

*Salem Lutheran
Church and School*

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**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
(observed)**



Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod

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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.

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: Ascension, John Singleton Copley (1775)

*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

In the Ascension of Christ, we behold the fulfillment of Psalm 47:5, "God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet." Knowing that the Lord Jesus is now seated at the right hand of God (Ephesians 1:20), where He rules all things for the good of His Church, gives us great comfort and assurance as we continue to advocate for those whose voices are being silenced by abortion. There will be a day of reckoning, when the Lord Jesus returns with the clouds in the same way as He once ascended into heaven (Acts 1:11). We thank God for the hope to which He has called us and pray for His Spirit of wisdom and enlightenment (Ephesians 1:17-18), that we may continue to speak the truth in love and call people to repentance, that they might receive the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ our Lord (Luke 24:46-47).

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: Soon and Very Soon (All God's People Sing 218)



1. Soon and ver - y soon
2. No more cry - in'there, we are goin' to see theKing!
3. No more dy - in'there,
4. Soon and ver - y soon



Soon and ver - y soon
No more cry - in'there, we are goin' to see theKing!
No more dy - in'there,
Soon and ver - y soon



Soon and ver - y soon
No more cry - in'there, we are goin' to see theKing! Hal-le
No more dy - in'there,
Soon and ver - y soon



lu - jah! Hal-le-lu - jah! We're goin' to see theKing!

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INVOCATION AND OPENING RESPNSORY

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

C: Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Not only is He risen,

C: He is also ascended to the right hand of God, the seat of authority.

P: God has placed all things under His feet,

C: Things in heaven and things on earth.

P: Our tongues declare it.

C: Our mouths sing it.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: But often, our lives do not confess it. So let us go before the Lord Jesus, who is the head of the church, seeking His pardon.

Silence to reflect on our need for a Savior.

P: Lord Jesus Christ,

C: You are Lord of heaven and earth. Nothing happens in this world or in our lives without Your permitting it. Yet I have doubted. I have doubted Your power and Your goodness and have tried to rule my life in Your stead. In fear, I have withheld words and deeds that were called for, and so I have failed to serve my neighbor. Have mercy on me, Lord Jesus. Forgive my sin and give me faith to trust Your rule in my life. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ rules over all things. He has conquered sin and death by dying and rising again. And He conquered them for you. As a called and ordained ambassador of Jesus Christ, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

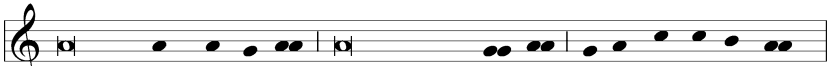
KYRIE



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.



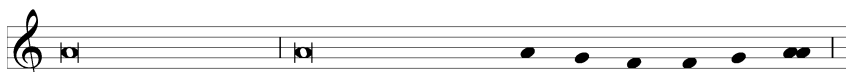
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



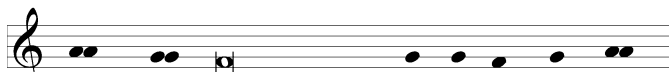
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



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.

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, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47

L: Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**C: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**

L: He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

**C: He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

L: God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

L: For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

**C: God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

L: The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

**C: For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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

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

Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Steven Kirk Wallace
Tobias Louis Wallace
Robert James Wallace*



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: Hail Thee, Festival Day (LSB 489)



Ascension 1 He who was nailed to the cross Is rul - er and
 3 God the Al - might - y, the Lord, The rul - er of
 5 Spir - it of life and of pow'r, Now flow in us,

Lord of all peo - ple. All things cre -
 earth and the heav - ens, Guard us from -
 fount of our be - ing, Light that en -

to Refrain

at - ed on earth Sing to the glo - ry of God:
 harm with - out; Cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
 light - ens us all, Life that in all may a - bide:

Ascension 2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, A - dorned with the
 4 Je - sus, the health of the world, Cre - a - tor of
 6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and

glo - ry of blos - som; Heav - en her gate - way un -
 all and re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
 Au - thor of con - cord, Pour out Your balm on our

to Refrain

bars, Fling - ing her in - crease of light:
 preme, On - ly - be - got - ten of God:
 days; Or - der our ways in Your peace:

Text: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus, c. 530-609; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt.
 Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, alt.
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SERMON: "Far Above All" Ephesians 1:22-23

Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (*prayer requests*)

STEWARDSHIP VERSE – *"For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!" Psalm 47:7*

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Ride On, King Jesus!"
Arr. Harvey B. Gaul

*Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me,
Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me.*

*I was but young when I began,
No man can-a hinder me,
But now my race is almost done,
No man can-a hinder me.*

*Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me,
Ride on, King Jesus! No man can-a hinder me.*

*King Jesus rides a milk-white horse,
No man can-a hinder me,
The river o' Jordan He did cross,
No man can-a hinder me.*

*Ride on, Jesus,
Ride on, Jesus,
Ride on, Jesus,
No man can-a hinder me.*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS

L: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: **hear our prayer.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin. Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar. 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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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 178



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 ✝ 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 180



☐ 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: See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph (LSB 494)



1 See, the Lord as - cends in tri - umph; Con - qu'ring King in
 2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the trump of
 3 While He lifts His hands in bless - ing, He is part - ed
 4 Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters With His blood with -
 5 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the clouds to



roy - al state, Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His
 ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has
 from His friends; While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up -
 in the veil; Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, And the
 God's right hand; There we sit in heav'n - ly plac - es, There with



heav'n - ly pal - ace gate. Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es
 gained the vic - to - ry. He who on the cross did suf - fer,
 on the clouds as - cends. He who walked with God and pleased Him,
 kings be - fore Him quail. Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael
 Him in glo - ry stand. Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels;



Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals
 He who from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished
 Preach - ing truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch,
 In their prom - ised rest - ing place; Now our great E -
 Man with God is on the throne. By our might - y



high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.
 sin and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed His foes.
 is trans - lat - ed To His ev - er - last - ing home.
 li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace.
 Lord's as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, abr., alt.

Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-79



Jesus, Name above All Names (AGPS 145)

1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
 2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd vine of the
 3. Je - sus, Way of sal - va - tion, King of

Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em - man - u - el, God is
 branch - es, Son of God Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful
 kings, Lord of lords, the way, the truth, and the

with us bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.
 coun - se - lor Lord of the u - ni - verse, Light of the world.
 Life, Might - y cre - a - tor, My Sav - ior and friend.

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At the Name of Jesus (LSB 512)

1 At the name of Je - sus Ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2 At His voice cre - a - tion Sprang at once to sight,
 3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, To re - ceive a name,
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant With its hu - man light,

Ev - 'ry tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.
 All the an - gel fac - es, All the hosts of light,
 From the lips of sin - ners Un - to whom He came,
 Through all ranks of crea - tures To the cen - tral height,

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,
 Thrones and bright do - min - ions, Stars up - on their way,
 Faith - ful - ly He bore it Spot - less to the last,
 To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast,

Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.
 All the heav'n - ly or - ders In their great ar - ray.
 Brought it back vic - to - rious When from death He passed;
 Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.

5 In your hearts enthrone Him;
 There let Him subdue
 All that is not holy,
 All that is not true:
 Crown Him as your captain
 In temptation's hour;
 Let His will enfold you
 In its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 Shall return again
 In His Father's glory,
 With His angel train;
 For all wreaths of empire
 Meet upon His brow,
 And our hearts confess Him
 King of glory now.

△ 7 Glory then to Jesus,
 Who, the Prince of light,
 To a world in darkness
 Brought the gift of sight;
 Praise to God the Father;
 In the Spirit's love
 Praise we all together
 Him who reigns above.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-77, alt.
 Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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(Please stand)

DOXOLOGY

△ 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.

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

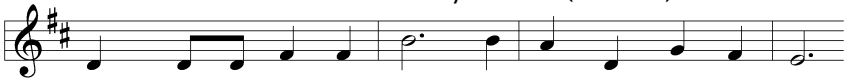
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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: Crown Him with Many Crowns (LSB 525)



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "The point here is that Jesus, having died and been raised from the dead, was then exalted in the ascension to the very throne of the father in order that he might continue to implement the work he had accomplished on earth; and that the role he is thereby taking is that of the true high priest. The priest was and still is one of us."

-N. T. Wright, *The New Testament in Its World Workbook*, 718

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Divine Service, Setting Two from Lutheran Service Book

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A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD -Week of May 3, 2026
Sunday School 5 students, 3 teachers

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, May 3 - 117

Wednesday, May 6 - 15

Online views

Sunday, May 3 - 13

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

May 3: Physical-\$7,124.00; Online-\$246.00

Total-\$7,370.00

OUR FATHER’S BUSINESS
For the week of May 10 through May 17

- TODAY:** *Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48; Luke 14:25—15:10*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Elders 11:15AM
- MONDAY:** *Numbers 8:5-26; Luke 15:11-32*
Confirmation Class 7:00PM
- TUESDAY:** *Numbers 9:1-23; Luke 16:1-18*
Church Council 7:00PM
- WEDNESDAY:** *Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 16:19-31*
School Chapel 8:45AM
Ladies Aid 12Noon
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
- THURSDAY:** *Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35; Luke 17:1-19*
Shoebox Party 10AM-2PM
Lutherans for Life 7:00PM
- FRIDAY:** *Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16; Luke 17:20-37*
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N
Graduation 6:30PM
- SATURDAY:** *Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33; Luke 18:1-17*
Drive-Thru Prayer 10:30AM
- NEXT SUNDAY:** Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Retirement Lunch for Principal Jeff Burkee 11:15AM

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!” Brothers and sisters, join us next week! We’re in Matthew. And we’re feasting on the “words of eternal life!”

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 Promise of the Holy Spirit", based on John 14: 15-21. In this account, Jesus tells His disciples about the gift of the Holy Spirit, to be a helper to us.

3. ALTAR FLOWERS are placed in honor of Salem's oldest mother, Dottie McWilliams, and Salem's newest mother, Marion Munkvold-Bakke.

4. MUSIC AT THE SEM You are invited to Choral Evening Prayer for Easter at 3PM TODAY in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. This Service of Sacred Music features Bach Cantata #4, Christ Lag in Todesbanden (BWV 4) with performances by Laudamus, Concordia Seminary Children's Choir, Concordia Seminary Youth Choir and Concordia Seminary Chamber Choir. This service is part of the Concordia Seminary Music Series, which is free and open to the public, and will also be livestreamed at csl.edu/live.

5. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - We pray today for the women God has called to lead our congregation, perhaps in the church office, fellowship groups, education, or other capacities, that the Lord might bless their work for the sake of our whole congregation. We invite all ladies and girls to pick up a flower as you leave as a gift from our Lutherans for Life Chapter. We invite everyone to our next meeting Thursday, May 14 at 7 pm.

6. A BIG "THANK YOU!" to everyone who helped last week at the Lutherans for Life table at the Flower Festival! We were able to hand "babies" to many teens, little children and adults. We have Salem members help out who simply believe what God has told us: We are all humans from conception! We pray that our words and witness will be recalled again when there is a pregnancy. Comments: "I just love your table", "couldn't believe the size of baby at 12 weeks, thought it was just a blob", "my mom had me when she was single. Was I a mistake? NO! There are no mistakes."

7. MOTHER'S DAY - FATHER'S DAY DIAPER COLLECTION - Please bless Coalition Life with us as we collect diapers these next few weeks. We have decided to donate our diapers to Coalition Life. They are on the front line, saving the lives of many babies and assisting women and girls each year. Coalition has four sites across Missouri, Illinois and Kansas where women and girls can get free ultra sounds and much more. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod is a large supporter. Do you need more information on Coalition Life? Please go to their website: coalitionlife.com

8. MISSING BOOKS from the Lutheran Witness table in the narthex: "Life in Christ" by Pastor Filipek and "First Easter" by Paul Maier. Return them to Rev or the Lutheran Witness table.

9. RETIREMENT AND FAREWELL LUNCHEON Join us to celebrate the retirement of Principal Jeff Burkee! Sunday, May 17 after the church service, in the School Gym. The Board of Christian Education will provide fried chicken and dessert. Please bring a side dish to share if you are able.

10. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is set for June 15-18, from 5:45-8:15PM each evening. Don't miss out! These summer evenings are always great fun and full of learning more about Jesus. Registration forms are in the Narthex—or you can register online by visiting our website. Make plans today to join us for this excellent week!

11. 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.

+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.

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.

13. ELECTION FOR LCMS PRESIDENT - During Salem's May Voter's meeting, the voters will be choosing the candidate the congregation desires to be elected as the president of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod for it's next term. The May issue of "Lutheran Witness" shares a Q&A from the five nominees for president. This can help you get a feel for where the nominees stand on different topics. The Q&A is also available online at <https://witness.lcms.org/2026/a-qa-with-the-lcms-presidential-candidates/>.

14. THE MAY VOTERS' MEETING will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 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 join via phone call instead: (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 hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#).