



# Salem Lutheran Church

Welcome to the House of the Lord  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 14, 2015 - 8:30 a.m.



## INTRODUCTION

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

## GATHERING

**Prelude**                      *Sonatina Op. 55, No. 1*                      Fr. Kuhlau

## Bells, Announcements

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**                      **Red Book Page 94** (*R H Side*)

**\*Gathering Song**                      **Red Book #533**  
*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

**\*Greeting**                      **Red Book Page 138**

**\*Kyrie (*sung*)**                      **Red Book Page 138**

**\*Glory to God (*sung*)**                      **Red Book Page 139**

## \*Prayer of the Day

Pastor: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## Scripture

**Old Testament**                      Ezekiel 17:22-24                      **Page 873 in the Bible**

**Psalm**                      Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,

and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>Those who are planted in the house of the LORD  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;

<sup>15</sup>that they may show how upright the LORD is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

**New Testament** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 **Page 176 in Bible**

**\*The Gospel** Mark 4:26-34 **Page 39 in the Bible**

### **Sermon**

**\*Sermon Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story* **Red Book #661**

**\*Apostle's Creed** *(Spoken together)*

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.

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

### **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 of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

### **SENDING**

#### **Blessing**

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

**\*Song** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* **Red Book #547**

#### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Postlude**

<p><b>Preaching:</b> Pr. Carlton Shaw <b>Organist:</b> Ruth Sheldon <b>Video Coordinator:</b> Carol Abbey</p>
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The radio broadcast this morning is in loving memory of Duane Seedorf and Marian & Komer Johnson, from Terry and family.

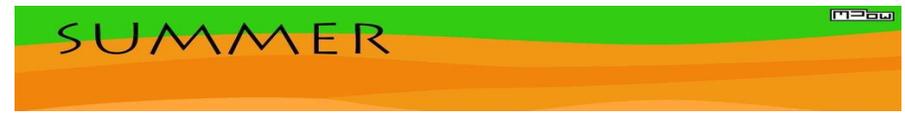
Salem has a wheel chair available for use. It is kept in the narthex.

The 8:30 a.m. worship service is broadcast weekly on K1OW-FM 107.3. Cost for 2015 is \$83. Call the office to reserve your dates.

Dates available for 2015: Oct. 18, Nov. 1, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 27



**Open House for Pastor Merlin & Marietta Norris** Rev Merlin & Marietta Norris will be honored with an Open House Birthday Celebration this afternoon from 2:00-4:00pm at the Salem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. They request no gifts, please. Rev. Merlin will celebrate his 80th birthday June 15th and Marietta will celebrate her 79th birthday on July 16th. Cards may be sent to them at: Rev Merlin and Marietta Norris, 207 South 7th Ave West, Lake Mills, IA 50450.



### Summer Schedule Worship Schedule

**The traditional worship service** is held at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**Coffee Fellowship** is held at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**The outdoor worship service** is held at 10:30 a.m. on the south lawn, weather permitting. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the sanctuary. You may bring lawn chairs or blankets. Folding chairs will be available.

**The Wednesday worship service** will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel until warmer temperatures are here.

### 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.**



**Summer is an exciting time for children. But for many children who receive free and reduced-price meals at school, summer can mean hunger.**

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 [janelle.gilbertson@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**If your child is planning on attending Summer Bible Camps,** please call the office with the name of the camp they are attending. Scholarship Funds are available for all youth.



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!

## **THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

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

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service – South Lawn

2:00-4:00 p.m. Norris' Birthday Party – Fellowship Hall

### **MONDAY, JUNE 15**

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

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

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Food Shelf

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

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 16**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

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

6:00 p.m. Informal Worship – Chapel

6:45 p.m. Tentative Education/Worship & Music Board Meeting

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 18**

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

2:00 p.m. WELCA Regular Meeting - Fellowship Hall

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 19**

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

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 21**

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

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

10:30 a.m. Outdoor Communion Worship

**The Salem WELCA will meet Thursday, June 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** The Sarah Circle's program will be presented by Lou Lorenson from Waste Management. He will speak on Environmental Protection. Hostesses are the members of the Rhoda Circle. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Those worshipping June 3/7, 2015: 163**

**Last week's giving to the Glory of God: \$4136**

**Please remember in prayer this week:**

**Pastor Merlin and Marietta Norris**

**Ruth Tweeten, Roger Juveland, Darlene Madson,  
Clarine (Claire) Johnson**

**Prayer Families:** Roger/Carol Juveland, Linda Kane, Michael Kane Family, Charlene Keltner, Lynne Keough, John Kilen, Joyce Kilen, Beverly King, Courtney Kingland, David/Deb Kingland

**Next Week's Lessons:**

Job 38: 1-11, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41



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