



## Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 27, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.



Honoring Parents

**"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may  
be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."**

**Exodus 20:12**

## GATHERING

Announcements and Greeting

Gathering Song *The Heart of Worship*

1) When the music fades, all is stripped away And I simply come  
Longing just to bring, something that's of worth That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song For a song in itself is not what You have  
required You search much deeper within Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

*Chorus* I'm coming back to the heart of worship And it's all about You all about  
You Jesus I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

2) King of endless worth, no one could express How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours Ev'ry single breath

I'll bring You more than a song For a song in itself is not what You have  
required You search much deeper within Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

*Chorus* I'm coming back to the heart of worship And it's all about You all about  
You Jesus I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You all about You Jesus. *Repeat Chorus*

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.**

### *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)

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; 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 20:1-12

Page 73 in Bible

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

**Psalm** Psalms 27:1-5, 10-14 *Read Responsively*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—

**my adversaries and foes — they shall stumble and fall.**

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

**though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

**to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.**

If my father and mother forsake me,

**the Lord will take me up.**

Teach me your way, O Lord,

**and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.**

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,

**for false witnesses have risen against me,**

**and they are breathing out violence.**

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;**

**wait for the Lord**

**Second Reading** Ephesians 6:1-4

Page 208 in Bible

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

**Gospel** Mark 7:8-13

Page 43 in Bible

*The gospel concludes:*

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

### **Children's Message**

### **Message**

**Song of the Day** *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

**Red Book #732**

## 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.**

## 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**                      *You Are My All in All*

1) You are my strength, when I am weak  
You are the treasure that I seek  
You are my all in all  
Seeking You as a precious jew'l, Lord to give up I'd be a fool  
You are my all in all

Chorus Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name  
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name

2) Taking my sin, my cross my shame  
Rising again I bless Your name  
You are my all in all  
When I fall down You pick me up, when I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my all in all

Chorus Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name  
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name  
*Repeat as a round*

**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  
**Altar Guild for September:** Joan Kloster & JoAnn Villa

**The radio broadcast this morning** is in loving memory of Michael Langerud's birthday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from Ernie & Sue, and Mindy and family.

**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.**

**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!

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**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.

**Please remember in prayer this week:**

**The Family & Friends of Beverly Smithe**

**Bonnie Sanden, Arlene Ingebritson, Viola Simmons, Bernice Kloster, Don Adams, Marilyn Hoffman, Manise 'Pete' Erickson, Gavin Thompson, Lloyd Okland, David E. Steffens, Roger Juveland, Darlene Madson**

**Prayer Families:** Dale/Marilyn Otto, Arlen/Shirley Pals, Randy Pals, Marcia Pedersen, Robert Pedersen, Allan/Marilyn Pederson, Gary/Cindy Pederson, Jeff/Erin Pederson, Megan Pederson, Tyson/Rachel Pederson Family

**Those worshipping September 16/20: 196**

**Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$4881.41**

**"Starting Strong" Pledges to date: 70 Pledges - \$28,135**

**Last week's "Starting Strong" giving: \$280**

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

## **THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

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

9:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study - Lounge

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship Service

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

2:00 – 5:00 Food Shelf Open

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

7:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry – Lounge

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

1:45 p.m. Mills Harbour Communion

2:30 p.m. LMCC Communion

6:00 p.m. Casual Worship – Chapel

7:00 p.m. Contemporary Music Practice; St. Patrick's Youth Group - Lounge

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1**

9:30 a.m. Deborah/Tabitha Circles – JoAnn Villa, Sarah Circle – Resource Room,  
Rhoda Circle – Faye Aamodt, Elizabeth Circle – Janice Colby

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

11:00 a.m. Paula (Matt) Twedt Baby shower - Fellowship Hall

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2**

MS 5th Quarter – Salem Church

HS 5th Quarter – Winnebago Church

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**

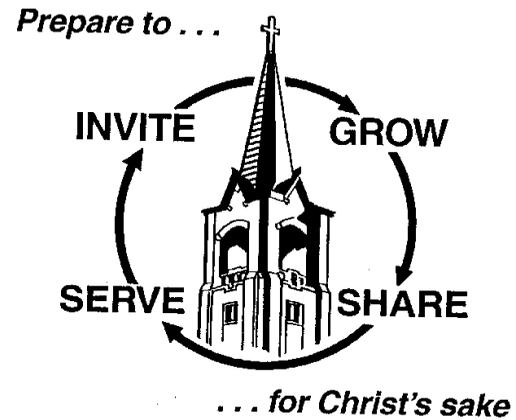
8:30 a.m. Traditional Communion Worship Service

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9:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study - Lounge

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship Service

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