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Divine Services: Sunday 10:00 AM; Monday 7:00 PM

WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

A COMFORT ROOM is available during the Sunday services for young children and their parents. There are many toys and books available. If you need help, directions, or have any questions, please ask an usher. Parents, please do not leave your children unattended.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS are available on the table in the narthex. These feature a coloring sheet and activities for children based on the Scripture readings of the day. Please help yourself.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available in the narthex.

*Sharing the caring CHRIST,
...here, there, and everywhere*

HOLY COMMUNION

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith: we simply understand our communing together is also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray.

LIFE THOUGHT

Servanthood supersedes success, says Jesus (Mark 10:42-45). And do not surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses provide irreplaceable opportunities to serve neighbors, whether loved ones or strangers? Our Savior suggests that coming alongside them in courage and compassion may be better than sitting in prominent places hereafter!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen.

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Today Your Mercy Calls Us (LSB 915)



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day,
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE LITANY

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: hear us.

P: God the Father in heaven,

C: have mercy.

P: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
C: have mercy.

P: God the Holy Spirit,
C: have mercy.

P: Be gracious to us.
C: Spare us, good Lord.

P: Be gracious to us.
C: Help us, good Lord.

P: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation;
by Your holy nativity;
by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation;
by Your agony and bloody sweat;
by Your cross and passion;
by Your precious death and burial;
by Your glorious resurrection and ascension;
and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
C: Help us, good Lord.

P: In all time of our tribulation;
in all time of our prosperity;
in the hour of death;
and in the day of judgment:
C: Help us, good Lord.

P: We poor sinners implore You
C: to hear us, O Lord.

P: To prosper the preaching of Your Word;
to bless our prayer and meditation;
to strengthen and preserve us in the true faith;
and to give heart to our sorrow and strength to our repentance:
C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To draw all to Yourself;
to bless those who are instructed in the faith;
to watch over and console the poor, the sick, the distressed, the lonely,
the forsaken, the abandoned, and all who stand in need of our prayers;
to give abundant blessing to all works of mercy;
and to have mercy on us all:
C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: To turn our hearts to You;
to turn the hearts of our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers;
and graciously to hear our prayers:
C: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
C: **we implore You to hear us.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: **have mercy.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: **have mercy.**

P: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C: **grant us Your peace.**

P: O Christ,
C: **hear us.**

P: O Lord,
C: **have mercy.**

P: O Christ,
C: **have mercy.**

P: O Lord,
C: **have mercy. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
C: **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.**

Silence to reflect on your need for a Savior.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
C: **Amen.**

P: Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?
C: **Yes.**

P: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

PSALM 119:9-16



P: How can a young man keep his | way pure?*

By guarding it according | to your word.

With my whole heart I | seek you;*

let me not wander from your com- | mandments!

C: I have stored up your word | in my heart,*
that I might not sin a- | gainst you.
Blessèd are you, | O LORD;*
teach me your | statutes!

P: With my lips | I declare*

all the just decrees | of your mouth.

In the way of your testimonies | I delight*

as much as in all | riches.

C: I will meditate on your | precepts*
and fix my eyes | on your ways.
I will delight in your | statutes;*
I will not for- | get your word.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”


In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful; re -

turn, re - turn to the Lord, for He is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful, slow to

an - ger and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10: 32-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

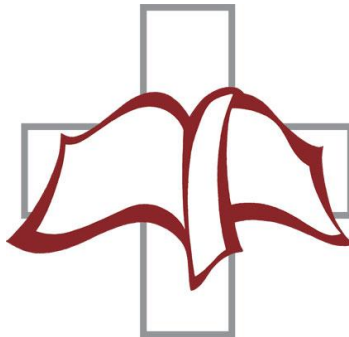
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

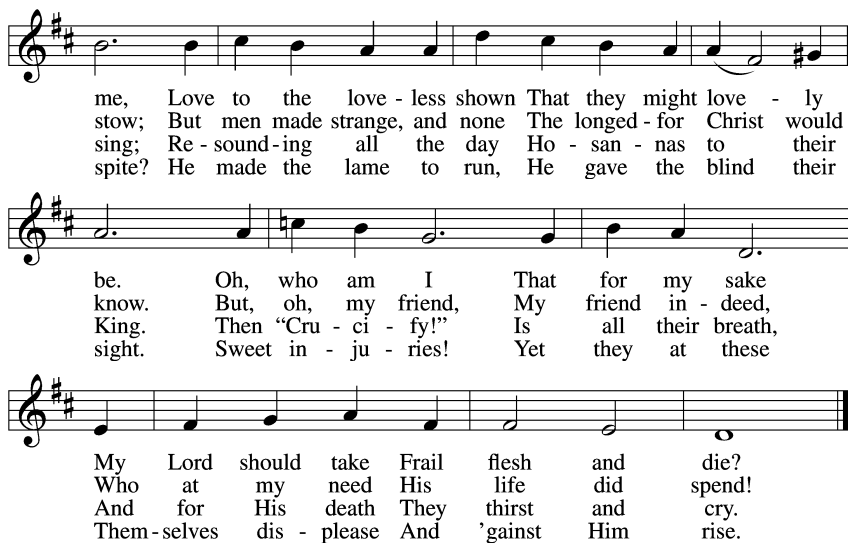
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: My Song Is Love Unknown (LSB 430)



1	My	song	is	love	un -	known,	My	Sav -	ior's	love	to
2	He	came	from	His	blest	throne	Sal -	va -	tion	to	be -
3	Some -	times	they	strew	His	way	And	His	sweet	prais -	es
4	Why,	what	hath	my	Lord	done?	What	makes	this	rage	and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their

be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
 sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these

My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
 Who at my need His life did spend!
 And for His death They thirst and cry.
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
 A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
 Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
 From thence might free.
- 6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was His home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 Never was grief like Thine.
 This is my friend,
 In whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 Could gladly spend!

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SERMON: “Gomer Redeemed”

Pastor Dressler

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Gomer’s Song”
Michael Card

*Don’t know what he sees in me, he is spirit, he is free
and I, the wife of adultery. Gomer is my name.*

*Simply more than I can see, how he keeps on forgiving me,
How he keeps his sanity. Hosea, you’re a fool.*

*A fool to love someone like me, a fool to suffer silently.
But sometimes through your eyes I see I’d rather be a fool.*

*The fondness of a father, the passion of a child,
The tenderness of a loving friend, an understanding smile*

*All of this and so much more: now I’m rich and you are poor.
I’ve never known love like this before. Hosea, you’re a fool.*

*This God of yours would not have told
To lift the love that you couldn’t hold
And though time and time again I flee,
I’m always glad to see you coming after me.*

*Don’t know what he sees in me, he is spirit, he is free
and I, the wife of adultery. Gomer is my name.*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin. Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar. Distribution of the elements will be by wafers placed into your hands and individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

PREFACE

LSB 208

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

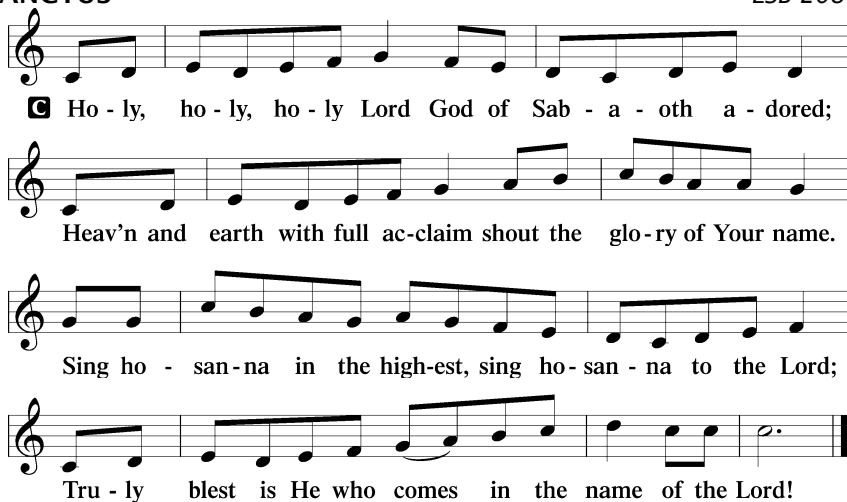
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

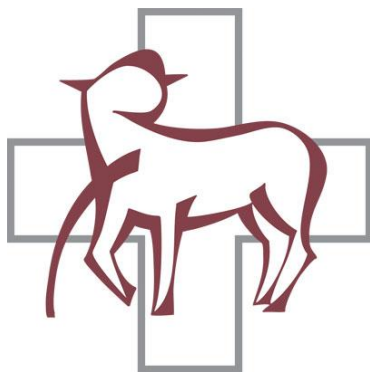
AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



(Please be seated)



DISTRIBUTION MUSIC When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (LSB 425)

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

O Dearest Jesus (LSB 439)



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken
 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -
 The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.
 her - it, This I do mer - it.
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.

- 5 The sinless Son of God must die in sadness;
 The sinful child of man may live in gladness;
 Man forfeited his life and is acquitted;
 God is committed.
- 12 I'll think upon Thy mercy without ceasing,
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleasing;
 To do Thy will shall be my sole endeavor
 Henceforth forever.
- 13 Whate'er of earthly good this life may grant me,
 I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.
 I shall not fear what foes can do to harm me
 Nor death alarm me.
- 14 But worthless is my sacrifice, I own it;
 Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not disown it;
 Thou wilt accept my gift in Thy great meekness
 Nor shame my weakness.

15 And when, dear Lord, before Thy throne in heaven
 To me the crown of joy at last is given,
 Where sweetest hymns Thy saints forever raise Thee,
 I, too, shall praise Thee.

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

CLOSING RESPONSORY

P: The season of Lent is all about God's passion, God's devotion, God's dogged love of the world.

C: We see this love most clearly, most profoundly at the cross.

P: There, God would take upon Himself the sin of the world and its brokenness.

C: There, He would take my sin and wretchedness.

P: And so we marvel at God's faithfulness to us.

C: We have not stayed true to Him,

P: But He stays true to us.

C: He has given us His Word!

P: And we can take Him at His Word.

C: We take His commands seriously. We take His mercy seriously.

P: And so we follow Jesus to His goal, each week marking one more step,

C: one more step on the road to the cross.

P: Receive again the sign of the ✝ cross, marking you as one crucified with Christ.

The congregation is encouraged to make the sign of the cross.

Candle is extinguished.

P: Let us pray:

C: Lord Jesus Christ, bless our Lenten journey. As we walk with You on the road to Golgotha, give us faith to believe the unbelievable, that *You* are faithful to us who have been faithless. Give us faith to take You at Your Word, obeying Your commands and trusting Your promises. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: In the Cross of Christ I Glory (LSB 427)

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, Light and the
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

OFFERING (prayer requests)

*OFFERING VERSE - "With my whole heart I seek you;
 let me not wander from your commandments!" Psalm 119:10*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "This, however, is the nature of the Word, that it deals in apparent foolishness with the very wise. Another characteristic of the Word is the cross that he could not escape. It seems that he is fighting alone against all the prophets and even Moses."—Martin Luther

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of March 21 through March 28

TODAY: Bible Class and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM

MONDAY: Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM

TUESDAY: Women's Bible Study 4:15PM
Voters' Meeting 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY: Newsletter Mailing 9:00AM
LENT WORSHIP 4:00PM & 7:00PM
Souper Supper 5:00PM

THURSDAY: Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM

NEXT SUNDAY: **Palm Sunday**
Bible Class and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM

A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD
For the week of March 14, 2021
Sunday School 4 students, 3 teachers/helpers
Adult Bible Class 17

Worship Service Attendance
March 10 - [40]; March 14 - [65]
Online views
March 10-[25]; March 14 - [57]

Tithes and Offerings
March 14: \$10,359.00
Weekly Offerings Budget: \$8,100.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY Join us next week as we reach the bitterest yet sweetest section of Mark's Gospel—the Passion. ***COME!!!*** You will not regret it. Our study will only enhance your appreciation of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and even Easter (though we won't get to the resurrection passage until after Easter). We'll see you downstairs or online!

To access by phone: 415-762-9988 or 646-568-7788. Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (798 4070 1280#). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 798 4070 1280 in meeting ID box. The passcode is 5180. If you've not used Zoom on your computer before, it will ask if you want to download and install it. You do, and it's okay to allow it to make changes to your computer. NOTE: You can do this part ahead of time, so you're all ready to go before Sunday morning. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

2. THIS WEEK ON KFUO AM850, study Mark 14 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), dig into Colossians 1-3 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship in Midweek Lenten Service and organ recital on 3/24 at 11:00 a.m. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

3. OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021 are available to be picked up in the Narthex. Also available are 2020 Contribution Statements. Questions? Please call Bill Lichtenberg at 314-741-0862.

4. E-GIVING IS POSSIBLE for making your gifts to Salem! You can download the Abundant app on your smart device and search for Salem Lutheran Church, you can text SALEMBJ to 73256 to receive a link to make your donation, or you can go to:

<https://abundant.co/salemlutheranchurch>

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Briggs (314) 330-2674.

5. UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS: Recently most of us received another COVID stimulus payment. I'm sure there are many ways you could put it to good use. I encourage you to consider tithing a portion of that money to the ongoing Gospel ministry of Salem. If you think about it, it's an eternal investment! Not a bad use of funds!

6. SALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL needs substitute teachers! If you think this might be a good fit for you or someone you know, please get in touch with Susan Scherer in the school office. She can be reached at 314-741-8220 or through email at sscherer@salembjmo.org.

6. LENTEN DINNERS – We will serve from 5-6:30PM. Carry-outs will be available, and we will also have some “socially distanced” tables set up for those who would prefer to eat on-site. Proceeds from the free-will offering will go to Lutherans for Life and Orphan Grain Train.

This week’s menu will be pork loin, dressing, mashed potatoes, vegetable, and dessert. For those who are dining in, drinks will be available.

7. WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY - Cursed? Blessed? What do these words mean today? What does Scripture mean when it uses these words? Join women on Tuesdays in Lent to find out - We will be looking at the Scriptures through the lens of Genesis 3 and God's curse to Eve and how as children of God we can identify it and choose to live within the order God has created for us. Join us from 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. each Tuesday during Lent. Looking forward to exploring with you. If you have any questions, you can call or text Tina Kassebaum at 314-732-7386 for more details.

8. THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS are now available for the **fourth quarter of 2020 and all dollars available to you for 2020 need to be designated by March 31!** Be sure to designate this free money to your favorite charity, including Salem Lutheran Church or Salem Lutheran School, Florissant, MO. Call 1-800-847-4836, say “Thrivent Choice,” then “Choice Dollars,” or log in to thrivent.com/thriventchoice. Thanks to those Thrivent members who selected Salem as the recipient for the Dollars available to them.

9. COMMUNION BAKERS NEEDED! Pastor is looking for volunteers to help make communion bread. Recipes will be provided, and this will be on a rotation, so you won’t be on the hook each week. Email Pastor or call the office to put your name on the list!

10. THE LUTHERAN RESALE SHOP needs volunteers tomorrow, Monday, March 22 from 10 am until 3 pm. We will be doing our semi-annual change-over hanging “formally loved” spring clothing. You will be socially distanced. There are stand up and sit down jobs. If this will be your first time, bring a friend and give this a try. We are at 6701 W. Florissant, 314-389-9970. Call to let us know to expect you.

11. EASTER EGG HUNT! This year, we will again host an Easter egg hunt for members and visitors following the Easter Sunday service. Hooray! Now all we need is the candy! Please consider purchasing a bag of small, peanut-free candies that can fit inside eggs. Donations can be given to the church office. We also need a few volunteers to help stuff the eggs after church **NEXT Sunday, March 28**. Finally, the plan is to set up the egg hunt on **Easter Sunday, April 4**, prior to the service. Please call/email Pastor if you are able/willing to volunteer to help with either of these activities.

12. MARCH VOTERS' MEETING: The March Voters' Meeting will be held **THIS Tuesday, March 23**, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary and via Zoom. To connect to the Zoom meeting with your computer, please go to www.zoom.com/join with your internet browser and then enter the following meeting ID: 843 4770 9101. If prompted for a password, enter 5180. If you need to call in via phone instead, call (415) 762-9988 or (646) 568-7788. Just follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (843 4770 9101#), when asked to enter participant code just hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#). Please join the Zoom meeting by 6:50 p.m. so that we may start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

*If you've never used Zoom on your computer before, call the church office at 314-741-6781 ahead of time, and Elin will be glad to help you.

13. EASTER LILIES Don't forget to order your lilies! They are \$9.25 each. Order forms can be found in the church narthex. You can also call the church office directly (314-741-6781). Orders must be received by **Monday, March 29**. Let's make our sanctuary truly festive to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus!

14. EASTER BREAKFAST: We will have an Easter Breakfast this year on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, 7-9 AM in the church basement. There will be socially distanced seating for those who would like to eat in. We will also offer carry-outs. The menu is scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, pancakes. Drinks will be offered to our eat-in guests. Proceeds will benefit the With God's Little Ones organization which provides clean water, building supplies, and animals to people in Cambodia and Madagascar. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in fellowship.

15. GUEST PREACHER: Come to our Maundy Thursday service led by special guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann of Concordia Seminary [and father of Justine Dressler]. Dr. Biermann's sermons challenge, inspire, and (most importantly) clearly communicate the Word of God. This will be a truly meaningful part of your Holy Week devotion. Join us!

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Maundy Thursday 4:00PM and 7:00PM

with Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann

Good Friday 12:00NOON and 7:00PM

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 7:00PM

with Rev. Robert Briggs

Easter Sunday Sunrise 6:30AM

Easter Sunday Festival 9:30AM

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Week of March 21, 2021

- OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: Amiyah, Jaylen, and Josiah Peters; London Phillips; Demi Pierce
- OUR MEMBERS: Greg and Linda Mauch; Manuel and Lula McCarty; Patricia McGee
- OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Norman Loeb; Lawrence Meyer; Melvin Meyer
- OUR ILL / HOSPITALIZED: Gene Stellhorn, Cheri Mansfield, Jan and Rodger Altevogt, Gena (Stellhorn) Neece, Linda Garrison (daughter of Teddy Smith daughter), Jon Smith (son of Teddy Smith), Dee Meyerhoff, Randy Adler, Paul McWilliams, Kate Allen (mother of Richard Brower), Bill Lichtenberg, Todd Fuller, Cliff Fuller, Jennifer (niece of Cindy and Dale Schulz), Alicia Waller, Marilyn Patterson, Leo Russavage, Anthony Mueller (grandson of Larry Riedisser), Bernie Pikal (son-in-law of the Gronemeiers), Karen Becker, Christina Brower, and Steve Ziegler.
- OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS: Peace Lutheran Church in O'Fallon, MO; Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church in Skiatook, Oregon; and Zion Lutheran Church in Dallas, Texas.
- BIRTHDAYS: Marcus Golliday, III (3/21), Rebecca Linhardt (3/23), Dante Neal (3/23), Danielle Drone (3/23), Madeline Merrill (3/23), Inge Hainke (3/24), Bob Becker (3/23), Jeffrey Graybael (3/24), Nora Laurain (3/24), William Paschall (3/27)
- EMPATHY, PATIENCE, MERCY, and an END to racism and violence in our nation

DEVOTION: *Portals of Prayer*

LEARN BY HEART: Psalm 119:105

DAILY READINGS:

- Sun: Exodus 1:1-22; Mark 14:12-31
- Mon: Exodus 2:1-22; Mark 14:32-52
- Tues: Exodus 2:23—3:22; Mark 14:53-72
- Wed: Exodus 4:1-18; Mark 15:1-15
- Thurs: Exodus 4:19-31; Mark 15:16-32
- Fri: Exodus 5:1-6:1; Mark 15:33-47
- Sat: Exodus 7:1-25; Mark 16:1-20