



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Ballad Hymntune: *Slane*

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymntune: *Mit Freuden Zart*

Bells, Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Red Book Page 94

***Gathering Song**

Red Book #413

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

***Greeting**

Red Book Page 94

***Opening Dialog**

King of all the earth, Creator of the universe, Holy Triune God, From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.
Your law brings life, O Lord, and we meditate on it day and night;

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

You are a rich stream of living waters, and we would immerse ourselves in you;

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

You bring forth fruit in due season and establish the work of our hands;

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

Who is like our God, the One whose ways are full of life?

Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.

This is our God, the Holy One.

Come before him with thanksgiving
and offer him the sacrifice of praise.

***Song of Praise**

Red Book #881

“Let All Things Now Living”

***Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

WORD

Scripture Readings

New Testament Acts 1:15-17, 21-56 Page 122 in the Bible

Psalm 1 (*Read responsively*)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

New Testament 1 John 5:9-13 Page 261

***The Gospel** John 17:6-19 Page 115

Children's Message

Sermon ***“Hole-y, Whole-y, Holy”***

***Sermon Hymn**

You Are Mine

Blessing for the Class of 2015

Graduates and their families will come forward as their name is called.

Prayers for Graduates and Parents

Congregation's Pledge

Pastor: Do you claim these graduates as brothers and sisters in Christ, called to ministry according to their talents?

Response: In God's love, we claim them.

As their home congregation, do you promise to support them, take an interest in their future, be with them in their celebration and sadness, and welcome them whenever they return to Salem?

In God's love, we support them.

Do you promise to faithfully pray for these brothers and sisters, placing their futures into God's loving hands as they make their choices? **In God's love, we pray for them.**

Prayer and Sending

Choir Anthem *Go Ye Now In Peace*

***Affirmation of Faith – We Believe** (*Spoken together*)

**We believe and know
that Jesus is the Holy One of God.**

**We believe that he is the Christ,
the Son of God,
who was to come into the world.**

**We believe that he is in the Father
and the Father is in him.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God,
and that by believing
we have life in his name. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

***Sharing the Peace**

MEAL

Offering/Offertory

Offering Song

We Believe

***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: Jesus said, "I am the true vine. Abide in me as I abide in you.

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be served in a continuous manner using intinction. Ushers will direct you from both sides down the center aisle. You receive the bread at the center station and then walk to the side where you will dip the bread in the wine or grape juice. All who believe in the real presence of Jesus in the sacrament are welcome at the table. Gluten-free wafers are available.

Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SENDING

Blessing

We leave today going into a future as yet unmapped. Take faith with you as you go; into the parts of your life not yet traveled by love into the parts of the world unexplored by grace. Let compassion and hope be the roads that you follow today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

Today Is the Day

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Preaching & Presiding: Pr. Peter Soli

Assisting: Pr. Melinda McCluskey

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Pianist: Bill Georgia

Reader: Willie Skellenger

Video: Carol Abbey

This morning we will recognize these Salem members who are graduating from the Lake Mills Community School today. Congratulations and continuing prayers for your future.

Amelia Evenson Daughter of Brad & Darla Evenson	Patrick Scheib Son of Kristin Mannes
Brandan Fails Son of Matt & Tanya Fails	Brady Schmidt Son of Matt & Sheri Schmidt
Tanner Jensen Son of Marcus Jensen & Heidi Obermeyer	Sean Smalley Son of Kevin & Amy Sprecher
Tiffany Linqvist Daughter of David & Alyson Linqvist	Jayde Thompson Daughter of Kelly Menke & Felipe & Teka Gonzalez
Andrew Olsen Son of Jim & Candy Olsen	



Salem's Graduates will be recognized at worship this morning. A reception will be held following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Join them for coffee and fellowship.

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Vonice Stene from her son Erich.

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 KIOW-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

Bill Georgia, Salem's Contemporary Worship Director, is retiring at the end of this month. We will be celebrating his time spent with us on Sunday, May 31st with a special Farewell Worship and fellowship lunch. Watch the bulletin, our website & Facebook for more information!

The Summer Schedule will begin Sunday, May 24th.

The traditional worship service will be held at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Coffee Fellowship will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

The outdoor worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the south lawn, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary. You may bring lawn chairs or blankets. Folding chairs will be available.

The Wednesday worship service will be held at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the air-condition fellowship hall.

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LIVE STREAMING

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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.

Call the office to reserve a date - 641.592.1771.

New Stephen Ministers about to be commissioned.

Since the first part of January, we have had five of your Brothers and Sisters in Christ meeting for Stephen Ministry training. They have received over forty hours of training through reading, lecture, practicing skills through roll playing, group discussions. They are now prepared and excited to be a Stephen Minister, bringing Christ alongside people who may be hurting at the moment. Steve Peterson and Madera Winter will be commissioned during worship at the Wednesday, May 20th service. Please keep them in your prayers.

If you or you know someone who could use someone to walk alongside them for a while, please contact Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727. Stephen Ministry is shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.

PRAYER

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Please remember in prayer this week:

The Graduates

Beverly Andersen, Doc Nelson, Roger Juveland, Darlene Madson, Clarine (Claire) Johnson

Prayer Families: Phillip/Rhonda Huston, Stephanie Huston, Arlene Ingebritson, Elaine Ingebritson, Hayden Iverson, Helene Iverson, Leah Iverson, Stephen/Kathryn Iverson

Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 8th – Thurs., June 11th
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.

At Winnebago Lutheran Church, rural Lake Mills

Join us on a trip to Everest
"Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power"



Registration Forms are available on the table outside the Chapel.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Minnesota Twins vs. Chicago Cubs

Saturday, June 20th

Game Time 1:10 pm

Bus will leave Salem at 10:00 pm

Cost - \$70.00 (Bus and ticket)

Left – Field Box Seats

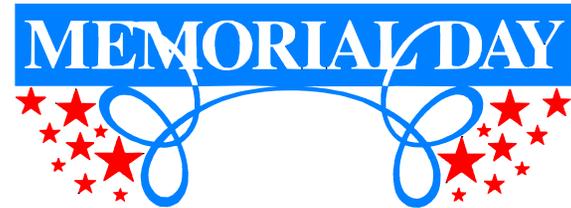
(lower level section 126 seats under overhang – shade!)

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

Sign-up & payment before May 18th

Fifty-five tickets/bus seats are reserved.

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A Memorial Day Program will be held in Lake Mills on Monday, May 25th, 2015. The American Legion Otto Chose Post #235 will salute our veterans at the Arlington Veterans Park beginning at 9:30 a.m. followed by a program at the Lake Mills Community School Auditorium beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Guest speaker for the program will be retired Colonel Wendy Martinson. Originally from Red Wing, Minnesota, Colonel Martinson has family ties to Northern Iowa and South.

LMAMA would like to thank the congregations from area churches for their generous support with donations of food for the Postal Services "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive on Saturday, May 9th. A total of 1,380 pounds of food was collected by letter carriers and Boy Scouts and delivered to the LM Food Shelf.



THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, MAY 17

9:30 a.m. Confirmation Communion Service - Sanctuary
10:30 Graduate Reception/Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Hannah Holstad Graduation Reception – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MAY 18

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open – 101 S. Mill St., Lake Mills
7:00 p.m. Worship & Music Board Meeting – Lounge
Quilt Club – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan Meeting - Lounge
6:00 Informal Communion Worship – Chapel

THURSDAY, MAY 21

2:00 p.m. WELCA Regular Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Call Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 24

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service - South Lawn

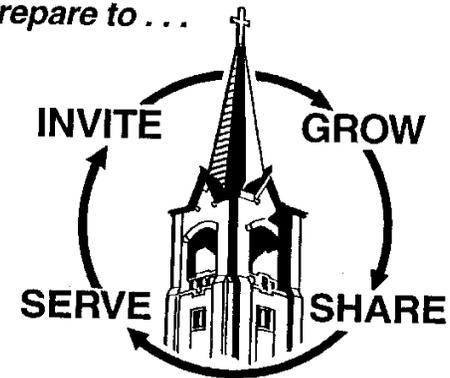
Those worshipping May 6/May 10, 2015: 175

Next Week's Lessons: Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27

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