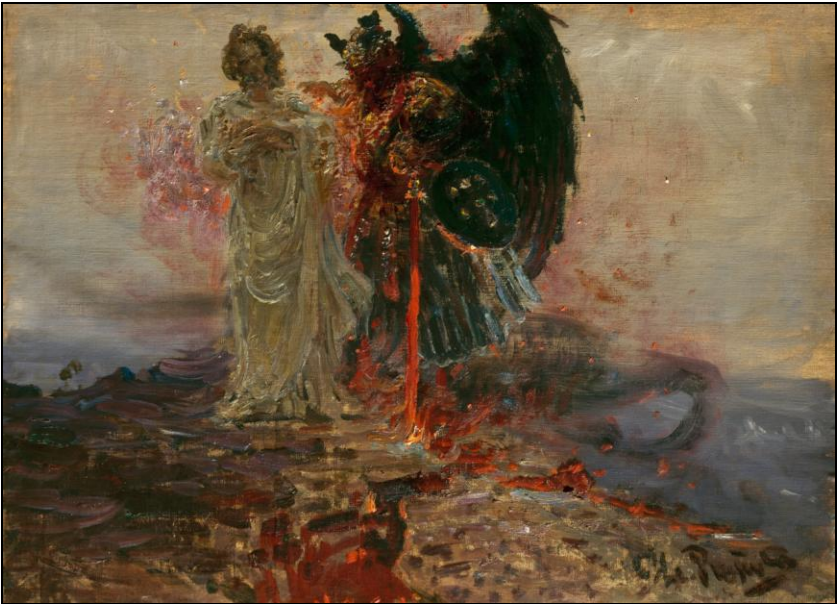


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WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, 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.

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On the cover: Get Thee Behind Me, Satan; Ilya Repin (1895)

*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

At the end of earthly life, we might cry out: "Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?" (Jeremiah 15:18). Don't take your life, or anyone else's, into your own hands. Receive St. Paul's encouragement for all your for-life conversations: "Love one another with brotherly affection ... associate with the lowly ... live peaceably with all ... do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:9-21). Even though many of us may "taste death" before the Son of Man returns, we set our minds on the things of God—life! —and not the things of man (Matthew 16:23, 28).

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

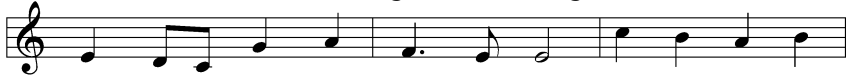
Preacher:	Pastor Martin Dressler
Fieldworker:	Nick Vukalovich
Organist/pianist:	Elin Hogan-Gomez
Prayer Team:	Fred Petty

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ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star (LSB 872)



1 Come, Thou bright and Morn - ing Star, Light of Light with -
2 Let Thy grace, like morn - ing dew Fall - ing soft on
3 May Thy fer - vent love de - stroy Our cold works, in
4 Ah! Thou Day - spring from on high, Grant that at Thy
5 Light us to those heav'n - ly spheres, Sun of grace, in



out be - gin - ning; Shine up - on us from a - far
bar - ren plac - es, Com - fort, quick - en, and re - new
us a - wak - ing, Ar - dent zeal and ho - ly joy
next ap - pear - ing We who in the graves do lie
glo - ry shroud - ed; Lead us through this vale of tears



That we may be kept from sin - ning.
Our dry souls and dy - ing grac - es;
At the pur - ple morn's first break - ing.
May a - rise, Thy sum - mons hear - ing,
To the land where days un - cloud - ed,



Drive a - way by Thy clear light Our dark night.
Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store Ev - er - more.
Let us tru - ly rise ere yet Life has set.
And re - joice in our new life, Far from strife.
Pur - est joy, and per - fect peace Nev - er cease.

Text: Christian Knorr von Rosenroth, 1636-89; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87

Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

C: who made heaven and earth.

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

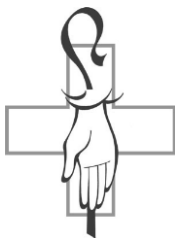
Silence to reflect on our need for forgiveness

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



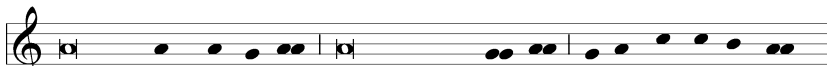
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

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

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

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

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

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

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

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
Therefore thus says the LORD:
"If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,

you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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PSALM 26

L: Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

**C: Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.**

L: For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.

**C: I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

L: I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.

**C: I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

L: O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.

**C: Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

L: But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.

**C: My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits

his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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.

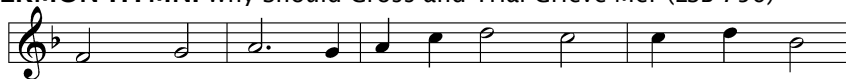
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission 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: Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me? (LSB 756)



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will
 4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am
 5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.
 May be great, They will not de - feat me.
 Trust Him still, When He sends me sad - ness.
 His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.
 Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows
 God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,
 I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood
 Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?
 All my woes Knows how best to end them.
 Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
 For my good, By His death to save me.
 Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; (sts. 1-3): tr. Christian Worship, 1993; (sts. 4-5): tr. Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Tune: Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76

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SERMON: "Not What I Bargained For" Jeremiah 15:18

Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (prayer requests)

STEWARDSHIP VERSE – "O Lord, I love the habitation of your house, and the place where Your glory dwells."

Psalm 26:8

MUSICAL OFFERING

"You Are Mine"

David Haas

*I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice,
I'll claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.*

*I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light,
come and rest in me.*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

*I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see,
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name.*

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call you name,
embracing all your pain,
stand up, now walk, and live!*

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

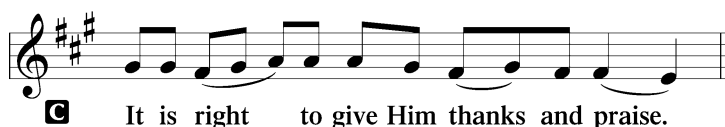
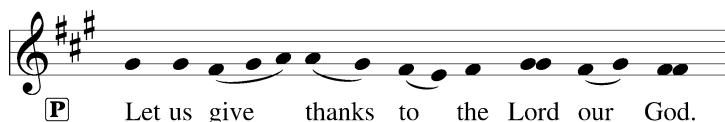
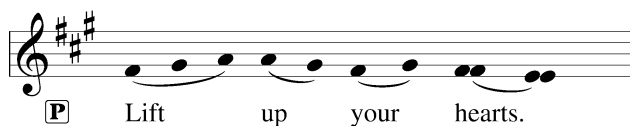
C: hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar.
Gluten-free wafers are available by request.*

PREFACE

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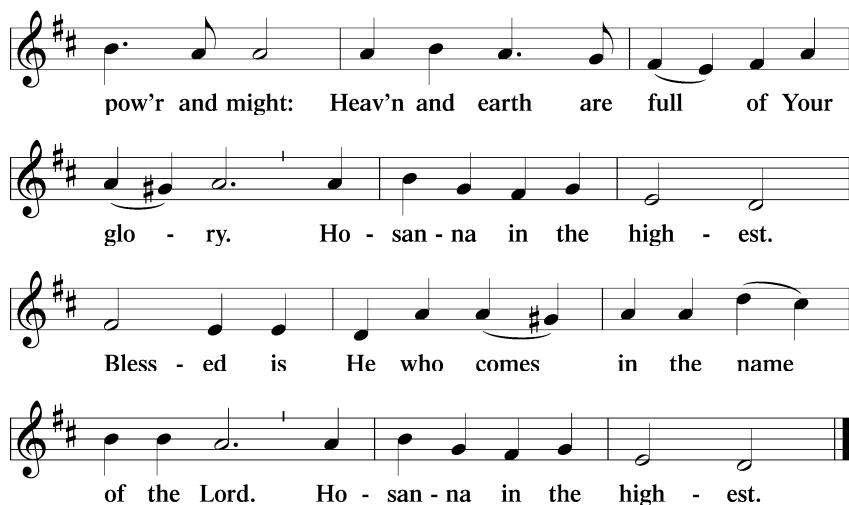


P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto 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 178





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ 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: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So 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.

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

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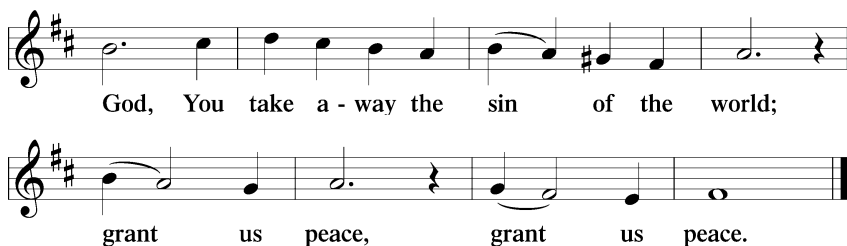
C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: You Are My All In All (Dennis Jernigan)

You are my strength when I am
Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my
weak. You are the treas - ure that I seek. You are my all in
shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your name; You are my all in
all. all. Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
When I fall down, You pick me
jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
up. When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! Je - sus,
Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

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All for Christ I Have Forsaken (LSB 753)



1 All for Christ I have for - sak - en And have
2 Who is sweet - er than Christ Je - sus? No good
3 Gone the past, un - known the fu - ture— Grace sup -
4 When God takes me home to heav - en, Should this
5 Though the road a - head be thorn - y, Though dark



tak - en up my cross; World - ly joy, its
thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at
plies my dai - ly breath; Strong in Christ through
be the day I die, God will keep my
clouds all light ob - scure, Though my cross - shaped



fame and for - tune, Now I count as worth-less dross.
peace I fol - low Where He leads me . . . why look back?
death's dark val - ley, Firm and faith - ful un - to death.
spouse and chil - dren As the ap - ple of His eye.
path grows steep - er, With the Lord, I am se - cure.

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Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven

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Behold the Lamb (Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend)



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:
2. The bod - y of our Sav-iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:
3. The blood that cleans-es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to res - pond



And we remem - ber the pro - mise made that all who
Eat and remem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that
Drink and remem - ber He drained death's cup that all may
and to remem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give-ness at the cross. So we share in this
brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So we share in this
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this
steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth. As we share in His



bread of life, and we drink of His sac-ri-fice as a sign of our
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 bread of life, and we drink of His sac-ri-fice as a sign of our
 suf-fer-ing, we pro-claim Christ will come a-gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace a-round the tab-le of the King.
 bonds of love a-round the tab-le of the King.
 bonds of grace a-round the tab-le of the King.
 feast of heav'n a-round the tab-le of the King.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: 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.

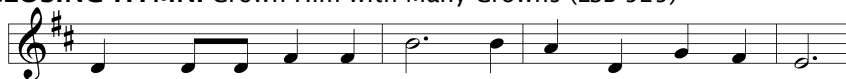
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns (LSB 525)



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "Christian suffering is nobler and precious above all other human suffering because, since Christ himself suffered, he also hallowed the suffering of all his Christians."

—Martin Luther, *Luther's Works, Vol. 51: Sermons I*, ed. Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Hilton C. Oswald, and Helmut T. Lehmann, vol. 51 (Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1999), 201.

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of August 30 through September 6

TODAY: *1 Kings 12:20—13:5, 33-34; 2 Corinthians 8:1-24*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM

MONDAY: *1 Kings 16:29—17:24; 2 Corinthians 9:1-15*

TUESDAY: *1 Kings 18:1-19; Ephesians 1:1-23*

WEDNESDAY: *1 Kings 18:20-40; Ephesians 2:1-22*
School Chapel 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM

THURSDAY: *1 Kings 19:1-21; Ephesians 3:1-21*

FRIDAY: *2 Kings 2:1-18; Ephesians 4:1-24*
No School
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N

SATURDAY: *2 Kings 2:19-25; 4:1-7; Ephesians 4:25—5:14*

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

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A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD –Week of August 23, 2026
Sunday School 6 students, 2 teachers
Friday Bible Class 5

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, August 23 – 86
Wednesday, August 26 – 12

Online views

Sunday, August 23 – 8

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

August 23: Physical-\$3,837.50; Online-826.50

Total-\$4,664.00

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 28**, 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. RALLY SUNDAY Join us on **Sunday, September 13**, as we celebrate **Rally Sunday** and kick off a new year of Sunday School and Bible study! Together we'll give thanks for the opportunities God provides to grow in His Word and encourage one another in the faith. Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for a meal and enjoy food and fellowship with our church family. The meal will be provided, just come and enjoy time together!

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 It's time to celebrate! Today, 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! Offerings may be placed in the free-will offering box as you exit the Sanctuary.

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—preevent sales only!

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

6. 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.

7. APPLEBUTTER is less than one month away!

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 26 beginning at 6:00AM

You have done a great job bringing in pint and quart jars—thank you! We’ll still take them (used or new, Ball and Kerr brands *only*)—but don’t forget to sign up for the day(s) you are able to come help! This is a great time to spend together with your Salem family to complete a big task, and there’s room for everyone to participate.

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 through our website is also an option this year! Payment will still be at time of pickup, cash or check only.
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Angela's Athletic Initiative Fundraiser

"I am once again fundraising to help fight blood cancers with Blood Cancer United (formerly The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society). Once again have a higher fundraising minimum of \$3500 to meet. Since I've last sent a letter I've added 3 more states (North Dakota, Arizona, and Kentucky) to my total. Up next I'm planning on one (yet to be chosen) this fall and the Disney marathon in Florida in January. I want to say thank you for all your support over the years, together we have already done so much!

"...Blood Cancer United funds research and supports families through their journey with all sorts of blood cancer – that's one of the reasons the name has changed – Blood Cancer United is about more than just leukemia and lymphoma, as they always have been, but now with a name that better expresses that. That support can make all the difference when someone faces something like cancer, it means someone to turn to, someone who can give you information, and additional support in a scary and overwhelming situation. Many of the treatments for blood cancers that are in use now in some way result from funding Blood Cancer United has provided. You can make a difference – in a world that feels like it's falling apart some of the time, you can do something to help put someone else's world back together. Thank you for all your support!"

–Angela Brinker

Way to go, Angela! If you'd like to support Angela in her fundraising endeavors, you can! There is an upcoming trivia night, or you can give directly on her fundraising website.

TRIVIA NIGHT Saturday, September 26, 2026

Doors Open at 6:00, Questions at 6:30

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

4712 Clifton Ave, St Louis, MO 63109

\$25/person OR \$200/table of 8

Eight Rounds – 10 Questions per Round

Silent Auction, Awesome Games, Mulligans, 50/50 Raffle
Bring your own snacks and drinks (alcohol or non-alcohol)

For Reservations and/or Questions

Text or call Angela Brinker at 314-809-8769 or email
at angelabrinker@yahoo.com

If you cannot attend but would still like to help you can visit my fundraising website at <https://pages.lla.org/tnt/team/wdw27/ABrinker>