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Church and School

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Everyday Stewards: Week 2
“Stewardship as a Way of Life”



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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.

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

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and **PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON** are available in the narthex.

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.

DOORS ARE LOCKED after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.

Cover Image: James Tissot "The Widow's Mite" (1850)

*We are Salem, a family nurturing God's children
to live loving lives in faith.*

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

Life issues (abortion, suicide, sexual identity, physician-assisted suicide to name a few) can often be the result of a person trying to solve their own problems or fulfill their own needs instead of relying upon the Lord to help them. The appearance of our Lord as the sacrificial Lamb of God (John 1) reminds us that God is always faithful (Isaiah 49:7), even at the cost of His own blood. By faith in Christ, we can and should wait patiently for the Lord (Psalm 40:1) and make Him our trust (Psalm 40:4) in any and every situation, and we should invite our neighbors to do the same.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Preacher:	Pastor Bob Briggs
Celebrant:	Pastor Martin Dressler
Fieldworker:	Nick Vukalovich
Organist/Pianist:	Kathleen Stahlhut
Greeters:	Sharon Lichtenberg
Prayer Team:	Bob and Karen Becker

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (LSB 686)

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - er, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end-less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine

ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-90, alt.

Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg



INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of the Father and of the [☩] Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen!

P: Our God is such a gracious Father.

C: He has showered me with gift upon gift, grace upon grace.

P: He has made us His children through baptism.

C: He has given me His Holy Spirit.

P: He gives us His own presence in the Lord's Supper.

C: He daily and richly forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.

CONFESsION AND ABSOLUTION

P: And yet others would often be hard-pressed to see that.

C: Often my life does not reflect how gracious God has been to me.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for reflection on your need for a Savior.

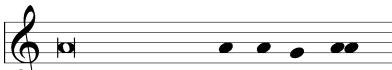
P: Most merciful Father,

C: You have been so gracious, yet my actions have not demonstrated all that You have done for me. I confess that I have often been selfish with my time, harsh with my words, callous toward those in need, ungrateful for the gifts You've given, and mistrustful of Your continued faithfulness. Father, please be merciful to me and forgive me for Jesus' sake. Amen.

P: Your Heavenly Father is gracious and merciful. He was gracious enough to send His only Son to die on the cross to forgive your sin and to rise that you may walk in newness of life. It is for Jesus' sake that God once again says "Yes" to you! Therefore, in the stead and by the command of Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the [☩] Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Yes, it shall be so! Amen!

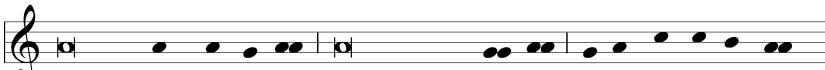
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



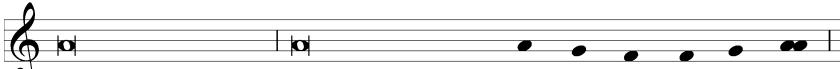
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



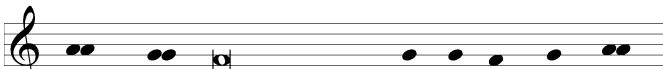
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

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THIS IS THE FEAST



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
 whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
 hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.
 This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le -
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God our Father, Your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of Your Spirit lead us to acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 23: 22, 33-43

“And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.”

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month and for seven days is the Feast of Booths to the LORD. On the first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not do any ordinary work. For seven days you shall present food offerings to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall hold a holy convocation and present a food offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly; you shall not do any ordinary work.

“These are the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the LORD food offerings, burnt offerings and grain offerings, sacrifices and drink offerings, each on its proper day, besides the LORD’s Sabbaths and besides your gifts and besides all your vow offerings and besides all your freewill offerings, which you give to the LORD.

“On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. And you shall take on the first day the fruit of splendid trees, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. You shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33-40

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P: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your | statutes,*
and I will keep it | to the end.

C: Give me understanding, that I may | keep your law*
and observe it with my | whole heart.

P: Lead me in the path of your com- | mandments,*
for I de- | light in it.

C: Incline my heart to your testi- | monies,*
and not to | selfish gain!

P: Turn my eyes from looking at | worthless things,*
and give me life | in your ways.

C: Confirm to your servant your | promise,*
that you | may be feared.

P: Turn away the reproach | that I dread,*
for your just de- | crees are good.

C: Behold, I long for your | precepts,*
in your righteousness | give me life!

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 16:1-11

Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come. And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia, and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go. For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits. But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:9-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM *Madelynn Christians and Elliott Christian*



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: What Is the World to Me (LSB 730)

1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon-ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam-mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,

When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,

You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de -clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645-1732; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.
 Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629-1701



SERMON: “Stewardship as a Way of Life”

Pastor Briggs

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(Please stand.)

STEWARSHIP LITANY

P: Lord God, bless us with a zeal to be Your stewards as we serve You through serving others.

C: Lord, through Your Word, You have called us to be Your stewards. Help us to be faithful Everyday Stewards.

P: Lord God, we thank You for Your grace which enables us to understand that we were created for Your purpose, not ours. Change our mindset from what we want to do to what You want us to do.

C: Lord, help us to understand that all we are and have come from You and belongs to You.

P: Lord God, You direct us in Your Word to give freely because we have received freely. Through Your grace, make us channels through which Your blessings can flow.

C: Help us Lord, to be fruitful stewards of the opportunities You give to us. Help us to use our time, talents, and treasures for Your glory.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, we ask for loving and giving hearts so we can be Everyday Stewards. Through Jesus, we pray. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

OFFERING (prayer requests)

STEWARSHIP VERSE - “Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.” Psalm 119:37

(Please stand.)

PRAYERS - Each petition concludes with “Lord, hear our prayer.” Congregation responds with verse below.



Sing prais - es, all you peo-ples, sing prais - es to the Lord. Sing



prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord!

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin. Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

PREFACE

LSB 177

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 178

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

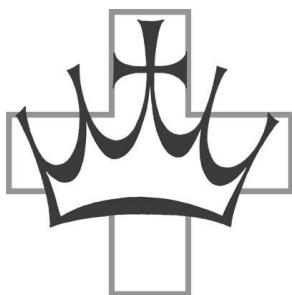
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \ddagger body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 \ddagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



LORD'S PRAYER

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: I Am the Bread of Life (With One Voice 702)

Let Us Break Bread Together (Lutheran Book of Worship 212)



1. Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2. Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;



— let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
— let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.

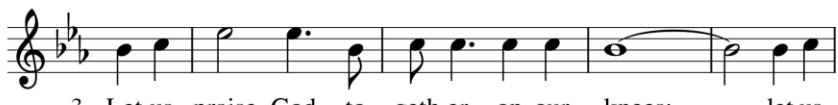
Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.



3. Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; let us



praise God to - geth-er on our knees. *to Refrain*

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Draw Near and Take (LSB 637)

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

Text: Latin, 7th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
 Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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 upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service (LSB 848)



1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice Bore the weight of
2 Still Your chil - dren wan - der home-less; Still the hun - gry
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, Till Your love's re -
4 Called by wor - ship to Your ser - vice, Forth in Your dear

hu - man need, Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
cry for bread; Still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
veal - ing light In its height and depth and great - ness,
name we go, To the child, the youth, the a - ged,

Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, We, Your ser - vants, bring the
Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com -
Dawns up - on our quick-en'd sight, Mak - ing known the needs and
Love in liv - ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good - will and

wor - ship Not of voice a - lone, but heart, Con - se -
pas - sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
bur - dens Your com - pas - sion bids us bear, Stir - ring
com - fort, Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your

crat - ing to Your pur - pose Ev - 'ry gift that You im - part.
love Your Spir - it kin - dles Still to save and make us whole.
us to tire - less striv - ing, Your a - bun - dant life to share.
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom May Your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-84, alt.

Tune: The Sacred Harp, 1844, Philadelphia

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Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK –

“Fruit is always the miraculous, the created; it is never the result of willing, but always a growth. The fruit of the Spirit is a gift of God, and only He can produce it. They who bear it know as little about it as the tree knows of its fruit. They know only the power of Him on whom their life depends.”

—Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

PRAYER CORNER

Almighty God, grant that Your holy word which has been proclaimed this day may enter into our hearts through Your grace, that it may produce in us the fruit of the Spirit for witness and service in the world and to the praise and honor of Your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of January 18 through January 25

TODAY: *Ezekiel 40:1-4; 43:1-12; Romans 8:18-39*
 Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
 DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM
 Chili Cook-off 11:15AM

MONDAY: *Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29; Romans 9:1-18*
 No School
 Sewing Circle 8:30AM
 Confirmation Class 7:00PM

TUESDAY: *Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23; Romans 9:19-33*
 Church Council 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY: *Joel 1:1-20; Romans 10:1-21*
 School Chapel 8:45AM
Newsletter and Voters Booklet Deadline 9:00AM
 DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM

THURSDAY: *Joel 2:1-17; Romans 11:1-24*

FRIDAY: *Joel 2:18-32; Romans 11:25—12:13*
 Book of Joshua Bible Study 10:30-12N

SATURDAY: *Joel 3:1-21; Romans 12:14—13:14*

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

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A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD -Week of January 11, 2026

This information will be available next week

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY Topic: God's Word. It's amazing! And you should come!

To access by phone: 312 626 6799. Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (271 170 8930 #). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (523312#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 271 170 8930 in meeting ID box. The passcode is SPzuL5. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

2. TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL – Our lesson in Sunday school was based on the scripture reading, John 1:29-42 - Eyewitnesses. We focused on this 2nd Sunday in Epiphany on the account of when John saw Jesus and pointed Him out to all who were around him. We can tell others about Jesus and how he has changed our lives.

3. NEW WAY TO GIVE ONLINE Our online giving platform is changing! We will be making the shift after January 31, 2026, at which point we will be discontinuing the current Abundant app and website. New to online giving? Head to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXSD/campaign/C-162XV> and set up your account. If you have any questions, please speak to Lisa Briggs, Elin Hogan-Gomez, or Nancy Joy.

4. SAUSAGE AND KRAUT is still available! Cooked sausage 3lbs for \$30 and 32oz of kraut \$5. Everything freezes well—even the sauerkraut! If you're interested in making a purchase, talk to Ron Buenger (314-369-2426), or call the church office (314-741-6781).

5. APPLEBUTTER is available in the church basement - self serve. Select what you want to purchase, complete a blue order form, attach payment to order form - cash or check made payable to Salem Ladies Aid, and leave in "Office" box at the end of the pew by the applebutter. **SALE: \$1 off all pints and quarts! \$8/quart, \$5/pint.**

6. EVERYDAY STEWARDS This is the second week of our stewardship emphasis, Everyday Stewards. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we are transformed into new people who become God's stewards. As the Apostle Paul stated, "...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). **The theme for this week is "Stewardship as a Way of Life."** Christian stewardship involves more than what we do just on Sunday. Stewardship is faith in action, and it refers to all the activities that we do in Christ's name. We are God's stewards in our homes, workplaces, schools, and in our neighborhoods. We are stewards each and every day. Our stewardship is a way of life. Where God places us, we are called to be His faithful stewards.

7. CHILI COOK-OFF is happening TODAY, Sunday, January 18. Our speaker, Ned Kaprowski, attends Holy Cross Lutheran in O'Fallon, Mo. He will introduce us to our 2026 Lutherans for Life project, Wings of Hope. You will be the judges of our ten chilis. You will also get a chance to eat our "Famous LFL Chili too! Get ready to enjoy being with your Salem church family.

8. LUTHERAN NORTH CHOIR AND BAND TOUR FUNDRAISER February 13-16, 25 students will be heading to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to share the Gospel through song. They will share their music with congregations there, and also spend time at Concordia University Wisconsin for a visit and clinic. In addition, they will spend a day at the Great Wolf Lodge in Gurnee, IL. Going on tour is a wonderful way for these young people to grow as musicians, bond with their ensembles, and share their faith with others.

But they need our help to reach their fundraising goal of \$4000. Every dollar helps our students share the Gospel in Wisconsin! Give online at bit.ly/lightandlove2026

9. SUB SANDWICHES! We will once again be offering Super Bowl Sub Sandwiches! Each sandwich comes on a 6-inch white or wheat sub-roll, and includes 4 kinds of meat: roast beef, turkey, salami, & ham; cheese, onion, and lettuce. The cost is \$8.00 per sandwich. Pick-up is available in Salem Lutheran School Lobby, Sunday, February 8, 2026, 11:00 AM-NOON. Orders are due by Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Return forms to boxes in church narthex or school office. Questions and/or place an order, contact Susan Scherer at 314-355-2716 or 314-741-8220. Proceeds will go to support our School.

10. CHURCH OFFICE: Elin will be out of the office from Tuesday, January 13-Tuesday, January 20. She will have some access to email and voicemail, but there will likely be some delay in response. She'll definitely get back to you ASAP upon her return!

11. THE JANUARY VOTERS' MEETING will be held on Tuesday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For those who would prefer not to attend in person, the meeting will also be broadcast online 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: 968 6885 3909. If prompted for a password, enter 5180. Please join the Zoom meeting by 6:50 p.m. so that we may start **promptly** at 7:00 p.m. If you need to call in via phone instead of through computer or smartphone, here are the phone numbers: (312) 626-6799 or (309) 205-3325. Just follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked 968 6885 3909 #), when asked to enter participant code just hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#).

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Week of January 18, 2026

- MEMBERS:

Keith & Susan Scherer; Andrew Schneider; Dennis Schneider; Elizabeth Schneider; Jonathan Schneider; Rose Schneider

- HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Clyde Dempsey

Mary Warner

Kenneth Graff

Don Weiss

Norman Loebs

Betty Williams

Dante Neal

Steven Ziegler

Lois Niehaus

Donna Barney

Sharon Perko

Carole Breeden

Rita Seay

Barbara Cromer

Alicia Waller

- ILL / HOSPITALIZED:

Judy Niederwimmer

Rodger Altevogt

Tristan—student of Tina Kassebaum

Alicia (Brinker) & David Lindemann

Gene Stellhorn

Ken Patterson

Nancy Joy

Dale Schulz

Carolyn Gannon-Allen—sister of Cindy Schulz

LC—MS Missouri District President Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan—recovering from stroke

Inge Hainke—back surgery recovery

Todd Fuller

Susan Smith—continued fight with cancer

Melba Linhardt

- OUR WORLD:

Ukraine, Russia, Venezuela

- BIRTHDAYS: Jane Thur (1/18); Larry Jerrod (1/19); Melba Linhardt (1/20); Alex Schutte (1/20); Reggie Miller (1/21); Madison Pence (1/21); Mike Rikard (1/23)