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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: Peter, Rembrandt (1632)

*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

"Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts!" (Psalm 68:4). What a wonderful picture of Christ, God-in-the-flesh, who entered the desert wilderness of this world to bring light into the darkness and life to the dead! In a world that fosters a culture of death, Jesus came to give us eternal life. In Him, grace and peace rain down in abundance (Psalm 68:9). What hope this brings to those who are suffering, facing an unexpected pregnancy, or have lost their mooring in life! Christ brings forgiveness and restoration. Although we endure fiery trials (1 Peter 4:12), and the devil prowls like a roaring lion, seeking to devour (1 Peter 5:8-9), yet by the power of God's Word, we resist him, firm in the faith. We are blessed as we follow Jesus, who suffered once for all on the cross, accomplishing the work that the Father gave Him to do (John 17:4). Risen, ascended, and glorified, Jesus restores, confirms, strengthens, and establishes us in the true faith (1 Peter 5:10).

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: Father Welcomes (LSB 805)

Refrain

Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a gain.
Live in the peace of God.

Refrain

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INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our
sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

C: Amen.

P: Do you believe my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

C: Yes.

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

C: Amen.

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KYRIE (This Far By Faith)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

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

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. **Refrain**

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

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

Refrain:



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.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it";

and

"Let another take his office.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put

forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1-10

L: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!

**C: As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;
as wax melts before fire,
so the wicked shall perish before God!**

L: But the righteous shall be glad;
they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!

**C: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the LORD;
exult before him!**

L: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

**C: God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

L: O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

**C: the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.**

L: Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;
you restored your inheritance as it languished;

**C: your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of

God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

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

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Please be seated)

ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Michiah Grace Floyd
Deandre Micah Payton*



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: Hear Us, Father, When We Pray (LSB 773)



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and
2 When we know not what to say, And our wound - ed
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on
4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey
souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,
Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen
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SERMON: "He Cares for You" 1 Peter 5:6-7

Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (prayer requests)

STEWARDSHIP VERSE - "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you." Acts 5:10

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO PRINCIPAL JEFF BURKEE

(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 208

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

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

SANCTUS

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things.

Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

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

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210



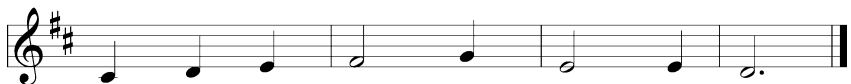
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: Holy Spirit (Stuart Townend and Keith Getty)



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may Your
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing



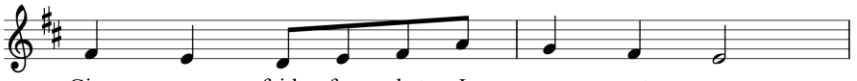
life in - to my wil - ling soul. Let the pre - sence of the
joy be seen in all I do. Love e - nough to cov - er
life to all that God has made, show Your pow - er once a -



ris - en Lord come re - new my heart and make me whole.
ev - 'ry sin, in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
gain on earth, cause Your church to hun - ger for Your ways.



Cause Your word to come a - live in me;
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
Let the fra - grance of our pray'rs a - rise;



Give me faith for what I can - not see,
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,



give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly
Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace; Breath of
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be



Spir - it breathe new life in me.
God show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near (LSB 599)



1 O gra - cious Lord, with love draw near To these, Your
 2 Sus - tain the work You have be - gun In these u -
 3 De - liv - er them from ev - 'ry wile, From all that
 4 Lord, keep them firm in their in - tent To You, Your



chil - dren gath - ered here; The Spir - it's gift in them re -
 nit - ed to Your Son, For in that pure bap - tis - mal
 would their hearts be - guile, From world - ly ways and Sa - tan's
 Word and Sac - ra - ment. O make them bold, their faith to



new: The gift of faith that clings to You.
 flood They have been cleansed by Je - sus' blood.
 lies, That they may not Your Word de - spise.
 share And make them strong, each cross to bear.

- 5 O Father, grant that by Your grace
 They may Your will each day embrace;
 With fruits of faith their lives now bless,
 Till they at death Your name confess.
- 6 Then robed in white before Your throne,
 Your holy saints, by You foreknown—
 Predestined, called, and justified,
 Shall, crowned in light, be glorified.

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Tune: Vernon Griffiths, 1894-1985

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What a Friend We Have In Jesus (LSB 770)



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bere'd with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819-86
Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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

C: Amen.

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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: Lift High the Cross (LSB 837, stzs 1, 3, 5-6)


Refrain




Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.

Tune: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "When Satan tells me I am a sinner he comforts me immeasurably, since Christ died for sinners."

-Martin Luther

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of May 17 through May 24

- TODAY: *Numbers 14:1-25; Luke 18:18-34*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Retirement Lunch for Principal Jeff Burkee 11:15AM
- MONDAY: *Numbers 14:26-45; Luke 18:35—19:10*
Confirmation Class 7:00PM
- TUESDAY: *Numbers 16:1-22; Luke 19:11-28*
- WEDNESDAY: *Numbers 16:23-40; Luke 19:29-48*
June/July Newsletter Deadline 9:00AM
Voters' Booklet Deadline 9:00AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
- THURSDAY: *Numbers 16:41—17:13; Luke 20:1-18*
- FRIDAY: *Numbers 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44*
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N
Last day of school, noon dismissal
- SATURDAY: *Numbers 20:22—21:9; Luke 20:45—21:19*
- NEXT SUNDAY: **Confirmation Day**
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 May 10, 2026
Sunday School 7 students, 1 teacher

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, May 10 - 111
Wednesday, May 13 - 8

Online views

Sunday, May 10 - 10

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

May 10: Physical-\$8,054.50; Online-\$1128.18

Total-\$9,182.68

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY Next week, 6 Salem youths will be confirmed! And do you know what happens one week after that? They will be joining the adult Bible study class! Get a jump start on them and join us *next* week to set the example for our young people. What a great way to be a witness to these young brothers and sister in Christ.

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 Ascension”, based on the scripture from Acts 1: 6-14. We learn about how The Holy Spirit guides us in times of change.

3. STILL TIME TO TRAIN! LASE Specialized Education's "RACE for LASE" is scheduled for Saturday morning, June 13th, at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. It's not too late to start training for the 10K or the 5K races. Or, if you prefer a gentler morning, you can select the 1-mile Fun Walk/Run. To register, simply go to <https://lutheranspeciald.org/race-for-lase/>.

4. 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 ultrasounds 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

5. RETIREMENT AND FAREWELL LUNCHEON Join us to celebrate the retirement of Principal Jeff Burkee! TODAY after the church service, in the School Gym.

6. 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!

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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/>.

11. THE MAY VOTERS' MEETING will be held on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. The meeting will also be on Zoom. To connect to the meeting with your computer, please go to www.zoom.com/join and then enter the following meeting ID: 968 6885 3909. If prompted for a password, enter 5180. Please join the 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. 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#).

12. THANK YOU! On behalf of all the students at Salem Lutheran School, thank you to all the members of Salem Lutheran Church for donating wonderful items for the Mother's Day/Father's Day store! The students had a wonderful time shopping for their caregivers, and we thank Salem Ladies Aid for coming to help with the shopping and wrapping of gifts. Thank you to everyone for a great event!