



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2015 - 8:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

GATHERING

Prelude *Minuetto Giocoso* Hayden (1732-1807)
Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Song *O Christ the Same* Red Book #760
Sung to the tune of Londonderry air

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 *O Word of God Incarnate* Red Book #514
(Verse 1 only)

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Page 178 in Bible

L: A Reading from Deuteronomy

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

Psalm Psalm 15 *Read Responsively*

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading James 1:17-27 Page 246 in Bible

L: A Reading from James

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

Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Page 102 in Bible

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

The gospel concludes:

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways* **Red Book #772**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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, 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.

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

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

Almighty and merciful God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

Red Book #879

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Preaching: Pr. Peter Soli
Assisting: Pr. Melinda McCluskey
Organist: Ruth Sheldon
Video Coordinator: Carol Abbey
Sound: Alan Skellenger
Altar Guild for August Gloria Kvale & Pat Thorson

The radio broadcast this morning is in memory and in honor of Ruth & Andrew Haugen's anniversary, from the family. May the blessings of the Lord be with you all.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on KLOW-FM 107.3.

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



Flowers have been placed in honor of Virginia Thomas' 90th birthday, August 31st, from her family.

Happy Birthday Virginia!!!

We have 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!

Rally Sunday is around the corner

Sunday School starts on September 13th at 9:30.

Worship Schedule for Fall will be:

8:30 Traditional Worship

9:30 Fellowship - Education - Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Worship

Next Week's Lessons: Isaiah 35:4-7, Psalm 146, James 2:1-17, Mark 7:24-37

Please remember in prayer this week:

The Family & Friends of Danny Brackey, Clarine Johnson and Muriel Schiltz

Gavin Thompson, Lloyd Okland, Beverly Smithe, David Steffens E. Steffens, Viola Simmons, Roger Juveland, Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: Rollyn Moe, Ronald/Phyllis Moen, Kayla Monaghan, Anthony Monson, Gale/Phyllis Monson, Nancy Moore, Jill Morehead, Benjamin Moretz

Those worshipping August 19/23, 2015: 164

Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$3614

"Starting Strong" Pledges to date: 68 Pledges - \$26,085

Last week's "Starting Strong" giving: \$820

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

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God's Work, Our Hands – A Lutheran Service Project
Sunday, September 13

Members of Lake Mill's area ELCA Lutheran Churches are teaming up the afternoon of Sunday, September 13 for what is called God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. Lutherans across the United States are taking on projects that serve the community.

This summer the Salem Lutheran fellowship hall has been the dining room for over 5120 meals prepared and served to children in Lake Mills. Now with school starting the summer feeding program has come to an end. It's time to give the room a thorough cleaning. This will be one of the God's Work, Our Hands projects.

The second project is building a fire pit to be used by youth for its 5th Quarter events. Following home football games Lutherans are inviting youth to gather around a fire for food, fellowship, and fun. The Junior High events are held at Salem Lutheran just off the east side of the building. Senior High events are held at Winnebago Lutheran. The project is to build a fire pit at Salem's church.

Members of Salem Lutheran and the One In Christ Parish will meet at 2:00 at Salem on Sunday, September 13 to clean and build. Wear work clothes and bring gloves if you plan to help with the fire pit. Snacks and a beverage will be provided for volunteers.

Last fall the God's Work Our Hands project was painting the inside of the locker rooms at the swimming pool.

Tag along event...This same Sunday members of Salem will be tackling cleanup of the courtyard. The plastic play equipment will be removed, sold or hauled away and the stones cleaned up and raked.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

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

2:00-5:00 Food Shelf Open

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:00 p.m. Life & Growth Board - Lounge

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

6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

Sarah Circle – Janice Canny, Rhoda Circle – Gloria Kvale,

Elizabeth Circle – Hazel Skatter

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

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

10:30 a.m. Communion Worship Service

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