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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: Hendrick ter Brugghen "The Calling of St. Matthew", 1621*

*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**

Sin is the cause of all our woes in this life. God says so. Does it mean we can pick out particular sins as being the cause of particular woes? Quite often not. But we do know the cure to all our woes: the death of Jesus. His death paid for all our sins. His death gives us eternal life, no matter what sins we carry and no matter what woes we suffer. Jesus is greater than them all, and Jesus has paid the price for them all. So, as St. Peter says, "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" (Acts 2:38-39). Repent of your sins and let Him cure all your woes.

## **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  
Greeters: Sandy Niehaus and Rita Hall  
Prayer Team: Bruce Pursley

*(Please silence your cell phones)*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN: Come All You People (Alexander Gondo, John Bell)



1. Come all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2. Come all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3. Come all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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Come all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



Come all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
Come all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



Come now, and wor - ship the Lord!

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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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by

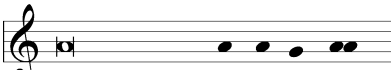
what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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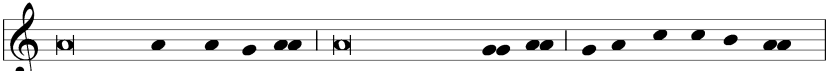
**KYRIE**



**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.



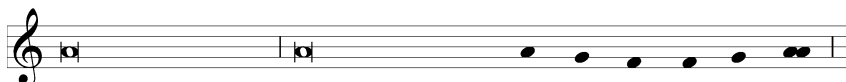
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



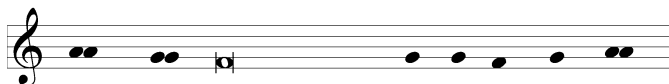
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



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 and most merciful God, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear His call and to follow Him by faith that we may feast with Him forever in His kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Hosea 5:15—6:6*

I will return again to my place,  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,  
and in their distress earnestly seek me.  
“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.  
After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.  
Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
his going out is sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.”  
What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.  
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.  
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 119:65-72



P: You have dealt well with your | servant,\*  
O LORD, according | to your word.

**C: Teach me good judgment and | knowledge,\*  
for I believe in your com- | mandments.**

P: Before I was afflicted I | went astray,\*  
but now I | keep your word.

**C: You are good and | do good;\*  
teach me your | statutes.**

P: The insolent smear | me with lies,\*  
but with my whole heart I keep your | precepts;

**C: their heart is unfeeling | like fat,\*  
but I delight | in your law.**

P: It is good for me that I was af- | flicted,\*  
that I might learn your | statutes.

**C: The law of your mouth is bet- | ter to me\*  
than thousands of gold and silver | pieces.**

## EPISTLE

*Romans 4:13-25*

The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 9:9-13*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

**ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM**

*LaDonna Jackson and Jaden White*



**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN: His Mercy Is More (Matt Boswell and Matt Papa)**



What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om -  
 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What  
 What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us; His



nis - cient, all - know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown  
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home. He  
 blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;  
 wel - comesthe weak - est, the vil - est, the poor; Our  
 stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



sins, they are man-y, His mer-cy is more. Praiseth Lord!  
 Hismer-cy is more. Strong-er than dark-ness,  
 newev'-ry morn; Our sins, they are man-y, His mer-cy is more.

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**SERMON: "A Love That's Really Sincere!" Hosea 6:6**

Pastor Dressler

**OFFERING (prayer requests)**

*STEWARDSHIP VERSE - "The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces." Psalm 119:72*

*(Please stand)*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P:** 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 al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

*LSB 178*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  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."

## PAX DOMINI

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

**C: Amen.**



AGNUS DEI

LSB 963

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.

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*(Please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: O Christ, Who Called the Twelve (LSB 856)

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To  
 5 O Christ, th'a - pos-tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The  
 sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
 words and works a - wak-ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro-claim The near - er reign of God:  
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:  
 Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em-pow'r-ing Word. True  
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
 Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.  
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.  
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.  
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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At the Lamb's High Feast (LSB 633)



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

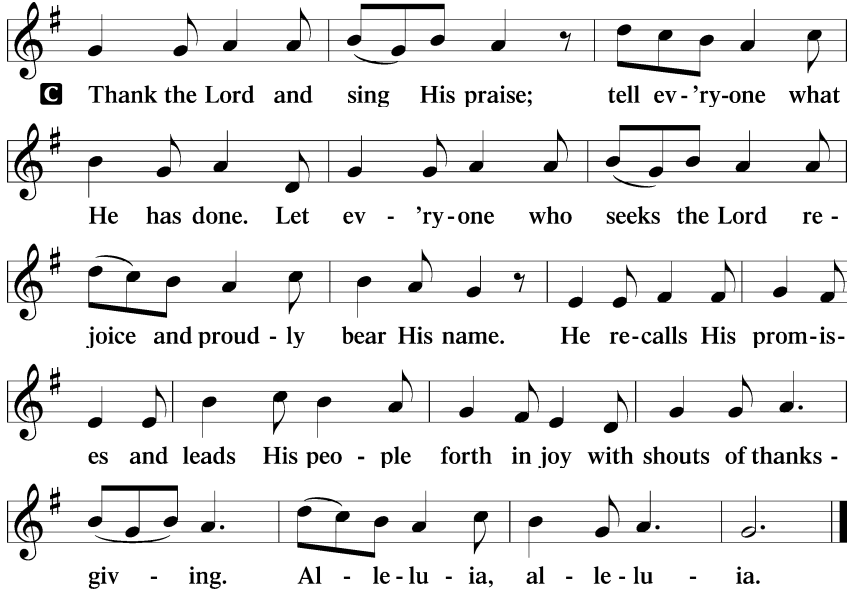
6 Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthral;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.  
 Tune: Kirchengeseng, 1566, Ivancice

(Please stand)

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.**

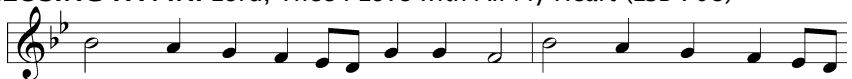
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.**

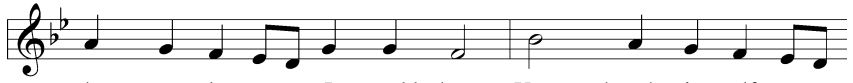
## CLOSING HYMN: Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart (LSB 708)



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer - me. Earth  
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
peace - ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532-1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.  
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*Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** – "The radical nature of the divine [gift of God's free gift of salvation through Jesus] brings a death and resurrection [...] begins to kindle the first beginnings of actual hope and love where before there had been only hypocrisy and despair. For then the great commandment, 'Thou shalt love...' begins to become a reality. It begins to sound not just as a demand, a law, but as a promise: 'You shall love, you will love one day, for I love you unconditionally. One day the last barrier will fall and you will be mine completely! You can bet your life on it!'"

— Gerhard O. Forde, *Justification by faith: A matter of death and life*

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**OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS**  
**For the week of June 7 through June 14**

TODAY: *Proverbs 4:1-27; John 12:1-19*  
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM  
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM  
Fellowship Meal and Trivia 11:15AM

MONDAY: *Proverbs 5:1-23; John 12:20-36a*

TUESDAY: *Proverbs 8:1-21; John 12:36b-50*  
Board of Christian Education 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY: *Proverbs 8:22-36; John 13:1-20*  
Ladies Aid Salad Luncheon 12:30PM  
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM

THURSDAY: *Proverbs 9:1-18; John 13:21-38*

FRIDAY: *Proverbs 10:1-23; John 14:1-17*  
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N

SATURDAY: *Proverbs 13:1-25; John 14:18-31*

NEXT SUNDAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM  
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM  
Elders 11:15AM

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**A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD -Week of May 31, 2026**  
Sunday School 2 students, 2 teachers  
Friday Bible Class 5

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, May 31 - 89  
Wednesday, June 3 - 11

Online views

Sunday, May 31 - 11

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

May 31: Physical-\$5,816.00; Online-115.73

**Total-\$5,931.73**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1. BIBLE STUDY** The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." That's what Paul says in Romans 6. And yet when people want to become Jesus' disciples, He warns them that following Him is costly! What are we to make of this apparent contradiction? How can they be true simultaneously? Join us next week as we investigate this question and others in Matthew 8!

*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. THIS SUMMER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:** As our confirmands will all be transitioning into the adult Bible Study class, we are taking some time to have one combined class for several weeks. The basic structure will be the same (opening, story, and activities), but a little bit more laid-back. After all—it's summer!

**3. MOTHER'S DAY - FATHER'S DAY DIAPER COLLECTION** - Please bless Coalition Life with us as we collect diapers these next few weeks. 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. For more information on Coalition Life, visit [coalitionlife.com](http://coalitionlife.com)

**4. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is June 15-18, from 5:45-8:15PM. Don't miss out! 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!

**5. FELLOWSHIP MEAL** The Board of Christian Nurture will be hosting a fellowship meal in the School Gym TODAY 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.

If you cannot join us for lunch, please feel free to place your free will offering in the box as you leave today. You can also give online, or bring cash or a check to the church office throughout the week.

At lunch, 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.

**6. LADIES AID** Our next meeting is on June 10. **Please come early at 11:45** so we can have a quick meeting to select our two new officers. Our salad luncheon with guests will begin at 12:30pm. Don't forget your salad or dessert!!

**7. SALAD LUNCHEON** All the ladies of Salem are invited to a Salad Luncheon on Wednesday, June 10, at 12:30pm hosted by Ladies Aid. We had such a nice group and such a fun afternoon at our Valentine luncheon, we'd like to do it again.

Please join us for a delicious salad luncheon and dessert followed by an afternoon of games, fun stories and laughter. We will gather downstairs in the church basement.

It's a good time to become friends with those lovely ladies we greet every Sunday in church.

Invite a friend. The more the merrier!!! We're looking forward to seeing you there. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for you to let us know you can join us.