



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

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

Rogation Sunday



Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth:

We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

(from the Book of Common Prayer)

Prelude, Bells

Call to Worship (Read Responsively: Odd verses pulpit side; Even verses choir side)

Psalm 148

- ¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
²**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**
³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**
⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.
⁶**He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**
⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**
⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**
¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹²**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**
¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

Special Music

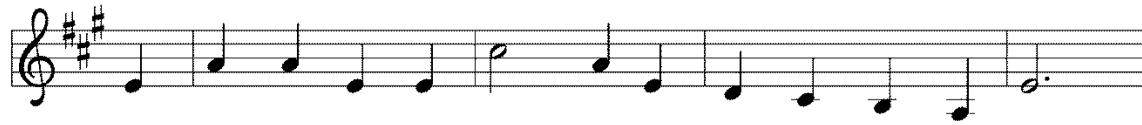
PreK – 2nd Grade

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

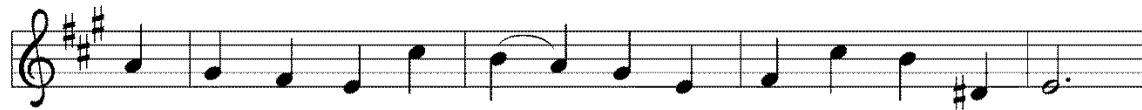
Creator God, we praise you for your creation, for your gift of the beauty of nature, for your trust in human kind in giving us dominion over your world. We thank you for the power of thought and talent that has produced people whose daring, down through the ages, has made life more comfortable for us through faithful use of your gifts. We praise you most for your great gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. He has brought to us the awareness of your love for us. Help us to be good stewards of that love by sharing it with others.

Holy God, you have called us to live in faith and freedom, but we live with tightness in our chests. You have called us to be the light of the world, but we have often times covered our light in the presence of others. You have called us to move in new directions, but we cling to the paths that we know. You have called us to reach outward to each other on love, but we draw inward to ourselves for protection. You have called us to live, in fear. God, forgive us.

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We live now in his peace. **Amen.**



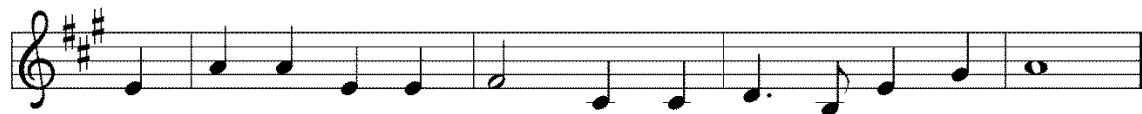
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



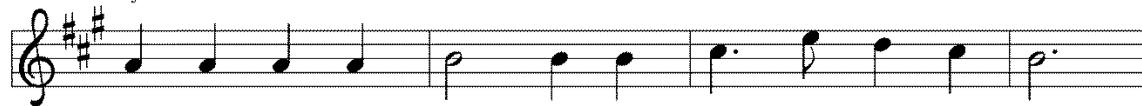
but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

LITANY AND WORDS OF DEDICATION

Let us give thanks to God: For the beauty of your world, the glory of starlit skies, the wonder of the changing seasons, the ever new miracle of stirring life in field and forest.

We give you thanks, O God.

For the Privilege of sharing with you in the act of creating the good things of earth for your children and for your nearness in all the processes of agricultural life.

We give you thanks, O God.

For the Christ of the country road, who walked and served in the pleasant land of Galilee, and who today walks the country roads of the world in comradeship with all who till the soil.

We give you thanks, O God.

For widening horizons of rural life, the open doors in which entering we may serve the rural peoples of the world, and walk the byways with Christ,

We give you thanks, O God.

That it may please you speedily to grant a just and lasting peace in all the earth, that all peoples may again beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, that they may all live together in fellowship and tranquility in the lands you have given them.

We beseech you to hear us, O Lord.

To the recreation of the beloved community bound together by ties of love in every countryside, in which all people shall share with joy in sowing the seed and reaping the harvest of the Kingdom of God.

We dedicate our hands and minds, O Lord

To a renewed appreciation of the Holy Earth and its resources, material and human.

We dedicate our hands and minds, O Lord.

To comradeship with the rural folk of all the world, and to serving them devotedly with all the gifts and graces you have bestowed on us.

We dedicate our lives, O God.

Pastor and Congregation

Accept our thanksgiving, hear our prayers and intercessions, graciously use the gifts of mind, body, and life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Lesson Genesis 1: 27-31

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

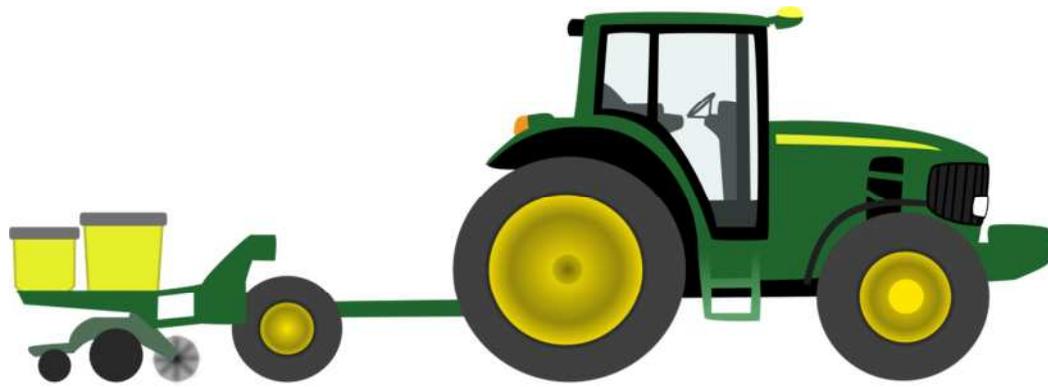
Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Shut De Dō

Creature Praise Choir



Gospel Song

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel

Mark 4:26-32

²⁶He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

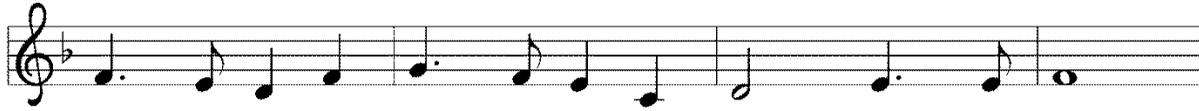
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

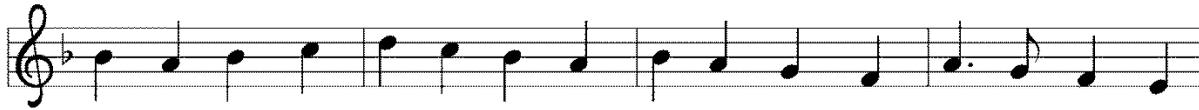
Sermon Song *For the Fruits of All Creation* ELW 679



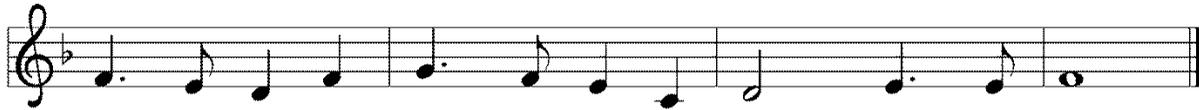
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



Apostles' 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.

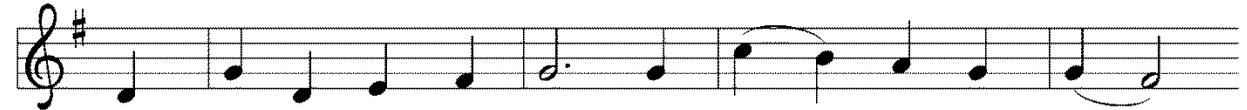
Peace

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

Special Music *Shout to the Lord* Creature Praise Choir

Offering

Offering Song *We Give Thee but Thine Own* ELW 686



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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

THE LITANY AND PRAYER OF "BLESSING"

Brothers and sisters in Christ; Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness for his wondrous creation. We especially seek God's blessing at this time of planting and so we have brought with us signs of this season.

We dedicate our equipment, our seed, our time, and our selves to the glory of God.

All your works praise you. O Lord.

And your faithful servants bless you.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You make the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth. of things, seen and unseen. You stretched out the heavens like a curtain; you divided the day from night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and for building up. Be with us now and bless the work of those who labor in the fields. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things and continue your blessings to us through the bounty of your creation.

Amen.

Let the people praise you, O God:

let all the peoples praise you

P: The earth has brought forth her increase;

May God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing,

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

For the seed . . . Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer of heaven and earth, you give seed to the sower and bread for food. Nourish, protect, and bless the seed which people have sown and will sow in hope, so that by your good providence and bountiful giving, it may bring forth fruit in due season and be gathered with thanksgiving to satisfy the needs of your people. Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the equipment . . . Gracious Lord, be with us now and bless us as we set apart this equipment to your glory and praise. Grant us diligence in maintenance, safety and caution in use, and patience during breakdowns. Give us the faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the soil . . . O Loving Lord, the eternal fountain and giver of life, we give thanks that we again behold on every side the awakening of nature in answer to your call to arise from

winter's sleep; and as you cheer our spirits with freshening grass, budding trees, and unfolding plants, grant us thankful hearts to praise you for the promise of your renewed provisions for our bodies and lives and an abiding trust in your unchanging love now and forever. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For the rain and sunshine . . . Lord God, by your providence alone we receive the fruits of the earth. In your mercy send us such weather that our fields may bring forth abundantly to our sustenance and that at the time of harvest we may take of your gifts for our good and give thanks to your with gladness.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

May God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless the pastures and meadows, all growing grass and green fields. May the soil be wholesome and the crops good. May the weather be favorable and the workers of good heart. And may God who gives breath and life to the sower, multiply the seed sown and increase its fruits. May God be with us and among us and around us now and forevermore. **Amen**





1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.

Dismissal

Alleluia. Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Preaching: Pastor Melinda McCluskey
Assisting: Pastor Joel Guttormson
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Special Music: Sunday School Youth and Creature Praise Choir
Reader: Dan Rice
Acolytes: Riley Kirschbaum, Dylan Sanden
Ushers: John & Cathy Charlson
Sound: Al Skellenger
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey **Videographer:** Hope Levine
Altar Guild for May: Kathleen Nelson & Doris Tweed

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

The radio broadcast this morning is sponsored by Wayne and Milly Miller.

Flowers have been placed in loving memory of Darlene Madson from her family.

Happy Mother's Day!
 PreK – 2nd grade youth will be singing at the service this morning.
 This is the last day of Sunday School.



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.

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.

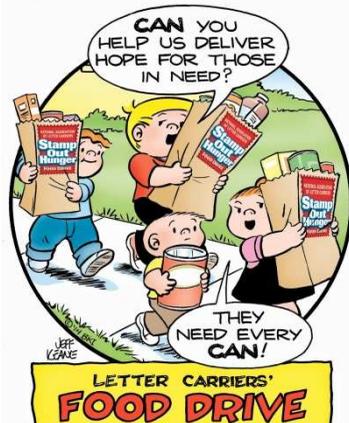
*****If your child is attending a summer Bible Camp, please bring/send a copy of your statement to the office and you will be reimbursed for the cost of the camp.**



Today is Rogation Sunday. 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 as Salem's Lead Pastor
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.



**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.



**Salem Seniors will be recognized at worship Sunday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m.
A reception for the graduates will be held during coffee fellowship following the service.**



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!

**Those worshipping: April 27/May 1: 334
Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$4328.08**

PRAYER
changes things

Please remember in prayer this week:

Our Mothers

The family & friends of Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: Dustin/Danielle VanGundy Family, Wayne/Connie VanVeldhuizen, Ronald Velasquez, Dan Vermedahl, Matthew Vermedahl, James/JoAnn Villa, Larry/Emily Voldahl

By the grace of God and The call of the church

Daniel James Baldwin

will be ordained
to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
in Christ's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church

on Sunday, May 22, 2016
at three o'clock in the afternoon
at Immanuel Lutheran Church
105 E 3rd St, Scarville, Iowa

the Reverend Michael Burk
Bishop of the Southeastern Iowa Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, presiding.

Your prayers and presence are requested.

All ordained, consecrated, and commissioned
ministers are invited to process.



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, MAY 8

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

MONDAY, MAY 9

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open
5:30 p.m. Council – Library

TUESDAY, MAY 10

10:00 a.m. Care Givers Support Group – Lounge; LMAMA – Food Shelf
1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Bloodmobile – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
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
5:30 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation – Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Informal Worship - Chapel

THURSDAY, MAY 12

9:30 a.m. Fine Arts Guild – Lounge

SUNDAY, MAY 15

9:00 a.m. Communion/Installation Service - Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Potluck – Fellowship Hall

Next Week's Lessons:

Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21, John 17:20-26

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

Sponsored by One in Christ Parish,

St. Patrick's Church & Salem Lutheran Church

June 8–9 & 13-14 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM

at Winnebago Lutheran Church

40029 210th Ave, Lake Mills IA

Info: 641-567-3550

The VBS Closing Program will be at Salem Lutheran Church in Lake Mills on the evening of Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 pm, followed by an Ice Cream Social!

Registration forms were in the May Outreach and are also available on tables in the narthex and the Sunday School table outside the Lounge.