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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: Feeding the Five Thousand, Unknown Artist (ca 1750)

*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

Our God is the Lord and Giver of life! "Come ... incline your ear to me, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live" (Isaiah 55:3)! "He who gives food to all flesh, for His steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 136:25) also gives nourishment to every born and preborn life He knits together fearfully and wonderfully. Even while I "have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart" (Romans 9:2) over the spiritually lost and the violence of abortion and euthanasia, we continue to eat and be satisfied (Matthew 14:20) from Jesus Christ, our Bread of Life.

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: Fieldworker Nick Vukalovich

Liturgist/Celebrant: Pastor Martin Dressler

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: Speak, O Lord (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

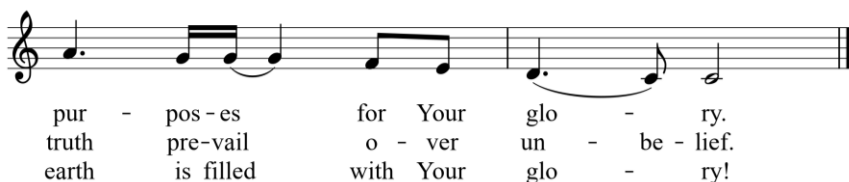
ceive the food of Your ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the

deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your
dawn of time, that will e - chodown through e -

like - ness, that the light of Christ may be
pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your

seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the



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INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C: Amen.

P: After God brought Israel out of the land of Egypt, they grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

C: They did not trust that the LORD would provide for their daily needs. They preferred the food they ate while in slavery.

P: The day after Jesus fed the 5,000, the crowds searched for Jesus because they had eaten their fill.

C: They did not realize that Jesus is the Bread that comes down from heaven. They preferred food that perishes instead of the Bread that endures.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: All too often, we are like Israel in Moses' day, and like the crowds in Jesus' day. We have sinned. Let us then confess our sins to our God and Father.

Silence to reflect on our need for forgiveness

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Today we especially confess to You that we have thought that You would not provide for our daily needs, and so have grumbled against You. And in doing so, we clung to the food that perishes, instead of being satisfied with the Bread of Life that You gave to us. For these sins, and for so many more, we justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. But 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. Amen.

P: Even in your sin, God has provided for you in your needs of body and soul; he has given you food to eat, and has given you the Bread of Life Himself. He has indeed come down from heaven to suffer, die, and rise again *for you!* I as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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:

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy; have mer-cy on us, O Lord.

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THIS IS THE FEAST (This Far By Faith)

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

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

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.

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

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

Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 136:1-9



P: Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.

C: Give thanks to the | God of gods,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.

P: Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

**C: to him who alone does great | wonders,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever:**

P: to him who by understanding made the | heavens,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

**C: to him who spread out the earth above the | waters,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever:**

P: to him who made the | great lights,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

C: the sun to rule over the day,
the moon and stars to rule o- | ver the night,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.

EPISTLE

Romans 9:1-13

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**C: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: The King of Love (LSB 709)



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77; Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent.

SERMON: "God Is a Terrible King" Isaiah 55:1-5

Fieldworker Nick Vukalovich

OFFERING *(prayer requests)*

*STEWARDSHIP VERSE – "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:1*

INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Brad Jackson
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Marlin Stellhorn
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Fred Petty
Lynn Meyer

Ben Jackson
Vic Heislen
Reggie Miller
Roger Sachtleben
Joyce Sachtleben

(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 160

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.

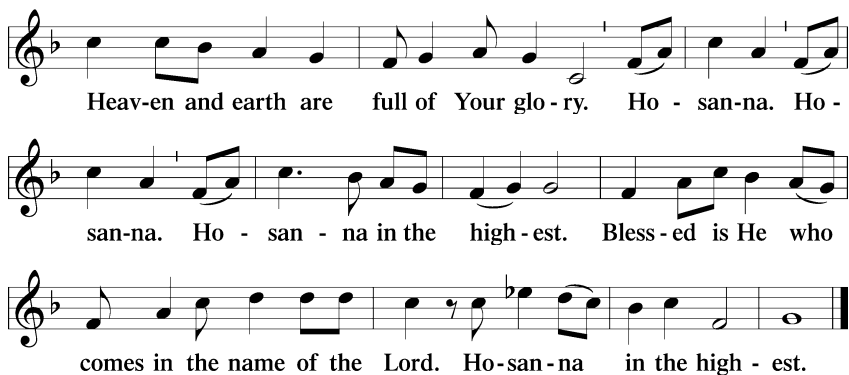
C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 161





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

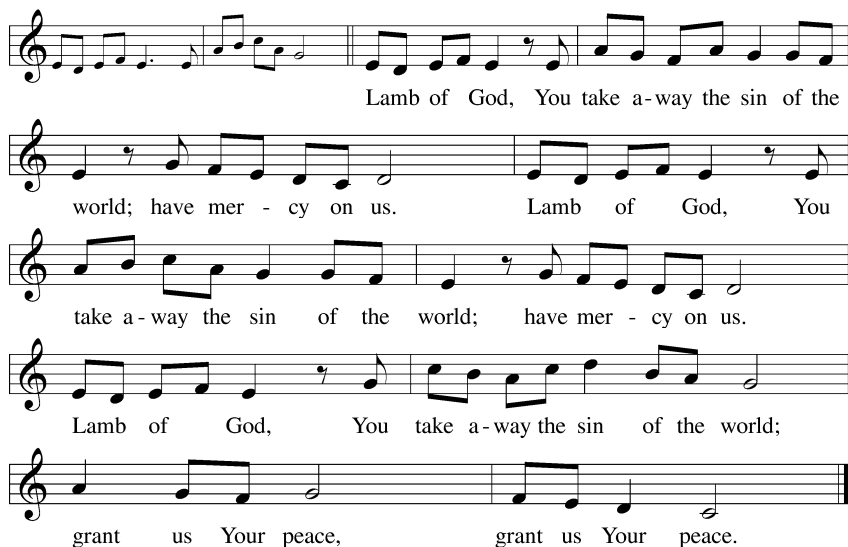
PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 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.

Text: Traditional; tr. International Consultation on English Texts, alt.

Tune: Jeffrey N. Blesch, 1967

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(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: Come, Let Us Eat (LSB 626)



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.
 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er.
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom.

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Shout to the Lord (Darlene Zschech)

My Je - sus, my Sav - iour,

Lord, there is none like You; All of my days -

- I want to praise - the won - ders of Your might - y

love. My com - fort, my shel - ter,

Tow - er of ref - uge and strength; - Let ev - ry breath, -

- all that I am, - nev - er cease to wor - ship You.

Shout to the Lord - all the earth, - let us sing.

Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise - to the King.

Moun - tains bow down - and the seas - will roar. at the

sound - of Your name. - I sing for joy - at the work -

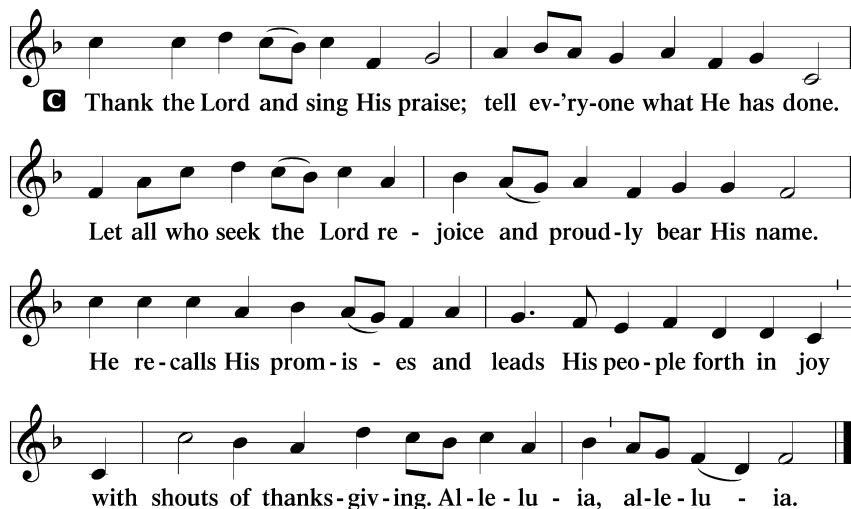


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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: Sent Forth by God's Blessing (LSB 643)

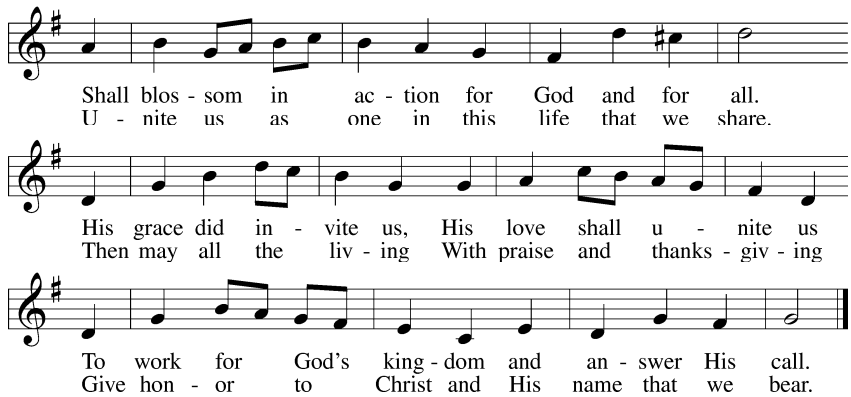
1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-er is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Tune: Welsh

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – “Second, the fellowship acknowledges that all earthly gifts are given to it only for Quist's sake, as this whole world is sustained only for the sake of Jesus Christ, his Word, and his message. He is the true bread of life. He is not only the giver but the gift itself, for whose sake all earthly gifts exist. Only because the message concerning Jesus Christ must still go forth and find believers, and because our task is not yet perfected, does God in His patience continue to sustain us with His good gifts.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of August 2 through August 9

TODAY: *1 Samuel 17:20-47; Acts 26:24—27:8*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
 **and installation of congregational officers*

MONDAY: *1 Samuel 17:48—18:9; Acts 27:9-26*

TUESDAY: *1 Samuel 18:10-30; Acts 27:27-44*
Shoebox Party 10AM-2PM

WEDNESDAY: *1 Samuel 19:1-24; Acts 28:1-15*
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
 **and installation of congregational officers*

THURSDAY: *1 Samuel 20:1-23; Acts 28:16-31*

FRIDAY: *1 Samuel 20:24-42; 1 Corinthians 1:1-25*
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N

SATURDAY: *1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 1:26—2:16*

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 July 26, 2026
Sunday School 5 students, 2 teachers

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, July 26 - 71

Wednesday, July 29 - 17

Online views

Sunday, July 26 - 10

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

July 26: Physical-\$4,498.00; Online-988.53

Total-\$5,486.53

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY Join us next week as we study two more occasions in which Jesus heals and teaches. And then join us in worship as Jesus heals and teaches us!

To access by phone: 312 626 6799. Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (271 170 8930 #). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (523312#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click "join a meeting" at the top of the page, and enter 271 170 8930 in meeting ID box. The passcode is sPzuL5. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

2. 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. TEACHER INSTALLATION Join us on Sunday, August 16, as we celebrate the Installation of the teachers of Salem Lutheran School and ask God's blessing on them as they begin a new school year of serving Christ and His children. During the Children's Message, Pastor will also give each child a special item to take to school as a reminder to be a faithful disciple of Jesus among their classmates and friends. We invite the whole congregation to join us in praying for our teachers, students, and families as another school year begins!

And following that service, we will gather in the church basement for a potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share if you are able, and plan on having a lovely lunch with your Salem family!

4. SALEM SCHOOL 165TH ANNIVERSARY ALL-CLASS REUNION is coming up on October 10. Tickets and merchandise are now available! Pick up a flyer on the table in the Narthex for more information on how to register—or take a look in the newsletter. If you have any questions, or need assistance, send an email sbjalumni@gmail.com or contact Kym Webb at 314-623-2012.

5. APPLEBUTTER IS SET for the end of September! Whether you have been around Salem for your whole life and know all about it, or if this is your very first autumn with us, there is a spot for YOU! Some key details are:

Jar Washing: Saturday, September 19 at 12Noon, in the School Gym

Apple Peeling Thursday, September 24 from 5:00-9:00PM and Friday, September 25 beginning at 8:00AM

Applebutter Cooking and Canning Saturday, September 25 beginning at 6:00AM

Sign-up sheets are out—but FIRST, we need jars! Bring your (cleaned and washed!) used pint and quart jars (Ball and Kerr brands *only*) and place them in the designated spot in the Narthex.

Meals will again be provided on peeling and cooking days. Help us to plan for those and to know how many helpers to expect by putting your name on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex.

Please note that there are TWO sheets for the cooking day, one for the morning and one for the afternoon. If you plan to come for both time slots, please sign both pages. If you can't come right away at the start of the shift, or want to come a little earlier, this is okay!! These pages are just meant to help us know what to expect. And if it helps you plan—lunch will be served at 11AM that day, and all helpers are welcome to participate in the meal.

Order forms will be available soon, and online ordering will also be an option this year! Payment will still be at time of pickup, cash or check only.