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Sunday 10:00 AM; Wednesday 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.

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.

On the cover: "Christ and the Samaritan Woman,"

Henryk Siemiradzki, 1890.

*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

The world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs, even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St. Paul reminds us that instead of trying to avoid suffering through death, we "can rejoice in our sufferings" (Romans 5:3), knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, "let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Psalm 95:6), entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who "died for us" (Romans 5:8).

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 Martin Dressler
Fieldworker:	Nick Vukalovich
Organist/Pianist:	Elin Hogan-Gomez
Greeter:	Kathy Adler
Prayer Team:	Fred Petty

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: All Hail the Pow'r of Jesus' Name (LSB 549, stzs 1, 5-7)



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,
6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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Text (sts. 1, 5): Edward Perronet, 1726-92, alt.; (sts. 6-7): A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.
Tune: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C: Amen!

P: On Galilee's shore, Jesus extended an invitation to the first disciples.
He said,

C: **"Follow Me!"**

P: To Matthew who sat counting taxes at his desk, Jesus said,

C: **"Follow Me!"**

P: To those who wanted to be His disciples, Jesus said,

C: **"If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."**

P: Brothers and sisters, in the waters of baptism, Jesus extended an invitation to you as well. He said,

C: **"Follow Me!"**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: But we know that we have not always accepted that invitation. Together, let us confess our failure to be the disciples God has called us to be.

Silence to reflect on your need for a Savior.

P: Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I confess to You that I have failed. I have not lived faithfully as Your creature or followed Jesus as His disciple. I have often rejected Your call because it is difficult. At times, I have let my sinful nature take control instead of taking up my cross. Forgive me, Father, for flirting with sin. Forgive me for not fully embracing the new life You have given me through Your Son. For His sake, have mercy on me.

P: Jesus did not reject the call to be our Savior. He died on the cross for your sins. He knew them all, every last one of them. He took your sin, and in exchange He has given you His righteousness. Therefore, hear this Word of God to you: I forgive your sin in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In this season of Lent, hear again the call of Jesus. He says,

C: "Follow Me!"

P: Then let us deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him.

C: Amen.

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KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

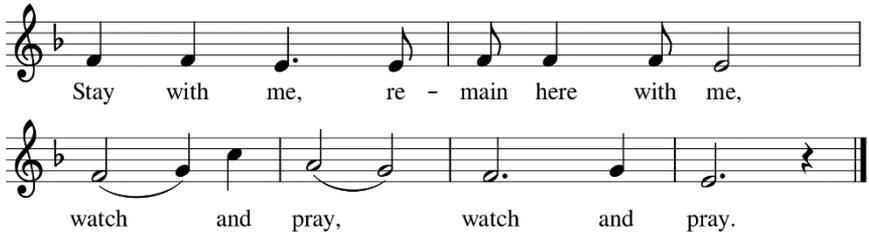
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE AND INTERCESSIONS

The request Jesus made of His disciples in Gethsemane, we, as His disciples, make of Him.

Refrain:



Stay with me, re - main here with me,
watch and pray, watch and pray.

P: Stay here and keep watch with me. Watch and pray, watch and pray!

C: Refrain

P: Watch and pray not to give way to temptation.

C: Refrain

P: The spirit is eager, but the flesh is weak.

C: Refrain

P: My heart is nearly broken with sorrow. Remain here with me, stay awake and pray.

C: Refrain

P: Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by.

C: Refrain

P: Father, if this cannot pass me by without my drinking it, your will be done.

C: Refrain

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in

Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

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.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Keith & Kristyn Getty)



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, I
2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His
3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the



find a place to stand And won - der at such
fam - 'ly is my own. Once stran - gers chas - ing
path be - fore the crown, we fol - low in His



mer - cy, that calls me as I
sel - fish dreams, now one, through grace a -
foot - steps, where prom - ised hope is



am. For hands that should dis - card me, hold
lone. How could I now dis - hon - or the
found. How great the joy be - fore us To



wounds which tell me, "come." Be - neath the cross of
ones that You have loved? Be - neath the cross of
be His per - fect bride. Be - neath the cross of



Je - sus, my un - wor - thy soul is won.
Je - sus, see the chil - dren called by God.
Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our lives.

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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



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 962

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 Your
 peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: As the Deer (Martin Nystrom)

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my
 2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er e - ven
 3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly
 soul long-eth af - ter Thee. You a - lone are my
 though You are a King. I love You more than
 You can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the
 heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship Thee.
 an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.
 real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain:

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my
 spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
 heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship Thee.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (LSB 699)



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
 The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
 Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
 My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
 And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt.

Tune: Amanda Husberg, 1940-2021

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Rock of Ages (LSB 761)



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-78

Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

Text (sts. 1-2): James Quinn, 1919-2010; (st. 3): Henry V. Gerike, 1948-2025

Tune: American

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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: May God Bestow On Us His Grace (LSB 824)



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -
 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry
 △ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -



vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,



health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,
 earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;
 God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out
 Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.

Tune: David Lee, 1956

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK –

"Forgiveness is a sort of divine absurdity. It is irrational, as the world reasons things, and unwise. But 'has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?' It is a miracle maker, because it causes things to be that, logically, empirically, have not right to be. For-give-ness is a holy, complete, unqualified giving."

—Walther Wangerin, Jr, *As for Me and My House*

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 March 8 through March 15

TODAY: *Genesis 27:30-45; 28:10-22; Mark 9:1-13*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM
Elders 11:15AM

MONDAY: *Genesis 29:1-30; Mark 9:14-32*
Confirmation Class 7:00PM

TUESDAY: *Genesis 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50*
Board of Christian Nurture 4:15PM
Board of Christian Education 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY: *Genesis 37:1-36; Mark 10:1-12*
School Chapel 8:45AM
Ladies Aid 12Noon
Lent Worship 4:00PM & 7:00PM
Souper Supper 5:00PM

THURSDAY: *Genesis 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31*
Lutherans for Life 7:00PM

FRIDAY: *Genesis 40:1-23; Mark 10:32-52*
Book of Joshua Bible Study 10:30-12N

SATURDAY: *Genesis 41:1-27; Mark 11:1-19*

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 March 1, 2026
Sunday School 11 students, 3 teachers
Friday Bible Class 7

Worship Service Attendance
Sunday, March 1 - 113
Wednesday, March 4 - 39 + 15

Online views
Sunday, March 1 - 11
Wednesday, March 4 -4

Tithes and Offerings (Weekly Budget: \$8,200.00)
March 1: Physical-\$7,885.00; Online-\$839.65
Total-\$8,724.65

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY There is a lot to be anxious about these days, especially on the geo-political front. But Jesus tells us not to be anxious. How can we follow His command? Join us for Sunday morning Bible study to find out.

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 - We studied the story of The Woman at the Well, found in John 4:5-42. The Samaritan woman was unwelcome in her community. We talked about what it feels like to feel welcome or unwelcome, and what Jesus has to say about how we treat others—and what kinds of people are welcome in God's family.

3. TO GIVE ONLINE, head to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZXSD/campaign/C-162XY>. There, you can set up your account. If you have any questions, please speak to Lisa Briggs, Elin Hogan-Gomez, or Nancy Joy.

LENT WORSHIP AT SALEM: **"How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place!"**

These special services will continue every Wednesday through March 25. Worship is held at 4PM and 7PM, and we have a supper in between!

Palm Sunday is March 29, and Holy Week services will be held on Maundy Thursday (April 2), Good Friday (April 3), Holy Saturday (April 4), and Easter Sunday (April 5). There will be no worship service on Wednesday, April 1.

4. SOUPER SUPPERS will be served in the church basement between the 4:00PM and 7:00PM Lent worship services, beginning at about 5:00PM. The menu for this Wednesday is roast pork, vegetable, dessert, and beverage. Proceeds from the free will offering will be shared between our Lutherans for Life chapter and the Salem Benevolent Fund.

5. EASTER EGG HUNT We will again host an Easter egg hunt for members and friends, on **Saturday, April 4, at 10:00AM**. The event will feature craft and coloring opportunities, of course, eggs filled with candy!

If you were able to participate last year, you know that this was a very successful event—even with the rain! **Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect!**

We need:

- folks to chat with the adults who bring their children
- people to offer light supervision of the crafting stations
- help with cleaning up

We will also be collecting small *individually wrapped* candies that can fit inside the eggs. Small toys/trinkets are also welcome! Donations can be brought to the church office, or you can bring them with you when you come for church and leave the items in the designated basket in the Narthex. We also need a few volunteers to help stuff the eggs on the evening of **Monday, March 30**. Questions? Please call/email Pastor or Elin!

6. LUTHERANS FOR LIFE - Everyone is welcome to attend our next meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 7 pm in the church basement. On the agenda is a discussion on participating in the Florissant Flower Festival where we share our "babies." We will also be looking at our recent Chili Cook-off. A reminder- Lutherans for Life members help serve and provide desserts for the Lenten suppers. A portion of donations for your meal will be going to our charity Wings of Hope. We thank you for your support.

Registration for March on the Arch 2026 is now open!

There has never been a more critical time in the United States to stand for life. Register to march with us on April 25, 2026 in downtown St. Louis and make your voice heard!

Participants have the option to either register for free, or to purchase the premium registration for \$15, which includes a March on the Arch T-shirt, ceramic Coalition Life coffee mug, and pro-life vinyl sticker pack.

Register online by visiting www.coalitionlife.com, and clicking on March on the Arch in the events drop-down menu.

The run of show for the day is as follows:

9:30am - Check In

11:00am - Rally

12:00am - March Begins

**Programming will begin at Aloe Plaza (across from St. Louis Union Station, 20th and Market Street) and finish at the Arch Grounds.*