



Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2015 - 10:30 a.m.



INTRODUCTION

The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Song

Mighty to Save

Call to Worship

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Let those who know they are redeemed celebrate it!
Those who have been reclaimed from deep trouble!**

Though we were as good as dead,
God made us alive with the grace of Christ through whom we are rescued and healed.

**O give thanks to God for such unswerving love,
for such wonderful deeds for the children of earth.**

Opening Prayer (spoken together)

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Lector

Let us pray...Oh, that today we would hear God's voice. May we hear your voice today, Lord, as Melinda reads us the scriptures. Let not our hearts be hardened, but open to the word of life. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Old Testament	Numbers 21:4-9	Page 154
New Testament	Ephesians 2:1-10	Page 205
*The Gospel	John 3:14-21	Page 96

Children's Sermon

Sermon Litany (read responsively)

God loved the world so much
that God sent Jesus the son
so that all who believed in him
would have eternal life

**God loved the world so much
love gave everything it had
that anyone who grasped the story of love
would be grasped by love's story
and find what is eternal**

God loved the world so much
heaven opened up itself completely
so that whoever welcomed the kingdom in
through works of love and justice
would find the lasting wholeness of life

**God loved the world so much
Jesus put on flesh and lived among us
so that the face of God would be clear to humanity
and the word of God would be clearly heard
that no life is cheap enough to destroy**

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Sermon

Sermon Song

We All Bow Down

Baptism of Henry Lee Myers

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Baptism Song (*Sung at the end of the baptismal service*)

The Father's New Child

To the tune of "Away in the Manger"

O Henry, O Henry, today you are Mine.
My Word and this water to you are My sign,
That I am your Father and you are My child
A brand new creation on whom I have smiled.

O Henry, O Henry, your sins I forgive,
By water of rebirth and grace that I give;

For you are now cleansed by the blood of My Son,
Who by His own death your salvation has won.

We welcome you, Henry, to God's Family!
Your brothers and sisters forever we'll be!
God's very own Spirit through faith makes us one.
And brings us together to live in his Son.

Prayers, Peace

MEAL

Offering

We Are An Offering

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

***Offering Prayer** (*Spoken together*)

**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but
with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Distribution of Communion

Communion will be served in a continuous manner using intinction. Ushers will direct you from both sides down the center aisle. You receive the bread at the center station and then walk to the side where you will dip the bread in the wine or grape juice. All who believe in the real presence of Jesus in the sacrament are welcome at the table. Gluten-free wafers available.

***Post Communion Blessing and Prayer**

SENDING

Sending Song *Your Love, O Lord*

Blessing

Just as God's Word was sent into the world
to heal and redeem, so God sends you into the world this
day to be light and love, healing and hope.
Go now to be light for the world!
And may the grace and peace of God the Creator,
the Redeemer, and the Sustainer
come upon you this day and remain with you always.
Amen.

Presiding & Preaching: Pr. Melinda McCluskey

Assisting: Pr. Peter Soli

Pianist: Bill Georgia

Video Coordinator: Anna Ramaker

The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Frank Banwart's birthday, March 16, from his wife Darlene and family.

This morning we welcome into the family of God through Holy Baptism Henry Lee Myers. Henry is the son of Kelly & Kelly Myers. His godparents are Brandon & Kasey Heinz.

The flower arrangements in the narthex and front entry of the church are in memory of Sue Myli's parents, George & Lenore Clunis and Russell's parents, Rudy & Mabel Myli, his sister Ruth Myli and brother Harlon Myli.

**The 10:30 service today will not be live-streamed today.
Equipment upgrades are in progress.**

Lenten Healing Journey – Our Need and God's Healing

Throughout his ministry Jesus offered healing to those suffering from physical and emotional ailments. During this Lenten season our midweek worship will center on healing. The 7:15 evening service will include hymns, scripture, the message, and individual or family healing prayer. The 10:00 morning service will include Bible study how Jesus offers healing to the broken and sinful world in which we live. Each week will focus on a different healing need.

March 18	7:15 pm	Healing for Destructive Habits and Addictions
March 25	7:15 pm	Healing for Broken Relationships
April 2	7:15 pm	Maundy Thursday – First Communion
April 3	7:15 pm	Good Friday

For those who would like to enjoy a soup supper a weekly **fellowship meal will be served by the Youth each Lenten Wednesday before worship.**

Lent Soup & Sandwich Suppers Served 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

March 18: Chili & Broccoli Cheese Soup
Beef & Turkey Sandwiches

March 25: Vegetable Beef & Chicken Noodle Soups
Turkey & Ham Sandwiches



This Lent we're joining Lutheran World Relief's

BASKETS of PROMISE

campaign. Each week we'll collect a different item that we'll use to assemble **Personal Care Kits** that give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

Our goal is to assemble 175 LWR Kits during Lent.

HERE IS OUR CARE KIT COLLECTION SCHEDULE - Bring items to the narthex or office:

March 15: Combs

March 22: Nail Clippers (Metal, attached file optional)

March 29: Bars of Soap

Time to think about Bible Camps!

Registrations forms for area Bible Camps are available on the

Education Board table or online at these websites:

www.ewalu.org www.okoboji.org www.riversidelbc.org

Salem WELCA and the Enduring Gift Fund will provide scholarship funds to help with camp costs.

Contact Pastor Soli with any additional financial needs.

Contact the Salem office if you plan on attending any Camp and

register early to take advantage of Camp discounts!

The 10:30 worship service is streamed live on Salem's new website. Navigate to www.salemlakemills.com on your computer, phone, or tablet to view and listen to the service. Broadcasts are recorded and are available to watch at any time using the link on the Live Streaming page.

Let's Talk

Call Committee and Transition Team members are hosting a series of Let's Talk sessions. These sessions have been scheduled at different times, on different days.

THREE WAYS TO SIGN UP!!!

Signup Wednesday or Sunday on the clipboards

Signup by calling the office (641.592.1771) or online www.salemlakemills.com:

Click the **Quick Links:**

Link to Let's Talk information and registration

Each session will last 90 minutes. Pastor Soli will facilitate each session while team members make notes. The focus of these sessions will be on identifying things which we have in common and bind us together; and also the different perspectives we have on matters related to being Salem Lutheran Church.

All sessions will be held in the fellowship hall. They will start and end on time. Refreshments will be provided.

The results of these meetings will be presented to the congregation in April.

Mornings	Afternoons	Evenings
Tues. 3/10—9:30	Sun. 3/8—1:30 & 3:30 Childcare provided	Thurs. 3/5—6:30
Thurs. 3/19—9:30	Sun. 3/15—1:30 & 3:30 Childcare provided	Tues. 3/10—6:30
Tues. 3/24—9:30	Mon. 3/16—1:30	Thurs. 3/12—6:30
	Thurs. 4/9—1:30	Wed. 4/8—7:00

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. Stephen Ministers have been trained to bring Jesus's love to a person who is hurting. Stephen Ministers are members of One in Christ, Our Savior's and Salem. If someone would like a Stephen Minister have them call Pastor Randy at 641-590-0727.

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: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27

Please remember in prayer this week:

Our newest brother of the body of Christ, Henry Lee Myers

The family & friends of Richard Benson and

Dorothy Henderson, mother of George (Kathy) Henderson

Please remember the following Prayer Families in your prayers

this week: Derek Harmon, Doug/Rhonda Harmon, Jerod/Samantha Harmon, Diana Haugen, Craig/Cindy Haugsdal, Michael/Jaci Haugsdal Family, Travis/Darcy Hauser Family, Keith Hebrink

Those worshipping at Salem last week: 248

Last week's giving to the glory of God: Not available

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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

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

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Communion Worship – Sanctuary

1:30 p.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Justin Okland Piano Recital – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 16

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf Open

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

10:00 a.m. Lent Service/Bible Study - Chapel

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Confirmation – Room #4

4:00 p.m. Tai Kwon Do – Room #2

5:15 p.m. Good Samaritan - Lounge

5:30 p.m. 5th Grade First Communion Class – Room 4

6:00 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Meal – Fellowship Hall

7:15 p.m. Lent Service - Sanctuary

8:00 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

9:30 a.m. Let's Talk – Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. WELCA – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship – Sanctuary

Salem Women of the ELCA will meet Thursday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Hostesses are members of the Elizabeth Circle. Martha Circle's program will be presented by Brian Budach of Lake Mills Physical Therapy.

Next Week's Lessons:

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 29

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Thursday, April 2

6:00 p.m. 5th Grade Meal

7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday/5th Grade 1st Communion Service

Friday, April 3

7:15 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday, April 5

7:30 – 10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Tradition Easter Service

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Easter Service

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