



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.



Gods and Idols

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.”

- Exodus 20:2-4

GATHERING

Greeting

Gathering Song

How Great is Our God

1) The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the world rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

(Chorus) How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

2) And age to age he stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The God head three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb.

(Chorus) How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

(Bridge) Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God. *(repeat bridge)*

(Chorus) How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Call to Worship

P: People of God, open your ears!
Come and celebrate the story of our God,
a story of compassion and mercy,
of redemption and love;
a story passed down from generation to generation,
so that God's people never forget
the wonderful things our God has done!
Let's praise God together!

Music for Worship

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
And we offer up to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving.
And we offer up to you the sacrifice of joy. *(Repeat)*

As the Deer

1) As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.
You alone are my strength my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.
2) You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are king.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

Prayer of the Day Prayer of the Day (spoken by pastor)

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Glorify Thy Name

1) Father we love you, we praise you, we adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.
2) Jesus we love you, we praise you, we adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.
3) *Instrumental*
4) Spirit we love you, we praise you, we adore you,
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

WORD

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-14

Page 55 in Bible

Response: L: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalms 1

Read Responsively

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading

Exodus 20:2-4

Page 73 in Bible

Response: L: Word of God, word of life. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Matthew 6:19-21

Page 6 in Bible

The gospel concludes:

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

Entering Sunday School Blessing (3 yr. olds)

Children's Message

Message

Song of the Day

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r, and love our God is an awesome God! *(repeat)*
Our God is an awesome God! Our God is an awesome God!

Prayer of Confession

P: O God, we know that Jesus sent out his disciples without purse, luggage, or sandals. All too often, we find ourselves clinging to possessions we don't need, looking for safety by avoiding risk, and bearing heavy burdens that slow us down. Forgive us for our reluctance to travel lightly and heal us of our pain and guilt.

Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary, but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all. And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out. Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make and heal us of our exhaustion.

Forgive us and heal us, O God.

O God, we confess that, like the warrior Naaman, we sometimes think you only perform great complicated acts in flashy and dramatic ways. We then fail to see how you are at work in the simple tasks and ordinary experiences of everyday life. Forgive us for our misunderstanding and heal us of our sightlessness.

Forgive us and heal us, O God.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

P: There is no pain that God cannot heal.

There is no wrong that God cannot forgive.

Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness.

Come and be restored. Let God make you whole.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers

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

P: As we offer ourselves to one another in peace and strengthen the bond of community, we also offer our treasure to Lord so that Christ's church might bear witness here on earth. Let us make our gift to the ministry with hearts filled with God's peace.

Offering Song

We are an Offering – sing together as offering is brought forward

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, 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

P: God, whose giving knows no ending,

A: we offer up the treasure that you have entrusted to us;

we offer up the skills and time that you have graciously given to us;

we offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by your grace.

Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit

to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen.

Announcements and Prayers for All

Alleluia

1) Alleluia, Alleluia...

2) He's my savior, he's my savior...

3) I will praise him, I will praise him...

Blessing

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage;

hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

Lord Reign In Me

1) Over all the earth, you reign on high,
Every mountain stream every sunset sky.
But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that you would reign in me again.
(Chorus) Lord reign in me, reign in your pow'r;
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour,
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't you reign in me again.

2) Over every thought, over every word,
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;
'Cause you more to me than any earthly thing.
So won't you reign in me again.
(Chorus) Lord reign in me, reign in your pow'r;
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour,
You are the Lord of all I am,
So won't you reign in me again. (repeat chorus)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 September: Joan Kloster & JoAnn Villa

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of their daughter Julie Thune and their son Jim Thune, from Alan & Marilyn Pederson.

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

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

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!

A Lutheran Service Project Today

Members of Lake Mill's area ELCA Lutheran Churches are teaming up **this afternoon** for what is called God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. The summer feeding program has ended (5120 meals served) so it's time to give the fellowship hall 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. **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. Snacks and a beverage will be provided for volunteers.

SALE – SALE...Part of cleaning up the courtyard area will be getting rid of the children's play equipment that has not been used for several years. There will be a rummage sale on those items from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Items will be placed on the concrete in the center of the courtyard. Pick up what you want and leave a donation which will go to the Sunday School. At 2:00 p.m. we will dispose of what remains.

The Board of Education has been busy planning the upcoming program year at Salem. We will use the *Whirl* Curriculum again for Grades 6 and under. 7th & 8th Grade will continue on their confirmation journey together.

Adult Learning Opportunity

GIFT – Growing in Faith Together is an adult Bible Study adult (high school and older). It begins today at 9:40am. Grab a cup of coffee and meet in the lounge.

Ever wonder how the Bible became the book we know today? Why the four Gospels tell different stories of Jesus? Animate: Bible is a seven session study that covers the basics of biblical scholarship. In each session we will watch a video featuring a lead voice from Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling, followed by sharing ideas with the group

If you have questions, contact Pastor Melinda.

Rally Sunday...

Sunday School starts today at 9:30!

Worship Schedule for Fall will be:

- 8:30 Traditional Worship
- 9:30 Fellowship - Sunday School
- 9:40 Education
- 10:30 Contemporary Worship

<i>Who goes Where?</i>
3 year-olds—2nd Grade
⇒ West Hallway
3rd Grade—8th Grade
⇒ East Hallway
9th-Adult
⇒ Lounge

WELCA Guest Day September 17 – 11:30 a.m.

Lunch will be followed by the Elizabeth Circle’s program *Singing for the Love of It* by the 3 CD’s: Linda Hill – Kiester, Julie Quamme – Rake, Audrey Kiihn – Bricelyn.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

MEALS ON WHEELS – DRIVERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help deliver *Meals On Wheels* in Lake Mills. Each weekday meals are picked up at 10:45 am and it takes about 20 minutes to deliver the meals. Any and all help will be appreciated even if all you can do is one week out of the year.



Some of the Lake Mills Businesses deliver during the winter months, so you wouldn’t have to worry about winter delivery. Please contact Robin Grunhovd (641-592-4876), if not there please leave a message and she will get back to you.

Grandparent’s Day Ice Cream Social...

September 13th 3:00 p.m. - Lake Mills Care Center.

Career & Vendor Fair...Tuesday, September 15th 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Mills Harbour Independent & Assisted Living

Those worshipping September 2/6: 133

Last week’s giving to the Glory of God: \$3921.56

“Starting Strong” Pledges to date: 70 Pledges - \$28,135

Last week’s “Starting Strong” giving: \$720

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

Please remember in prayer this week:

The Family & Friends of Beverly Smithe and Danny Brackey

Don Adams, Marilyn Hoffman, Manise ‘Pete’ Erickson, Gavin Thompson, Lloyd Okland, David E. Steffens, Viola Simmons, Roger Juveland, Darlene Madson

Prayer Families: Glen/Sandra Moretz, Michael Moretz, Lee Morgan, Marian Morgan, Merlin Morgan, Alexander Mosby, Jeff Mosby, Nicholas Mosby, Nicole Mosby, Christina Movick

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Salem Member Publishes Book

Salem member Wanda Playter recently released her first book, titled *Walking in the Word, A Daily Journey Through the New Testament*.

Wanda will be doing a book signing and speaking at Salem Lutheran Church, Lake Mills on Sunday, September 20th following the 8:30 worship service during coffee time.

Walking in the Word is an easy to read daily devotional that will take you on a journey through the New Testament in a year, with room for you to add your personal thoughts, prayers and dreams.

Growing up is tough. During this time in your life, you're finding your identity and deepening your faith. There are so many difficult choices to make that will change the course of your life forever. *Walking in the Word* visits many of those situations with advice on how to move through them.

For more information on Wanda and her book, visit WandaPlayter.com.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Rally Sunday/Teacher Installation/3 Year Old Milestone

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School; Coffee Fellowship – Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service - Sanctuary

2:00 p.m. God's Work, Our Hands Projects

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

1:00 Mission Quilters – Fellowship Hall

2:00 – 5:00 Food Shelf Open

4:00 p.m. Hannah Circle – Resource Room

5:30 Council Meeting – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Pizza – Fellowship Hall

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan – Lounge

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Large Group – Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Casual Service - Chapel

7:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Youth Group – Lounge

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

11:30 a.m. WELCA Guest Day – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m. Beverly Smithe Visitation

10:30 a.m. Beverly Smithe Memorial Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 Quilt Sunday

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

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

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship Service

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