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Divine Services:

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.

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

*On the cover: Supper at Emmaus, Rembrandt, 1648*

*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 practice of abortion rests on the argument that the unborn should not be considered real persons, worthy of dignity and protection under the law. How different that is from the way God views these little ones! St. Peter reminds us that the death and resurrection of Jesus are "for you and your children and for all who are far off" (Acts 2:39). If all children have been purchased by the "precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19), surely they are worthy of our love and care, both inside and outside of the womb.

## **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**

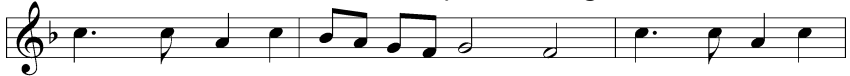
Preacher:	Pastor Martin Dressler
Fieldworker:	Nick Vukalovich
Organist/Pianist:	Elin Hogan-Gomez
Greeter:	Sharon Lichtenberg
Prayer Team:	Bob & Karen Becker

*(Please silence your cell phones)*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN: All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding (LSB 462)



1 All the earth with joy is sound - ing: Christ has ris - en  
2 Christ, the dev - il's might un - wind - ing, Leaves be - hind His  
3 Je - sus, au - thor of sal - va - tion, Shared in our hu -  
4 Praise the Lord, His reign com - menc - es, Reign of life and



from the dead! He, the great - er Jo - nah, bound - ing  
bor - rowed tomb. Strong - er He, the strong man bind - ing,  
man - i - ty; Crowned with ra - diant ex - al - ta - tion,  
lib - er - ty— Pas - chal Lamb, for our of - fens - es,



From the grave, His three - day bed, Wins the prize:  
Takes, dis - arms his house of doom; In the rout  
Now He shares His vic - to - ry! From His face  
Slain and raised to set us free! Ev - er - more



Death's de - mise— Songs of tri - umph fill the skies.  
Cast - ing out Pow'rs of dark - ness, sin, and doubt.  
Shines the grace Meant for all our fall - en race.  
Bow be - fore Christ, the Lord of Life a - dore!

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## INVOCATION AND OPENING RESPONSORY

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

C: Amen!

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: who has given us new life and hope by raising Jesus from the dead.

P: God has claimed us as His own.

C: He has called us from our darkness into the light of His day.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Merciful Father,

**C: I come to You, burdened by guilt. I have lived in doubt and denial. I have squandered Your gifts and taken for granted Your grace. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and have sinned against my neighbor. I am helpless. So I call on You to forgive me for the sake of Your Son who has dealt with my sin through His suffering, death, and resurrection. Restore me as Your child and by Your Spirit, renew me in body, soul, and mind to honor You and serve my neighbor today and always. Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ has been raised from the dead. Your faith is *not* in vain. This risen Savior gave to His church the power to forgive sin. Therefore in His stead and by His command, I forgive you in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

P: May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**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 seasonable 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.**

**THIS IS THE FEAST** (This Far By Faith)

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

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

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.

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

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, hon - or, 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. 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: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them . . .

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 116:1-14



P: I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

**C: Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.**

P: The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.

**C: Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*  
“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”**

P: Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous,\*  
our God is | merciful.

**C: The LORD preserves the | simple,\*  
when I was brought low, he | saved me.**

P: Return, O my soul, | to your rest;\*  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.

**C: For you have delivered my | soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from | stumbling;**

P: I will walk be- | fore the LORD\*  
in the land of the | living.

**C: I believed, even | when I spoke,\*  
“I am greatly af- | flicted”;**

P: I said in | my alarm,\*  
“All mankind are | liars.”

**C: What shall I render | to the LORD\*  
for all his bene- | fits to me?**

P: I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
and call on the name | of the LORD,

**C: I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
in the presence of all his | people.**

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## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 1:17-25*

If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited

from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*P: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow (LSB 476)



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'  
 2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us  
 3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing  
 4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through  
 5 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,  
 stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om  
 of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor  
 life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,  
 hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,  
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!  
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion  
 Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You  
 As the gift of love we bring, You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;  
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,  
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!  
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;  
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,  
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures  
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;  
 At the ta - ble still You feed us,  
 Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.  
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.  
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!  
 Host us as our ris - en Lord!  
 Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

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**OFFERING** (prayer requests)

*STEWARDSHIP VERSE - "Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart..." 1 Peter 1:22*

**NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

Patty Gabel

(Please stand)

**PRAYERS** - Each petition concludes with "Lord, hear our prayers."  
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!

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**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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 161

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, 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.**

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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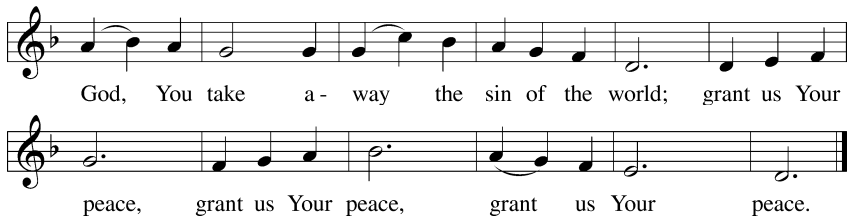
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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:**

**Eat This Bread (LSB 638)**



*Refrain*  
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev-er be hun- gry.  
 Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

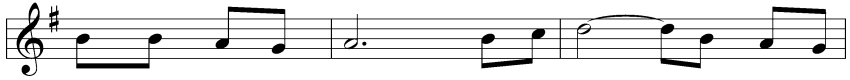
*Cantor or Choir*  
 1 This is His bod- y giv- en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.  
 2 As of-ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un-til He comes a-gain.  
 3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.  
 4 An- y- one who eats this bread will live for- ev- er.  
 5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e- ter- nal life.

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## Stay with Us (LSB 879)



1 Stay with us, till night has come: Our praise to  
 2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: Hear when our  
 3 Walk with us, the road will bend: Make all our  
 4 Talk with us, till we be - hold A joy - ful  
 5 Stay with us, till day is done: No tears nor



You this day be sung. Bless our bread, O - pen our  
 wea - ry spir - its cry, Feel a - gain, Our loss, our  
 weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, For - give our  
 life You will un - fold: Heal our eyes, To see the  
 dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, Your grace im -



eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.  
 pain: Je - sus, take us to Your side.  
 fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.  
 prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.  
 part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

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## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing (LSB 475)



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
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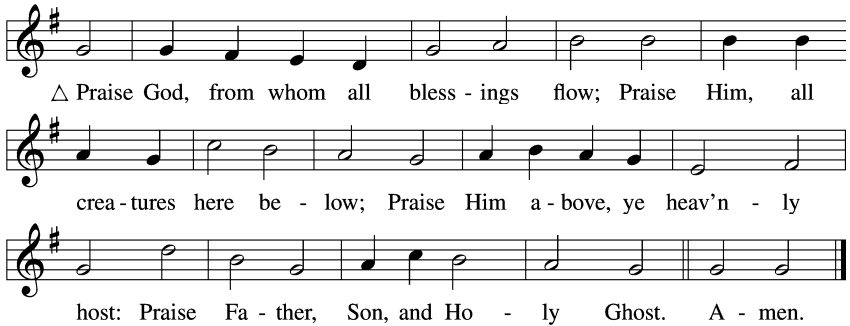
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(Please stand)

## DOXOLOGY (LSB 805)



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won (LSB 490)**



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,  
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

Text: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert, 1715-69; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812-97, alt.  
 Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

*Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** - "These words, 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,' show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation."

-Martin Luther, *Small Catechism*

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**OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS**  
**For the week of April 19 through April 26**

- TODAY: *Exodus 32:15-35; Luke 6:39-49*  
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM  
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
- MONDAY: *Exodus 33:1-23; Luke 7:1-17*  
Confirmation Class 7:00PM
- TUESDAY: *Exodus 34:1-28; Luke 7:18-35*  
Church Council 7:00PM
- WEDNESDAY: *Exodus 34:29—35:21; Luke 7:36-50*  
School Chapel 8:45AM  
Newsletter Deadline 9:00AM  
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
- THURSDAY: *Exodus 38:21—39:8; Luke 8:1-21*  
Shoebox Party 10AM-2PM
- FRIDAY: *Exodus 39:32—40:16; Luke 8:22-39*  
Book of Joshua Bible Class 10:30AM-12N
- SATURDAY: *Exodus 40:17-38; Luke 8:40-56*
- NEXT SUNDAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM  
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM

**A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD -Week of April 12, 2026**  
Sunday School 11 students, 3 teachers

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, April 12 - 97  
Wednesday, April 15 - 14

Online views

Sunday, April 12 - 11

Tithes and Offerings (Weekly Budget: \$8,200.00)

April 12: Physical-\$4,832.00; Online-\$241.00

**Total-\$5,073.00**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. BIBLE STUDY** "Don't judge!" You've heard that message quite often, I imagine. Jesus does say that, but let's take a look at what He really means as we dive into Matt 7 next week. Join us!

*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 about "The Road to Emmaus" from Luke 24:13-35. In this lesson we focused on that we are never alone. Jesus is always with us. Jesus is always sharing with us His word and promises.

**3. OUR NEXT HYMN SING** is TODAY, April 19. It will begin roughly at 9:45AM and will take the place of the usual preservice music. We will focus specifically on selections from LSB 457-490 and LSB 644-669.

**4. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is set for June 15-18, from 5:45-8:15PM each evening. Don't miss out on this fun week! Whether you attend as a participant or are able to give your time as an adult, these summer evenings are always great fun and full of learning more about Jesus. Even if you can't come to all four evenings, we can use you! Volunteer sign up and registration forms are in the Narthex. Sign up today and plan to join us for this excellent week!

**5. DONATIONS NEEDED** The Ladies' Aid is going to provide a special Mother's and Father's Day store for the students of Salem School to "shop" for a gift for their parents or caregivers. Ladies' Aid is asking for help gathering items, which can be new or gently used. Ideas include candles, hand lotion, small tools, sports stuff (baseball season is upon us!), mugs, stationery, etc. We also need gift bags of all sizes and colors. Please leave them in the bin in the church lobby labeled "Mother's and Father's Day Store." Thank you for helping us make this project a blessing to our students and their grownups.

**6. MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE** Hope Ev. Lutheran Church (5128 Neosho Street) invites you to join them this afternoon, Sunday, April 19 at 3:00PM for a Psalm Festival featuring Rev. Stephen Starke. Rev. Starke is a well-known writer of hymns and liturgical texts. A reception will follow in the church auditorium. Visit [hopelutheranstl.org](http://hopelutheranstl.org) for more information.

**7. GET READY!!!!** *Get ready to join the new Bible Class every Friday from 10:30 - Noon. What is it? The Book of Luke. Begins in a week or so. Watch the bulletin. Do you have to read out loud? No! Do you have to answer questions? No! Do you have to do homework? No! But you will be encouraged to do so, so that you get more out of the class. Who is the teacher? Rev (retired pastor, Rev. Richard Thur). Where do we meet? Church basement. Come in the basement door. Can't make the first class? Start the following week or month. Where do you sign up? Print your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call Rev at 314-706-6232 for more information.*

**8. COALITION LIFE MARCH ON THE ARCH** - Women are still walking into abortion clinics every day in our nation. We can save more precious babies with your help. Walk with us **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** for Coalition Life! We all meet downtown St. Louis on Market Street across from Union Station for the rally! We walk as a huge group on Market Street down to the Arch grounds. Register at the Coalition Life Website. You can walk for free or you can sign up with a small fee, which includes a shirt and more! See Jane Thur for more information.

**9. CHANGES ARE COMING** to the monthly newsletter. For many years, Salem has published a monthly newsletter. You might recall that, not all that long ago, we sent them out via USPS. As our communication methods and needs changed, we shifted from mailing them out to having them available for pickup in the Narthex, sent via email, and mailed by request.

Our needs have continued to change, and so has our need for a printed monthly publication. Over these next months, we will be moving toward a quarterly newsletter. This will help us to plan further ahead and see what is coming more in advance—but will also be a significant change!

An updated monthly calendar will still be available, but the rest of the content will encompass 3 months of news and upcoming events.

+For the May newsletter, NO CHANGE. The deadline is Wednesday, April 22 at 9:00AM.

+The next issue will be a 2-month June/July issue. The deadline is Wednesday, May 20.

+Then, it will be time for our first quarterly issue, which will include August, September, and October. The deadline for this issue will be Wednesday, July 22.

+Our second quarterly issue will cover November, December, and January, and that deadline will be Wednesday, October 21.

Questions? Please reach out to Elin in the church office.

**10. CONCORDIA SEMINARY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS** Join us! Concordia Seminary, St. Louis is celebrating 100 years at its iconic Clayton, Mo., location — and we want you to be part of it. Plan to join us for a special chapel service at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26, 2026, honoring our milestone anniversary with the theme: “Christ the Living Stone — a lasting legacy, a firm future.” Unable to attend in person? Watch the livestream at [cs1.edu/live](https://cs1.edu/live).

**11. VALLEY OF THE FLOWERS PARADE ON MAY 3** This year we will have two parade entries. We will again have the float we had last year...and to celebrate the school’s 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary we will also be taking the school bus! We’re looking for riders and walkers of all ages. Last year was great fun and we’re hoping you’ll join in. You may hop on from the church parking lot at 12:15pm, or meet us at the Civic Center at 1:00pm. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex!

**12. FELLOWSHIP MEAL** The Board of Christian Nurture will be hosting a fellowship meal in the School Gym on Sunday, June 7 following the 10:00AM worship service. The meal will be provided, and we will be asking for a freewill offering. These dollars will go into our Benevolent Fund, which is one of the ways that Salem can provide for the physical needs of our neighbors. The Board will also be hosting a bit of trivia (with prizes!), so gather up all of your random knowledge and come ready to enjoy a great meal with your Salem family.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**



### **Registration Open**

Registration is open for the 2026–2027 academic year. We encourage you to tell your friends, relatives, and neighbors about Salem and our 165-year history of providing quality Christian-Lutheran education to this community. God has richly blessed Salem, and we want others to experience the same quality Christian education that so many have received over the years.

### **Important Dates**

Graduation will be on May 15, and the last day of school will be on May 22.

### **Valley of the Flowers Parade**

Salem will once again be represented in the Valley of the Flowers Parade on Sunday, May 3! Please plan on helping with this fun project. We will have a float again this year, so if you cannot help build it, please plan to ride on it.

### **Thank You, Ladies**

Special thanks are in order to the five ladies who helped students make their Resurrection Eggs, which tell the story of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Thank you Nora Muffler, Sharon Lichtenberg, Kathy Adler, Penny Fuller, and Irene Kalmer! We love our volunteers!