



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2015 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Voluntary in A Minor* Anonymous (18th Century)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *O Jesus, I have Promised* ELW #810

GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

L: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: **a people holy to the Lord our God.**

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C: **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

L: One does not live by bread alone,

C: **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

SCRIPTURE SONG *Break Now the Bread of Life* ELW #515

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us Pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44 Page 372 in Bible

L: A Reading from 2 Kings

Response: L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 145:10-18 *Read Responsively*

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all
your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire
of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

SECOND READING Ephesians 3: 14-21 Page 206 in Bible

GOSPEL John 6:1-21 Page 100 in Bible

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Bread of Life from Heaven* ELW #480

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

CREED AND CONFESSION

L: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of
your salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

L: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into
heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

He will come again 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**

L: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

L: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

L: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: **Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

L: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self examination.

L: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in
newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: **Amen**

PEACE

L: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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

P: May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing. **C: Amen**

P: May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **C: Amen**

P: 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. **C: Amen**

SENDING SONG *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* ELW #674

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pr. Peter Soli

Assisting: Pr. Melinda McCluskey

Organist: Ruth Sheldon

Reader: Margaret Okland

Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey

Sound: Alan Skellenger

Altar Guild for July: Ardis Langfald & Milly Miller

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Clair Canny from Janice and family.

Flowers have placed in loving memory of Ruth Tweeten, from her family.

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

Worship Survey Results

The results of the recent music survey have been compiled and the Worship and Music Board has reviewed these results. A report on both the survey and the recommendations of the Worship and Music Board is available following today's worship.

After reading the report and recommendations you are encouraged to submit written comments to the Church Council. They will be considering this matter at the August 10th meeting.

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!

Summer Schedule Worship Schedule

The traditional worship service: 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Coffee Fellowship: 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Outdoor worship service: 10:30 a.m. on the south lawn. In the sanctuary in the event of inclement weather.

Wednesday worship service: 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.



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 by email: 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.



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children--and in some cases, adults—continue their learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

The Mission Quilters will be making drawstring backpacks. Backpacks are in the box in the narthex.

The following supplies are need for each backpack:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8 X 10^{1/2}; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or ruler with centimeters and inches
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- One eraser
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured with a band
- Five ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons

Place kits in the box in narthex.

Next Week's Lessons:

Exodus 16:2-4, Psalm 78:23-29, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35

This fall, YOU have the power to change a student's life forever:

- Help a student master reading
- Become their friend via letter-writing
- Help get their day off to a bright start



RSVP Volunteers serve just one to two hours per week, but the difference they make in the lives of students lasts a lifetime. If you are 55 or older, learn about all of RSVP's volunteer opportunities, and how you can help a student succeed:

RSVP Informational Open House

Tuesday, August 4

1:30 p.m.

Grand Café, 201 W. Main, Lake Mills

Questions?

Contact RSVP of North Central Iowa:

(641) 422-4255 | 888-466-4222 ext. 4255 | rsvp@niacc.edu

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: Nov. 1, Dec. 13



The Salem Clothes Closet will be open for school "shopping" on Thursday and Friday, August 20 and 21 from 10:30-12:30.

The Clothes Closet needs new socks and underwear for ages 5-15. Items may brought to the church anytime. Thank you!

**One in Christ Sr. High Service Trip
Information Meeting
2:00 pm Sunday, August 9th
At Winnebago Lutheran Church**

Snacks will be served. Come and learn about "service trips" and find out the date & location for the service trip for the summer of 2016.

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**Sign-Up Begins for the
2016 High School Service Trip**

At the conclusion of the Information Meeting you can begin to sign-up for the 2016 Service Trip.

Signing-up includes completing a registration form with a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00.

Contact the Parish Office any time to sign-up.

Registration deadline (with deposit) is Sunday, September 27th.

Please remember in prayer this week:

And the two shall become one...Ashley Brackey & Randy Lawson

**The Family & Friends of Kermit Grunhovd, Ruth Tweeten,
Reuben Hanna and Gayle Trytten**

Roger Juveland, Darlene Madson, Clarine (Claire) Johnson

Prayer Families: Ashley Linqvist, David/Alyson Linqvist, Duane Linqvist, Ellen Lodin Family, Reynaldo/Rosa Andino Lopez Family, Lou/Steph Lorenson Family, David Sr/Lorraine Low, Terry Madlem, Dennis/Darlene Madson, Heather Madson

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, JULY 26

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 27

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

2:00-5:00 Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, JULY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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

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

THURSDAY, JULY 30

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

FRIDAY, JULY 31

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

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

4:00 p.m. Rebecca Durgin/Ryan Story Wedding

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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

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

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion Worship Service

Those worshipping July 15/19, 2015: 162

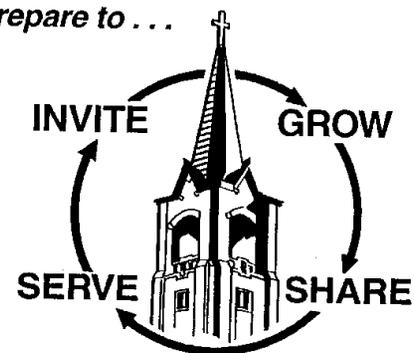
Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$4163

"Starting Strong" Pledges to date: 52 pledges - \$21,585

Last week's "Starting Strong" giving: \$4455

If you have not returned your pledge you may do so at any time.

Prepare to . . .



. . . for Christ's sake

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