



# Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 14, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.

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## INTRODUCTION

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

## Gathering Music

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.

**Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules.**

**It's hard to live by faith.**

You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction.

**Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view.**

**It's hard to live by faith.**

You call us to feel the mystery of life,  
to marvel at the power of your love.

**Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith.**

Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

**Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.**

### Words of Assurance

Fear not, for our creator, the loving maker of all reality, forgives us, and redeems us from violence and oppression. God sows the good news in tiny seeds, inviting us to tend the soil of community, and marvel as they grow. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven. **Amen.**

### Song

*The Church Song*

**Worship & Praise #135**

### Opening Prayer

God of small seeds and mighty plants, you take our meager lives and with your love cause them to produce acts of loving kindness for you in this world.

**You hear our cries and find us when we are lost and wandering in fear.**

You bring us home with you so that we may be made whole, rejoicing in your goodness.

**Help us to joyfully serve you all our days, knowing that you are always watching over us. Prepare our hearts to receive your word and our spirits to respond in eagerness to serve you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## Scripture

**Old Testament** Ezekiel 17:22-24 Page 873 in the Bible

**Psalm** Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>that they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

**New Testament** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 Page 176 in Bible

**\*The Gospel** Mark 4:26-34 Page 39 in the Bible

## Children's Sermon/Sermon

**Sermon Song** *I Love to Tell the Story*

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

### *Refrain*

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

### **\*Apostle's Creed** (*Spoken together*)

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.

### **\*Prayers**

### **Offering**

**Offering Song** *We are an Offering* Worship & Praise #146

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord, use our lives that they are yours; we are an offering.  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give  
to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an offering, we are an offering.

### **\*Offering Prayer** (*Spoken together*)

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and  
you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at  
your table, that we may come to the help of all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

## The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

It's time to go out and share God's secret purpose  
which has been disclosed in Jesus Christ.

**With God's help, Amen!**

Share that secret with others by the way you live: with the  
words on your lips, by the deeds of your hands, with the  
prayers in your minds, and through the love in your hearts.

**With God's help, Amen!**

The grace of Christ will redeem you the enduring love of God  
will support you, the friendship of the Holy Spirit will  
accompany you, this day and ever more.

**Amen!**

### Closing Song *You Shall go out with Joy*

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,  
And the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.  
The trees of the field will clap their hands,  
while you go out with joy.**

## Dismissal

**P:** Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

**Preaching:** Pr. Carlton Shaw

**Pianist:** Kathy Nelson

**Video:** Hope Jensen

**The radio broadcast** this morning is in loving memory of Duane  
Seedorf and Marian & Komer Johnson from Terry Seedorf and  
family.

**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

**If your child is planning on attending Summer Bible Camps,**  
please call the office with the name of the camp they are  
attending. Scholarship Funds are available for all youth.



**Open House for Pastor Merlin & Marietta Norris** Rev Merlin & Marietta Norris will be honored with an Open House Birthday Celebration this afternoon from 2:00-4:00pm at the Salem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. They request no gifts, please. Rev. Merlin will celebrate his 80th birthday June 15th and Marietta will celebrate her 79th birthday on July 16th. Cards may be sent to them at: Rev Merlin and Marietta Norris, 207 South 7th Ave West, Lake Mills, IA 50450.

#### 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.



Salem offers a safe and easy way to give online. Scan the 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 Lutheran!



**The Summer Schedule will begin Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.**  
**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. in the Chapel until warmer temperatures are here.



**Summer is an exciting time for children. But for many children who receive free and reduced-price meals at school, summer can mean hunger.**

Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does a child's need for good nutrition.

If you would like to help, Salem Lutheran members are asked to help serve on Tuesdays throughout the summer. Please contact Janelle at 641-590-2986 or [janelle.gilbertson@yahoo.com](mailto:janelle.gilbertson@yahoo.com) if you are willing to serve. Thank you for helping to make this program a success!

Meals are served at Salem from 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. weekdays.

**Those worshipping June 3/7, 2015: 163**

**Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$4136**

## SHOW THEM YOU CARE!

When you see people who are sad, lonely, or grief-stricken, don't just tell them you care – show them you care. Ask how they are, listen to what they have to say, share the love of Jesus. And if their need is great, encourage them to consider Stephen Ministry as a way to receive the transforming love and care of Jesus. Show them you care, and you can make a real difference in their life. Stephen Ministry is a shared ministry between One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem.



### Please remember in prayer this week:

**Pastor Merlin and Marietta Norris**

**Ruth Tweeten, Roger Juveland, Darlene Madson,  
Clarine (Claire) Johnson**

**Prayer Families:** Roger/Carol Juveland, Linda Kane, Michael Kane Family, Charlene Keltner, Lynne Keough, John Kilen, Joyce Kilen, Beverly King, Courtney Kingland, David/Deb Kingland

### Next Week's Lessons:

Job 38: 1-11, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### SUNDAY, JUNE 14

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service – South Lawn

2:00-4:00 p.m. Norris' Birthday Party – Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY, JUNE 15

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Mission Quilters - Fellowship Hall

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf

7:00 p.m. Quilt Club - Fellowship Hall

### TUESDAY, JUNE 16

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Informal Worship – Fellowship Hall

6:45 p.m. Tentative Education/Worship & Music Board Meeting

### THURSDAY, JUNE 18

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. WELCA Regular Meeting - Fellowship Hall

### FRIDAY, JUNE 19

11:00 a.m. Summer Lunch Program – Fellowship Hall

### SUNDAY, JUNE 21

8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion Worship

**The Salem WELCA will meet Thursday, June 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** The Sarah Circle's program will be presented by Lou Lorenson from Waste Management. He will speak on Environmental Protection. Hostesses are the members of the Rhoda Circle. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Prepare to . . .*



*. . . for Christ's sake*

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