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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: Christus en de vrouw uit Kanaan, Peter Lastman (1617)

*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

"Thus says the LORD: Keep justice, and do righteousness ..." (Isaiah 56:1, 7)! Keep justice for innocent unborn babies and for every human life, dear Christian friends. "For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). All have sinned and fallen short—every age, every ability, every race, both genders—and God has had mercy on all in Christ our crucified and risen Lord of life! Let us pray for His mercy, along with the Canaanite woman's cry for her daughter (Matthew 21:22), even when we don't receive an answer to our for-life prayers right away.

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

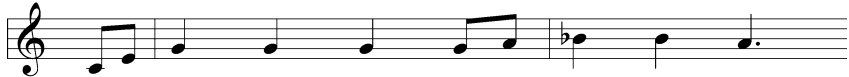
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Fieldworker:	Nick Vukalovich
Organist/pianist:	Elin Hogan-Gomez
Greeter:	Sharon Lichtenberg
Prayer Team:	Bob & Karen Becker

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ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: In Christ There Is No East or West (LSB 653)



1 In Christ there is no east or west,
2 With God there is no tribe or race;
3 So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise His name
4 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith,
5 In Christ now meet both east and west;



In Him no south or north, But one great fel - low -
In Him we all are one. He loves us as His
Who died to set us free From sin, di - vi - sion,
What - e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
In Him meet south and north. All Chris - tian souls are



ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.
chil - dren through Our faith in His dear Son.
hate, and shame, From spite and en - mi - ty!
as His child Is sure - ly kin to me.
one in Him Through - out the whole wide earth.

Text (sts. 1, 4-5): John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.; (st. 2): Mark A. Jeske, 1952; (st. 3): Michael A. Perry, 1942-96

Tune: African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

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INVOCATION AND OPENING RESPONSORY [based on Psalm 28]

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

C: Amen.

P: The Lord is the strength of His people;

C: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

P: To You, O Lord, we call; our rock, do not be deaf to us,

C: lest we become like those who go down to the pit.

P: Hear the voice of our pleas for mercy when we cry to You for help,

C: when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: The Lord has anointed us and made us His own in the waters of baptism. So, let us take refuge in Him, seeking His mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silence to reflect on our need for forgiveness

P: Most merciful God,

C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before You of all my sins. I have lived as if You did not matter and as if I mattered most. Your name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let Your 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.

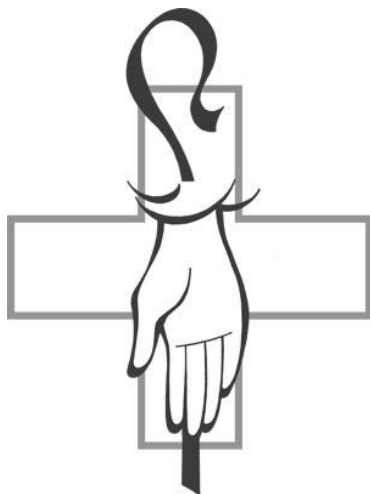
C: Amen.

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

C: Yes.

P: Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of our pleas for mercy. 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: The Lord is our strength and our shield; in Him our hearts trust, and we are helped; our hearts exult, and with our song we give thanks to Him. Amen!



KYRIE - Refrain

Cantor

... let us
pray to the Lord:

O - Lord, O - Lord, have mer - cy

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C: Refrain

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Refrain

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

C: 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.

C: Refrain

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

C: Refrain

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

C: Refrain

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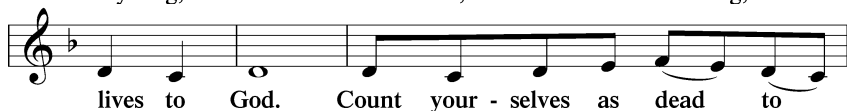
NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

Refrain

☐ Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 64

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

**C: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

**C: Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!**

P: The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

**C: God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

EPISTLE

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is

severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES’ CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: Alabaré (LSB 799)

Refrain



A-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a mi Se-ñor.

A-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a-la-ba-ré a mi Se-ñor.

1 John saw the num-ber of all those re - deemed,
 2 Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
 3 Sing with the peo-ple, the peo - ple of God,
 And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
 Whose blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin.
 And join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.
 Thou - sands were pray - ing, Ten thou - sands re - joic - ing,
 Pow - er and rich - es, And wis - dom and strength
 Bless - ing and hon - or And glo - ry and might
 And all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
 And hon - or and all bless - ing shall be His.
 To God and to the Lamb be with - out end.

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SERMON: “A Crumby Life” Matthew 15:26-27

Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (*prayer requests*)

STEWARDSHIP VERSE – “*May God be gracious to us and bless us.*”
Psalms 67:1

INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF TEACHERS



(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 208

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

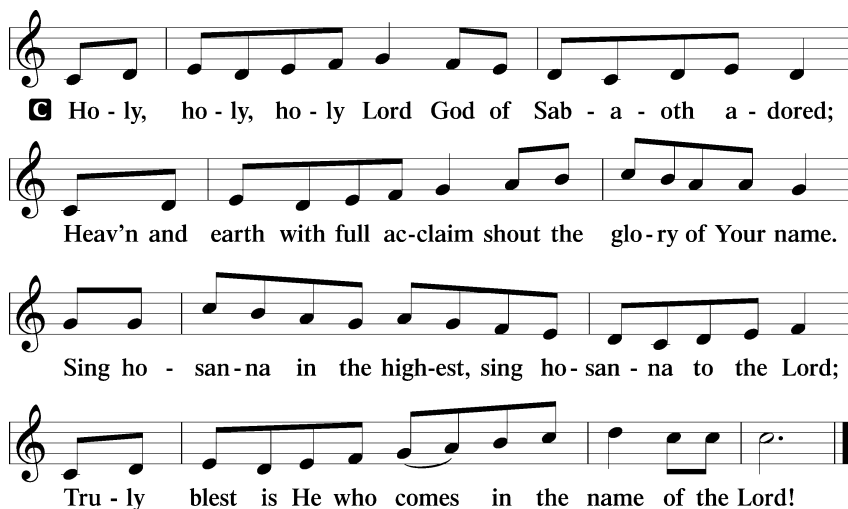
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray (LSB 623)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us
feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood; The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



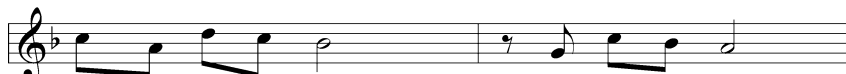
bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844–1932, alt.
 Tune: Cationale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim

What Is This Bread? (LSB 629)



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
 2 What is this wine? The blood of
 3 So who am I, That I should
 4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By
 5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,
 Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace
 live and He should die Un - der the rod?
 Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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We Praise You and Acknowledge You (LSB 941)



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
 2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
 4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
 The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry one:
 Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
 The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
 You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
 Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
 So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
 "O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
 Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
 May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
 And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
 You o-pen-ed heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
 In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

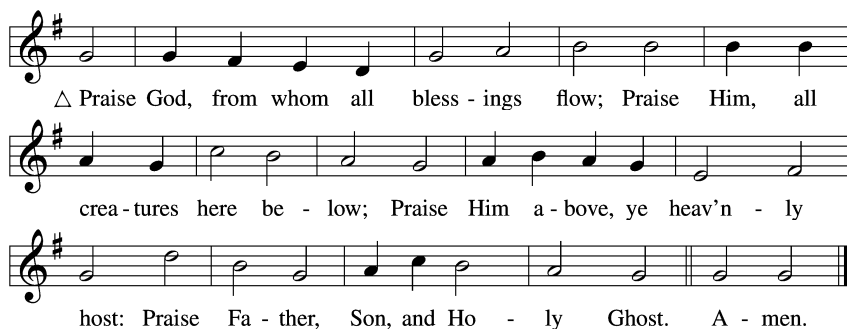
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DOXOLOGY



△ 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: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

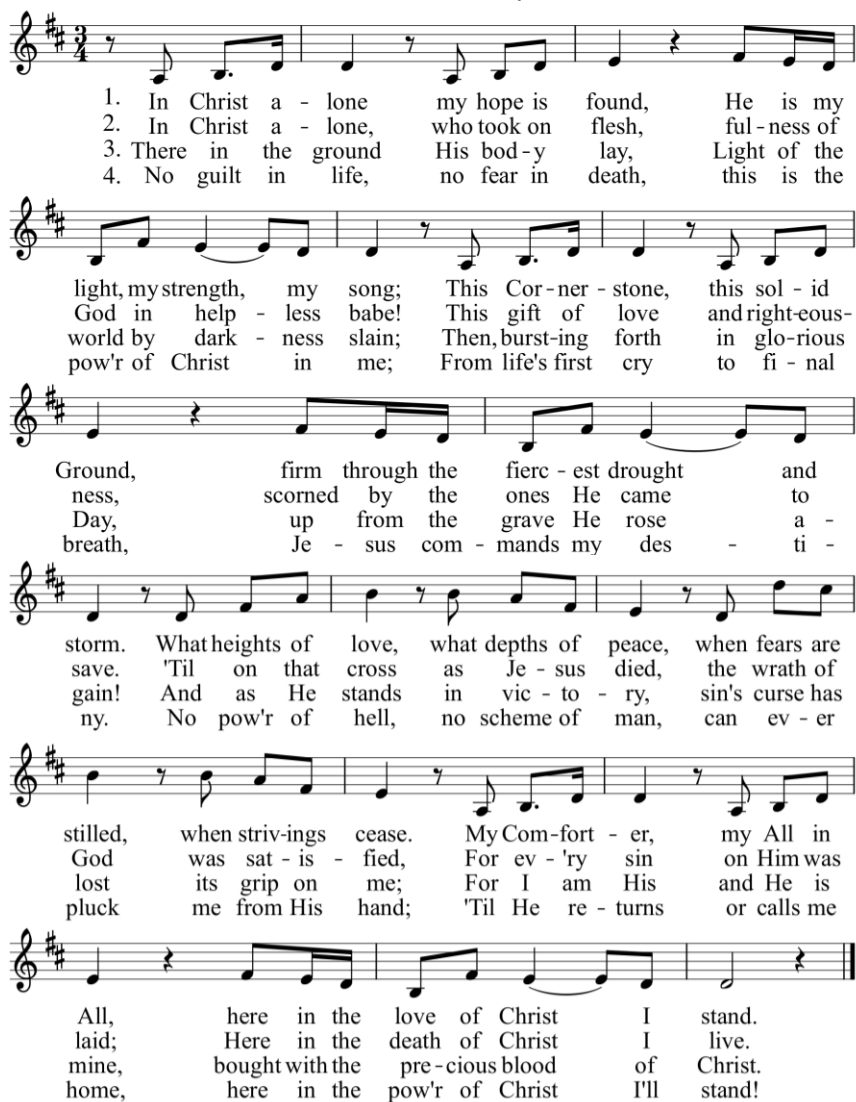
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: In Christ Alone (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe! This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal

Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to
 Day, up from the grave He rose a -
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er

stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in
 God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is
 pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me

All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "Wherever the means of grace are rightly administered, there God fulfills His promise that the Word will not return empty, there faith is created, there is the church, the congregation of saints, of justified sinners."

—Hermann Sasse, *We Confess* Anthology

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

For the week of August 16 through August 23

- TODAY:** *2 Samuel 6:1-19; 1 Corinthians 9:1-23*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
 **and installation of teachers*
Potluck 11:15AM
- MONDAY:** *2 Samuel 7:1-17; 1 Corinthians 9:24—10:22*
- TUESDAY:** *2 Samuel 7:18-29; 1 Corinthians 10:23—11:16*
NO Church Council
- WEDNESDAY:** *2 Samuel 11:1-27; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34*
First Day of School
School Chapel 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
- THURSDAY:** *2 Samuel 12:1-25; 1 Corinthians 12:1-13*
- FRIDAY:** *1 Kings 1:1-4, 15-35; 1 Corinthians 12:14-31*
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N
- SATURDAY:** *1 Kings 2:1-27; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13*
- NEXT SUNDAY:** Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM

A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD –Week of August 9, 2026

Sunday School 6 students, 2 teachers

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, August 9 – 90

Wednesday, August 12 – 8

Online views

Sunday, August 9 – 11

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

August 9: Physical-\$7,613.50; Online-1,327.52

Total-\$8,941.02

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY So far, Jesus' ministry in Matthew has been a flourishing, captivating, joyful affair. But soon the tide will turn. Jesus warns His disciples about the cost *and* the joys of following Him. Join us next week as we continue our study of Matthew's Gospel!

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. TEACHER INSTALLATION Today 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.

Following the service, we will gather in the church basement for a potluck lunch. If you've brought a dish to share, wonderful! If you have not, join us anyway. There is a spot for you!

3. 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.

4. MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS The celebration Sunday for Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers—August 30—is right around the corner! Many congregations and schools will be collecting offerings to help defray the educational expenses of the next generation of pastors, DCEs, deaconesses, teachers, and more as they complete their studies. Praise God for guiding these people towards service in His kingdom and for the way He works through all of you in supporting them!

5. JOIN THE FUN AT BREW IN THE LOU 2026, a Big Blue Spark production.

Special thanks to our title sponsor, Southern Bank, for helping bring LESA's 14th Annual Brew in the Lou Festival back to Francis Park on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 1-5 p.m.

Join us for a one-stop tasting of St. Louis' best beer, wine, spirits, homebrew, and food favorites along the banks of the Lily Pond at Francis Park, featuring local, regional, and national craft breweries, distilleries, and wineries.

Discounted ticket sales end on Friday, October 9, and general admission will be \$65 on the day of the event so don't wait! Get your tickets today and save while discounted pricing is available. No VIP tickets will be sold day of the event-preticket sales only!

All proceeds support Lutheran education in LESA schools. Visit www.lesastl.org for more information and to purchase tickets.

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WALKING IN THE WORD WEDNESDAYS

Beginning September 30
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM

Join us this fall for Walking in the Word Wednesdays, a special five-week educational series designed to deepen our understanding of God's Word and strengthen our walk with Christ.

Together we will read and discuss *The Quiet Ambition: Scripture's Surprising Antidote to Our Restless Lives* by **Ryan Tinetti**, professor at Concordia Seminary. In a world that constantly urges us to strive for more, this book invites us to discover the peace, purpose, and contentment that God gives through His Word. We are especially excited to welcome **Professor Ryan Tinetti** as our guest instructor for the final session on **Wednesday, October 29**, where he will share additional insights from the book and lead our concluding discussion. Whether you have read the book before or are encountering it for the first time, this series offers an excellent opportunity to grow in faith alongside your church family. Don't feel like reading the book? Come anyway! The classes will be valuable for all.

When: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM
Dates: September 30-October 28
Location: Salem Lutheran's Sanctuary

We hope you'll join us as we walk together in the Word and discover the quiet confidence that comes from resting in Christ!

6. 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.

Don't have any used ones to bring in? If you're feeling generous, we will gladly take **NEW** jars as well!

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

7. THE 36TH ANNUAL THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUM AT CONCORDIA SEMINARY will take place September 22-23, 2026. Titled "I Will Uphold You: Ministry in Mental Health", this symposium examines the care for those experiencing mental health challenges, particularly as mental health care has become increasingly associated with psychiatrists, psychologists and other licensed professionals often to the exclusion of pastors and their spiritual care of souls. How can the church reclaim its voice and its proper role of caring for souls struggling with mental health issues? What is the distinctive role of pastors and other church workers as compared to secular, or even Christian, counselors? Join the conversation at the 2026 Theological Symposium. Visit www.csl.edu/symposium for more information and to register.