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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: The Martyrdom of Saint Paul;
Mattia Preti (ca 1656-1659)*

*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

Thanks be to God for faithful servants of God who have lifted up the truth of God's Word in their times. Believers who recognize the difficulties of this life often yearn to be with the Lord as Paul says, "...for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). So, today, we need not fear death or any enemy, but we can rejoice and stand firm in the Holy Spirit, speaking the truth about God's gifts of life, eternity, and forgiveness. The Lord's Word makes clear that He wants people everywhere to repent and be cleansed of their sins that they may dwell with Him forever (Psalm 27:4).

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
Greeter:	Sharon Lichtenberg
Prayer Team:	Bob & Karen Becker

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Praised Be the Rock

(Aaron Lwehabura, A. Louise Anderson Olson)

1. Praised be the Rock of our sal - va - tion
2. God grants the needs of ev - 'ry na - tion,
3. To spare us all from con - dem-na - tion,
4. In Je - sus Christ our con - so - la - tion,
5. We now a - wait the con - sum-ma - tion,
a bul - wark stead - y and a sure place:
and charts the course that e - ven birds trace:
God's Son was sent our sins to ef - face:
made one with him for - ev - er - by grace:
to see God's glo - ry then in Christ's face:
God's good - ness shown through-out cre-a - tion
for our whole race.

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INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES *(based on Psalm 116)*

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

C: Amen.

L: I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving,

C: and call on the name of the Lord.

L: What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord

L: O Lord, we are your servants.

C: You have loosed our bonds.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Through baptism, God has made us His servants, but we do not always honor our Lord with our lives as we should. Let us go to Him, confessing our sin and failure.

Silence for reflection.

P: Almighty and merciful Lord,

C: I confess that I have not always honored you as I should. At times, I have dishonored You with the way I have employed my mind, the way I have used or failed to use my body, the way I have invested my time, talents, and treasures. Just as you loosed my bonds before, so loose them again. Free me from my sin, that I may honor you with all of me. Amen

P: Through His death and resurrection, Jesus of Nazareth did what we sinful servants have not – He honored the Father with all of His life, death, and resurrection. In this way, Jesus forgave our sins, freeing us from our bonds, and securing for us eternal salvation. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

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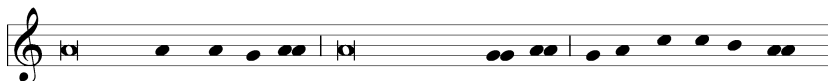
KYRIE



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



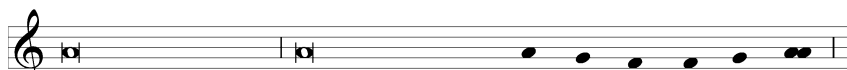
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



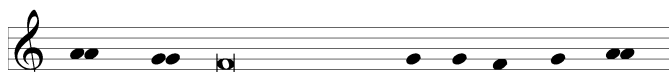
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

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NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE



C 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

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM 27

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

**C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

L: When evildoers assail me
to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

**C: Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
yet I will be confident.**

L: One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

**C: For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

L: And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;

C: I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

L: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

C: You have said, "Seek my face."

L: My heart says to you,
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."
Hide not your face from me.

**C: Turn not your servant away in anger,
O you who have been my help.**

L: Cast me not off; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation!

**C: For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
but the LORD will take me in.**

L: Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

**C: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they breathe out violence.**

L: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

**C: Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

P: Alleluia. Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. Alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

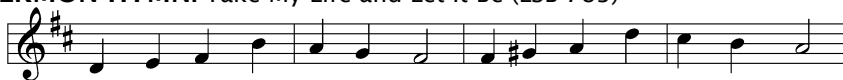
L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: Take My Life and Let It Be (LSB 783)



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

SERMON: "Christ Will Be Honored" Philippians 1:19-20

Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (*prayer requests*)

*STEWARDSHIP VERSE - "What shall I render to the Lord for all
his benefits to me?" Psalm 116:12*

ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Kaydence James
Jacey Polk*



(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.

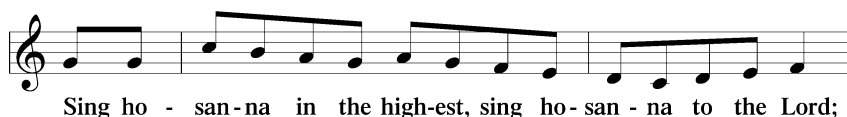
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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



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.

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

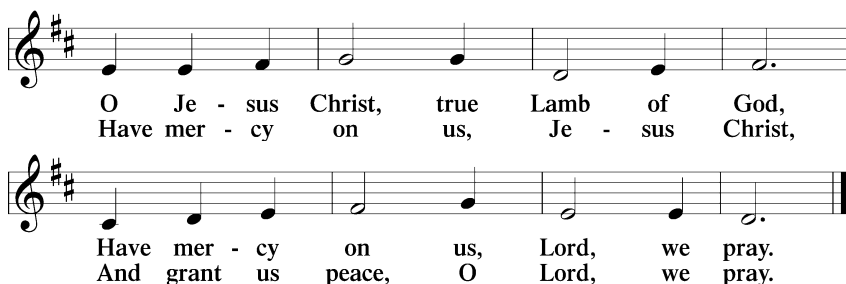
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



(Please be seated)



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

No Saint On Earth Lives Life to Self Alone (LSB 747)

1 No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone Or dies a -
2 For to this end our Lord by death was slain, That to new
lone, for we with Christ are one. So if we live, for
life He might a - rise a - gain. Through sor - row on to
Christ a - lone we live, And if we die, to Christ our
tri - umph Christ has led, And reigns o'er all: the liv - ing
dy - ing give. In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con-fess:
and the dead. In liv - ing and in dy - ing, Him we bless;
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

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Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior (LSB 619)

The first staff of music is in treble clef and contains the following notes: a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, an eighth note F#4, an eighth note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, and a quarter note A3.

1	Thy	bod	- y,	giv'n	for	me,	O	Sav	- ior,	Thy	blood	which
2	With	Thee,	Lord,	I	am	now	u	- nit	- ed;	I	live	in
3	Who	can	con - demn	me	now?		For	sure	- ly	The	Lord	is
4	Though	death	may	threat - en	with		dis - as - ter,			It	can	- not
5	My	heart	has	now	be - come	Thy	dwell - ing,	O			bless	- ed,

Thou	for	me	didst	shed,	These	are	my	life	and
Thee	and	Thou	in	me.	No	sor	- row	fills	my
nigh,	who	jus	- ti	- fie.	No	hell	I	fear,	and
rob	me	of	my	cheer;	For	He	who	is	of
ho	- ly	Trin	- i	- ty.	With	an	- gels	I,	Thy

The first staff of music is written on a single five-line staff with a treble clef. It contains a sequence of notes: a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, an eighth note B4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, and a half note C4. The staff ends with a double bar line.

strength	for	-	ev	-	er,	By	them	my	hun	-	gry	soul	is	fed.
soul,	de	-	light	-	ed	It	finds	its	on	-	ly	joy	in	Thee.
thus	se	-	cure	-	ly	With	Je	-	sus	I	to	heav	-	en rise.
death	the		mas	-	ter	With	aid	and	com	-	fort	e'er	is	near.
prais	-	es	tell	-	ing,	Shall	live	in	joy	e	-	ter	-	nal - ly.

Refrain

Lord, may Thy bod-y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high-est good!

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Tune: Emskirchner Choral-Buch, 1756, Leipzig

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Seek Ye First (LSB 712)

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by

righteousness,	And all these things shall be
ye shall find,	Knock and the door shall be
every word	That proceeds from the

add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Text and tune: Karen Lafferty, 1948

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(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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: The Lord Is My Light (LSB 723)

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the
strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear? *To Stanzas*

Stanza

1 There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His
house for - ev - er, To gaze on the beau-ty of the
Lord *Refrain*
All the days of my life.

2 Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev - 'ry day I will

seek Your face. Though my fa - ther and moth - er may for -
 sake me, The Lord will re - ceive me. *Refrain*

3 Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, a -
 long a lev - el way. I will gaze on the good - ness of the
 Lord In the land of all the liv - ing. *Refrain*

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – “When he had said “Amen” and finished the prayer, the officials at the pyre lit it. But, when a great flame burst out, those of us privileged to see it witnessed a strange and wonderful thing. Indeed, we have been spared in order to tell the story to others. Like a ship’s sail swelling in the wind, the flame became as it were a dome encircling the martyr’s body. Surrounded by the fire, his body was like bread that is baked, or gold and silver white-hot in a furnace, not like flesh that has been burnt. So sweet a fragrance came to us that it was like that of burning incense or some other costly and sweet-smelling gum.”

— *As stated by witnesses to the martyrdom of St. Polycarp (155 AD).
 Polycarp was a disciple of the Apostle John)*

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

For the week of September 20 through September 27

- TODAY: *Nehemiah 4:7-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-16*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Elders 11:15AM
- MONDAY: *Nehemiah 5:1-16; 6:1-9, 15-16; 1 Timothy 4:1-16*
- TUESDAY: *Nehemiah 7:1-4; 8:1-18; 1 Timothy 5:1-16*
Voters' Meeting 7:00PM
- WEDNESDAY: *Nehemiah 9:1-21; 1 Timothy 5:17—6:2*
School Chapel 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
- THURSDAY: *Nehemiah 9:22-38; 1 Timothy 6:3-21*
Apple Peeling/Coring 5:00PM
- FRIDAY: *Malachi 1:1-14; Matthew 3:1-17*
No School
Apple Peeling/Coring 8:00AM
- SATURDAY: *Malachi 2:1—3:5; Matthew 4:1-11*
Applebutter Cooking 6:00AM
- NEXT SUNDAY: Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Applebutter pickup 11:30AM-12:30PM

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A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD –Week of September 13, 2026

Sunday School 8 students, 2 teachers

Friday Bible Study 6

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, September 13 – 76

Wednesday, September 16 – 14

Online views

Sunday, September 13 – 15

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

September 13: Physical-\$7,916.00; Online-1,252.95

Total-\$9,168.95

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY Jesus says that the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath. What do we do with the Third Commandment, especially since Luther said it was truly for the Jewish people? Come next week to find out!

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. THE SEPTEMBER VOTERS' MEETING will be held on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. For those who would prefer not to attend in person, the meeting will also be broadcast online via Zoom. To connect to the Zoom meeting with your computer, please go to www.zoom.com/join with your internet browser and then enter the following meeting ID: 968 6885 3909. If prompted for a password, enter 5180. Please join the Zoom meeting by 6:50 p.m. so that we may start **promptly** at 7:00 p.m. If you need to join via phone call instead: (312) 626-6799 or (309) 205-3325. Just follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (968 6885 3909 #), when asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#).

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.

Join us as we walk together in the Word and discover the quiet confidence that comes from resting in Christ!

3. SALEM SCHOOL 165TH ANNIVERSARY ALL-CLASS REUNION is coming up on October 10. Tickets are still 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. YOU ARE RECEIVING the latest edition of LifeDate this week. There are several important articles in this edition, including "Advise for New Dads" on page 8. Please check out the important information in this edition. Remember, you are all invited to attend our next meeting on October 8th at 7 pm. We will be working on the upcoming Chili Cook-off in January.

5. LASE SPECIALIZED EDUCATION invites you to support our ministry to children with unique learning needs through your attendance at our upcoming Merry Mingle event on November 7, from 9:30am-12:30pm. We would love for you to join us in celebrating 70 years of God's faithfulness through LASE, and look ahead with us to the next 70 years.

Registration details can be found on our website: <https://lutheranspeciald.org/merry-mingle/>

6. WHY DO WE MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE? While most Christians acknowledge the importance of storing up God's Word in their hearts (see Psalm 119:11), few understand truly why they do it or how to go about it. The September issue of *The Lutheran Witness* offers helpful articles on these important topics.

The Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing begins by supplying a Christ-centered biblical explanation for "why we memorize Scripture," while the Rev. Dr. Ryan Tinetti and his wife, Anne (a seasoned educator), suggest real-world "practices for learning by heart." Getting back to basics, the Rev. Mark Love offers wise guidance on "how to read the Bible" as God's Word for us.

The magazine is on the *Lutheran Witness* table in the narthex. Take it home. Read it. Return next Sunday, for sure in two Sundays.

7. APPLEBUTTER

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

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.

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.

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>