett, Tammy Butler Verse: <i>Have I not commanded you, be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.</i> Joshua 1:9</p>	<p>Hallie Lynn Mannes Parents: Michael Mannes and Heather Mannes Date of Birth: 12-30-2001 Date of Baptism: Grandparents: Wayne & Sue Mannes, Joe & Lanelle Lawson Sponsors: Holly Reuter, Andy Gudmonson Verse: Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7-8</p>
<p>Kendall Lee Kirschbaum Parents: Dan & Kim Kirschbaum Date of Birth: 05-24-2001 Date of Baptism: 08-12-2001 Grandparents: Ken & Mary Lee Carlson, Lester & Kay Kirschbaum Sponsors: Ben & Brenda Stevens, Monica Gau, Leslie Kofron Verse: <i>She is clothed in strength and dignity, and she can laugh without fear of the future.</i> Proverbs 31:25</p>	<p>Anna Noella Ramaker Parents: Jason & Dawn Ramaker Date of Birth: 08-09-2000 Date of Baptism: 09-30-2000 Grandparents: Jim & Jackie Ramaker, Elizabeth Zwisler Sponsors: Tim & Sara Ramaker, Nicole Krolikowski Verse: <i>Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths.</i> Proverbs 3:5-6</p>


The radio & internet broadcasts this morning are in honor of the confirmands, Faith Cox, Kendall Kirschbaum, Hallie Mannes and Anna Ramaker.

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


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: Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27



LIVE STREAMING



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.

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.


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) Sign-up & payment before May 18th ...
Call the One in Christ Parish Office 641-567-3550 to reserve your seat(s).

Bridal Shower Honoring Emily J. Georgia
Saturday, May 9, 2015, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Hosted at the Zobel Home - 305 East Main Street - Lake Mills, IA
Emily and Chris are registered at Macy's, Target, Williams-Sonoma and Carnival Cruise
Honeymoon. Emily Georgia & Chris Salivar will be married June 27 in Des Moines.



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, MAY 3

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MAY 4

2:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle – Marilyn Brosdahl

6:00 p.m. Sons of Norway Banquet - Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Call Committee – Office Meeting Room

7:00 p.m. Worship & Music Board - Lounge

TUESDAY, MAY 5

9:30 a.m. Miriam Circle – Norma Thompson

7:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Circle – Ardis Langfald

5:30 p.m. Life & Growth Board – Fellowship Hall

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

6:45 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 7

7:00 a.m. National Day of Prayer – Asbury Church

9:30 a.m. Deborah/Tabitha Circle – Fellowship Hall

Rhoda Circle – Phyllis Moen, Sarah Circle – Carole Hagen

2:00 p.m. Martha Circle – Resource Room

SUNDAY, MAY 10

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Mother's Day Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

Those worshipping April 22/26, 2015: 186

Last week's giving to the glory of God: \$5045

Next Week's Lessons: Acts 10:44-48, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

Here's what people are saying about Stephen Ministry:

"I thank God every day from my Stephen Minister. I don't know how I could have made it through the past year without her!" Stephen Ministers walk alongside someone who is hurting, bring God's love and words of hope, comfort, and newness of life. Stephen Ministry is shared between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem. If you know someone or you would like a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727.

PRAYER

changes things

Please remember in prayer this week:

The Confirmation Class: Faith Cox, Kendall Kirschbaum, Hallie Mannes, Anna Ramaker

Doc Nelson, Connie Sabin, Roger Juveland, Darlene Madson, Clarine (Claire) Johnson

The family & friends of Beryl Sand

Prayer Families: Tullio/Kathy Hofstad, Donald Holst, David Holst, Richard Holstad, Donald Holtan Family, Jason/Abby Holtan Family, Kelly Holtan, Alan Honsey

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