

O Lord, look down from heaven, and visit and relieve those who are ill. Look upon them with mercy; comfort them; give them a sure confidence in you; defend them from the attacks of the evil one; and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Larry Kimball, Dorothy Vanella, Kathy Kendrick, Sue McDonald, Tim Kinkade, Meyer Mixdorf, Zach Henry, Gregory Boschee, Carol Ott, Jerry Nissen, Josh Kendrick, Betty Wager, Gail Peterson, Jen Bush, Diane Nielson, Bruce Kerr, Elna Nissen, Judy Eklund, Carolyn Biere, Claudia Peppers, and Carrie Huff.

We can never thank our military men and women enough for their service and sacrifice to our country and its people. Today we express gratefulness and honor to these military troops, past and present.



We pray to be shown ways in our communities, churches, and families to thank and love them better. Keep and protect these heroes and their families. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Upcoming Events

October 11th- Dedication of Quilts
October 13th- Executive Meeting @ 5
October 18th- Food Pantry Volunteer
October 20th- Outreach Meeting @ 4:30
October 20th- Council Meeting @5:30
October 24th- Bright Eyes in the Park
October 25th- Reformation Sunday

Tuesdays- Quilters @ 1:30

Wednesdays- Choir @ 5:30

Bible Study after Choir

2nd & 4th Thursdays- Bell Choir @ 6:15



During today's service we will present the gifts offered to God by our congregation for the ministry we share. An offering plate is at the door as you enter or you may use the QR code at the right, which will take you to a secure form at Tithe.ly. Your generosity empowers our congregation to serve others. Thank you!

Salem Lutheran Church



*"Following Jesus,
Sharing Compassion,
Covered by Grace"*

"Our mission is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ--God's love, compassion, and grace--through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach with Creston and neighboring communities."

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October 11th, 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO GATHER  *On the Wings of an Eagle*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN  *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* *ELW 618*

GREETING

KYRIE  *ELW p. 147*

HYMN OF PRAISE  *Glory to God* *ELW p. 148*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

DEDICATION OF QUILTS



FIRST READING

SECOND READING

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  *ELW p. 151*

GOSPEL *Matthew 22:1-14*

PUPPET MINISTRY WITH FRED AND STELLA

SERMON—"Invitation Ethics"

HYMN OF THE DAY  *Children of the Heavenly Father* *ELW 781*

THE SMALL CATECHISM

PRAYERS FOR ALL OUR NEIGHBORS



Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

THE PEACE IS SHARED

OFFERING & OFFERTORY  *Create in Me* *ELW 186*

NOISY OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING SONG  *On Eagle's Wings* *ELW 787*

DISMISSAL

CHIMES & POSTLUDE

Thank you to all those who helped in the Lutheran World Relief in-gathering this fall. We have 56 quilts, 14 school kits, 18 personal kits, 10 fabric kits, and 10 baby layettes. Thank you and call me if you have any questions 641-202-1011.

Lutheran Services in Iowa supports Iowa foster and adoptive families through guidance, resources, dedication.

2025 Foster Care Impact:

- 625+ families served
- 405 new foster care placements
- 76 kinship home studies completed in 5 months
- 200+ foster families attended retention events

After years in foster care and multiple placements, one young woman found the forever family she had always hoped for. With their support and encouragement, she pursued her dream of becoming a teacher and is now student teaching at a local elementary school.

She credits her success to a family who believed in her potential and reminds foster youth and families never to give up hope.

Source: 2025 Lutheran Services in Iowa Impact Report
