

What does it mean to be Lutheran?

To be Lutheran is simply to confess what God says in the Bible is true. And that truth governs all that we say and do as church, but also, how we live our lives as Christians, as Lutherans.

We believe that God made mankind to be male or female. This design is good. We believe that the sex differences do matter in not only the church but also how we relate to one another in creation.

We believe that God instituted marriage at the foundation of the world, patterned after the eternal relationship between Christ and His Church. It is a lifelong union of one man and one woman.

We believe that children are a precious gift from God. This gift begins at conception in the womb. God makes children boys or girls and we treasure both as unique blessings. Children are to be raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and Man, the only way to the Father, and the only Savior of all men.

We believe that God has given order, purpose, and meaning to all of human life in this world. Each person has holy estates, vocations, where God has placed him and will bless him in obedience to God's good design.

Come & See!

- We are located across from the Madelia High School:
109 3rd Street SE Madelia MN 56062

- Website:

<https://salemlutheranchurch1.godaddysites.com/>

- Facebook: "Salem of Madelia"
- YouTube: "Salem of Madelia"

The Sunday Service is posted by Tuesday of each week. The video is meant primarily for the members who missed Sunday worship and it is also meant as a way to introduce guests and visitors if you want to check us out. The video, however, is not a substitute for actual, physical presence and participation which is how God has designed us to worship Him—body and soul with our brethren!

Talk to the Pastor:

Your questions are always welcome. Please feel free to contact Rev. Greg Volbrecht:

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You can also stop by my study at the church office. I am usually in, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, mornings and afternoons. You can also call or text and setup a time to visit. We can also meet at the local bakery, Sweet Indeed, for coffee and a chat, my treat!

Why Salem?



Got Questions?! Why Lutheran? Why Church? Who is Jesus? Does it matter where I go? Does it matter what I believe? Who is God? What is the Bible? How can I know who is speaking the truth? How do I get to heaven?

“Salem” means “Peace.” It is drawn from God’s Word, the Bible, which teaches the history of the world and mankind. God created all things in the beginning. That means everything you see when you look up at the stars on a beautiful, clear night and marvel at the hugeness of the universe. It also means everything you see, hear, taste, touch, and smell around you in this world: the birds, bees, trees, waters, flowers, critters, and fellow men. Sadly, as you observe God’s Creation, you also notice the absence of peace. There are “wars and rumors of wars,” there is violence, harm and danger, destruction and waste. God tells us in the Holy Scriptures that Satan did this. This chief evil angel rebelled against God at the beginning of the world, and in his rebellion, he wrecked the goodness of Creation. The Devil also deceived the first two people, Adam and Eve. Because they too rebelled, God cursed Satan and all men for that disobedience. That is why we see so little peace, and we ourselves experience a lack of peace in our own life. But God also graciously made promises to Adam and Eve. The Devil would not have the final word and God was not going to forsake His Creation. The peace that God promised is found in its fullness in the person and work of our Lord Jesus Christ. At Salem you will see “Christ is our peace” inscribed on our stone pulpit (where the pastor preaches from). Salem is all about Jesus—because Jesus **is** our peace with God. And because we have peace with God, a lasting, lifelong peace, body and soul, we strive to live that same peace with one another, our neighbors, our families, and in our community.

Why Salem?

- Sunday Services are at 9:00 a.m. year-round.
- Sunday School is offered September through May every year for children 3 and older. We are blessed to have 30 children in the parish programming and a wonderful roster of volunteers who teach the children about God’s love in the Bible stories. Children are served treats and receive Bibles and Catechisms from the church.
- Our Congregation and her Minister are bound to the Word of God as the sole ruling authority in life, teaching, and practice. We actually believe that God spoke and because God spoke those words are binding on what we say and do.
- Youth Catechesis (“confirmation”) is offered September through May (and as requested), with children ages 10 and older meeting with the Minister to learn God’s Word, study Dr. Luther’s Catechisms, and grow in fear and love for God.
- We have an active Youth Group, women’s prayer group, monthly Book Club, monthly Ladies’ Aid, monthly Sunday dinners September through May, Summer midweek suppers and services on Wednesdays (June through August), and various fellowship opportunities throughout the year.
- We are active in our local community through the Madelia Ministerial Association, Madelia Park Days, the Community Food Shelf, the First Choice Pregnancy Center in New Ulm, and the Martin Luther High School (Northrop).

What is worship like?

You are always welcome to visit us on a Sunday morning. When you arrive, pick up a bulletin in the narthex—a folded piece of paper that gives you some short directions for what we will say and sing for worship, as well as announcements to review. Then pick a seat. A hymnal is in the pew rack. Our worship follows a pattern. If you ever get lost, just ask a neighbor next to you for help. The words we speak and sing are mostly drawn from the Holy Scriptures. What better way to worship God than to use His own words to speak to Him and to one another! The service is normally just under an hour-long. There is a greeting line with the pastor afterward, and you are welcome to visit with him. There are also coffee and treats served in the parish hall. There is an offering box in the back of the church, but as a guest or visitor we do not expect you to contribute (unless you feel so moved!).

What if I want to learn more?

That is one of the great joys of life! To be a “disciple” is to be a lifelong follower/student/learner of the Lord Jesus Christ. We will give you a copy of Doctor Luther’s Small Catechism which is the basics of the Christian Faith summarized in a neat little booklet. We will also give you a Bible if you do not have one. Finally, please visit with the pastor and he will gladly chat with you about God’s Word and answer questions you might have.