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Divine Services:

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.

*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

Do you remember the day you were born? No? Your Father in heaven does! So do your earthly mother and father. "Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him" (Isaiah 51:2). Every human life has a divine plan and purpose: "The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me" (Psalm 138:8)! "For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things" (Romans 11:36)! Blessed are all whom God our Father in heaven forgives, saves, and justifies by faith (Matthew 16:17).

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:	Roger & Joyce Sachtleben
Prayer Team:	Reggie Miller

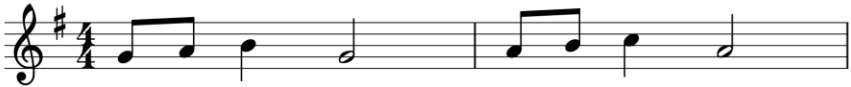
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ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading (This Far by Faith 103)



1. Gra-cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing,
2. Come to teach us, come to nour - ish
3. Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
4. Not mere know - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
5. Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness;



fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful,
done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
not root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us



that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

INVOCATION AND OPENING RESPONSORY *[based on Romans 12:1]*

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

C: Amen.

P: When God created Adam and Eve,

C: He intended them to live their lives poured out for each other and for the creation.

P: They were created to be living sacrifices –

C: sacrifices of praise to God and service to others.

P: But they chose a different path.

C: In pride and arrogance, they chose to live their lives for themselves.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: You and I often follow their lead. So, let us turn to our merciful Father, seeking His grace for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Silence to reflect on our need for forgiveness

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: When Jesus Christ came into the world, He lived as God had always intended His human creatures to live. He poured out His life for the sake of others—for our sake! Through His death and resurrection, He secured our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**



THIS IS THE FEAST (This Far By Faith)

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: 'This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia. This is the feast of vic-tory 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'.

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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: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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

Isaiah 51:1-6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
 you who seek the LORD:
 look to the rock from which you were hewn,
 and to the quarry from which you were dug.
 Look to Abraham your father
 and to Sarah who bore you;
 for he was but one when I called him,
 that I might bless him and multiply him.
 For the LORD comforts Zion;
 he comforts all her waste places
 and makes her wilderness like Eden,
 her desert like the garden of the LORD;
 joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the voice of song.
 "Give attention to me, my people,
 and give ear to me, my nation;
 for a law will go out from me,
 and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
 My righteousness draws near,
 my salvation has gone out,
 and my arms will judge the peoples;
 the coastlands hope for me,
 and for my arm they wait.
 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
 and look at the earth beneath;
 for the heavens vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 138



L: I give you thanks, O LORD, with | my whole heart;*
before the gods I | sing your praise;

C: I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness,*
for you have exalted above all things
your name | and your word.

L: On the day I called, you | answered me;*
my strength of soul | you increased.

**C: All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, | O LORD,*
for they have heard the words | of your mouth,**

L: and they shall sing of the ways | of the LORD,*
for great is the glory | of the LORD.

**C: For though the LORD is high, he regards the | lowly,*
but the haughty he knows | from afar.**

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you pre- | serve my life;*
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand de- | livers me.

**C: The LORD will fulfill his pur- | pose for me;*
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work | of your hands.**

EPISTLE

Romans 11:33—12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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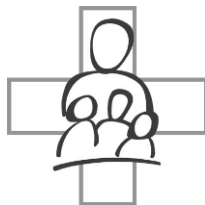
C: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

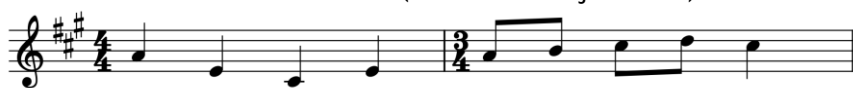
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission 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: Christ Is with Me (One and All Rejoice 276)



1. We were bur - ied with Him in - to death,
 2. I have now been graft - ed to the vine,
 3. I have now been cru - ci - fied with Christ.



That as He was raised by God's glo - ry,
 Draw - ing life from roots rich in mer - cy,
 I no long - er live; Christ lives in me.



We might walk in life made new by grace.
 Bear - ing fruit as I a - bide in Him:
 Now I live by faith in God's own Son,



Hav - ing died with Christ, we shall live with Him.
 Fruit for - ev - er fresh, glo - ri - fy - ing God.
 One who loved me so, gave Him - self for me.



Christ is with me ev - 'ry - where I go.



Nev - er to leave me, this I know.

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SERMON: "The Fabric of Reality" Romans 12:1

Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (*prayer requests*)

STEWARDSHIP VERSE - "The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me..."
Psalm 138:8a

(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.

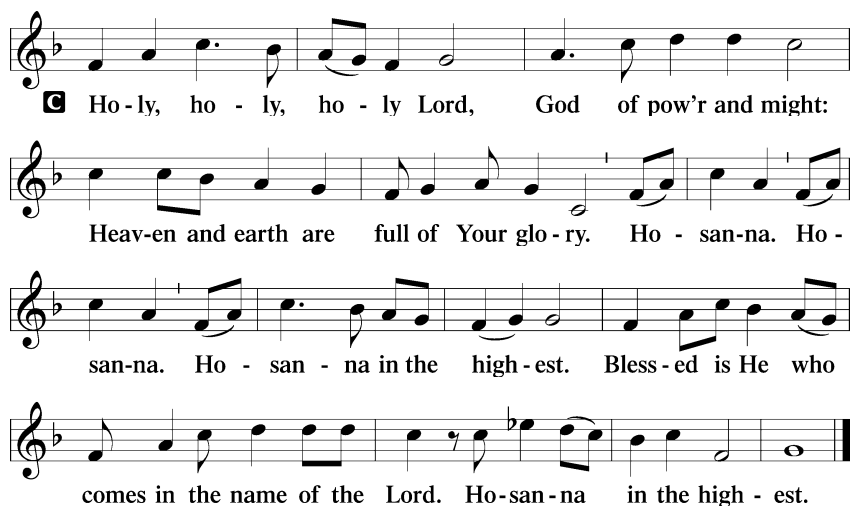
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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



G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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

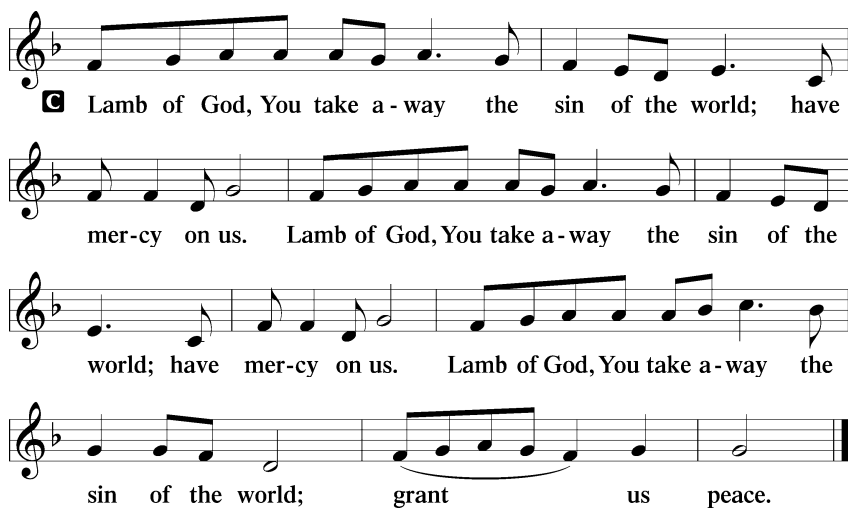
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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.



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives (LSB 602, stz 1, 5-6)



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;
6 All glo - ry to the One Who lav - ish - es such love;
To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
Be - neath the bread and wine Is food from Cal - va - ry.
The tri - une God in love As - sures our life a - bove.
Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
The bod - y and the blood Re - move our ev - 'ry sin;
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;
That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
We leave His pres - ence in His peace, re - newed a - gain.
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

Text: Richard C. Resch, 1947

Tune: Charles J. Dale, 1842-1912, alt.

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The Infant Priest Was Holy Born (LSB 624)



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own who
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness; His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

Text: Chad L. Bird, 1970

Tune: Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature, 1778, London; adapt. Edward Miller, 1731-1807

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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!

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

- △ 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 all who seek 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.

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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.

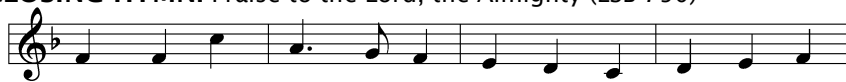
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LSB 790)



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: Ander Theil Des Erneuernten Gesang-Buchs, 1665, Stralsund

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "No sacrifice which a lover would make for his beloved is too great for us to make for our enemy."

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of August 23 through August 30

TODAY: *1 Kings 3:1-15; 2 Corinthians 1:1-22*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM

MONDAY: *1 Kings 5:1-18; 2 Corinthians 1:23—2:17*

TUESDAY: *1 Kings 7:51—8:21; 2 Corinthians 3:1-18*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63; 2 Corinthians 4:1-18*
School Chapel 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM

THURSDAY: *1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13; 2 Corinthians 5:1-21*
Parent Orientation 6:00PM

FRIDAY: *1 Kings 11:1-26; 2 Corinthians 6:1-18*
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N

SATURDAY: *1 Kings 11:42—12:19; 2 Corinthians 7:1-16*

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 16, 2026
Sunday School 7 students, 2 teachers

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, August 16 – **99**
Wednesday, August 19 – **11**

Online views

Sunday, August 16 – **16**

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

August 16: Physical-\$5,684.00; Online-461.29

Total-\$6,145.29

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY Is Jesus *really* the Messiah? That's what even mighty John the Baptizer wondered when he was wasting away in prison. Come and learn Jesus' answer to that question, and how we can answer our own troubled hearts when suffering and doubts arise.

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.

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!

2. 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.

3. MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS It's time to celebrate! Next Sunday, congregations throughout Missouri will be praying for and supporting Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers with a special offering. Funds collected will be added to the Missouri District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment. For more than 40 years, this endowment has been a blessing to college and seminary students from our state who are preparing for vocations within the church. To all of you who support this effort, thank you for your forward-thinking ways and caring for generations to come. It's truly an investment with an eternal impact!

4. 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—preevent sales only!

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

5. 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.

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.