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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 Archangel Michael Defeating Satan;
Guido Reni (ca 1635-1636)*

*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

The world we walk in today is a battlefield. As such, it is filled with messages from the enemy which attempt to convince us of the Lord's weakness and defeat. Those with fears about an unplanned pregnancy, a terminal diagnosis, or confusion about their identity are told there are no paths to peace and wholeness. But God's Word speaks of His faithful and powerful servants, the angels, who fight for the Lord, protect His people, and conquer in the name of Jesus Christ. So, may the Lord work in us humble childlike faith that rejoices in Christ's victory and the safety that He provides as He rescues us through the finished work of the Cross.

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

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Rise, Shine, You People (LSB 825)



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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Tune: Dale Wood, 1934-2003

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INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

C: Amen.

P: Christ has died.

C: Christ is risen!

P: Christ will come again!

C: Alleluia!

P: Although He has not yet returned, even now, God has placed all things under His feet.

C: Things in heaven and things on earth.

P: Our tongues declare it.

C: Our mouths sing it.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: But often, our *lives* do not confess it. So let us go before the Lord Jesus, who is the head of the church, seeking His pardon.

Silence for reflection.

P: Lord Jesus Christ,

C: You are Lord of heaven and earth. Nothing happens in this world and in our lives without Your permitting it. Yet I have doubted. I have doubted Your power and Your goodness and have tried to rule my life in Your stead. In fear, I have withheld words and deeds that were called for, and so I have failed to serve my neighbor. Have mercy on me, Lord Jesus. Forgive my sin and give me faith to trust Your rule in my life. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ rules over all things. He has conquered sin and death by dying and rising again. And He conquered them for *you*. As a called and ordained ambassador of Jesus Christ, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

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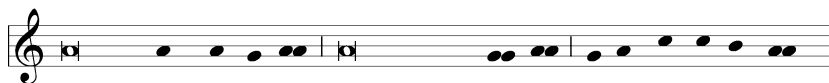
KYRIE



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.



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: Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, 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

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come. . . ."

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



PSALM 91

L: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**C: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."**

L: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

**C: He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

L: You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

**C: A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.**

L: You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.

**C: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

L: For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**C: On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

L: You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**C: "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

L: When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.

**C: With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."**

EPISTLE

Revelation 12:7-12

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

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

Luke 10:17-20

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living
and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

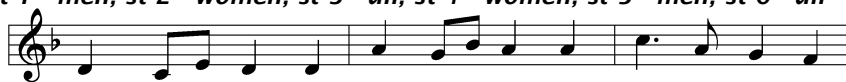
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken (LSB 521)

St 1—men; st 2—women; st 3—all; st 4—women; st 5—men; st 6—all



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth - bound
Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
From his heav'nly perch on high,
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry
Floods the earth and fills the sky.
Wounded by a wound eternal
Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
When the foe would us enslave.
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
Overthrow at last the dragon;
Send him to his fiery grave.

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SERMON: "Good News. Bad News. Good News." Revelation 12:7-9
Pastor Dressler

OFFERING *(prayer requests)*

STEWARDSHIP VERSE – *"With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." Psalm 91:16*

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

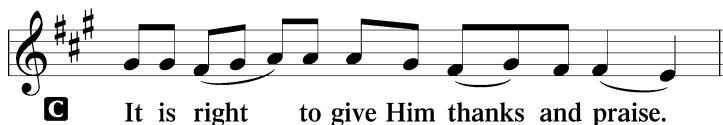
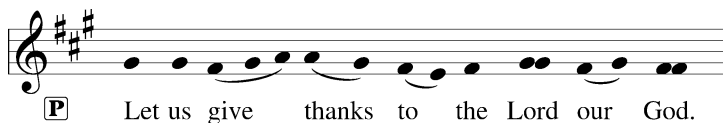
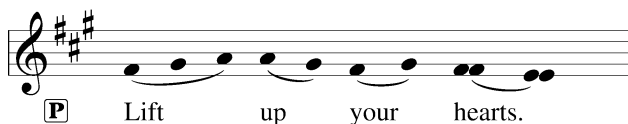
Please see communion information in the front of the bulletin.

Follow the direction of the usher to approach the altar.

Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

PREFACE

LSB 177



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. Through Him Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with them we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 178

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

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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 180

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, grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: As the Deer (Martin Nystrom)

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa - ter, so my
 2. You're my friend and You are my broth - er e - ven
 3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly
 soul long-eth af - ter Thee. You a - lone are my
 though You are a King. I love You more than
 You can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the
 heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship Thee.
 an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.
 real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain:

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my
spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship Thee.

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Splendor and Honor (LSB 950)

1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,
Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,
For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry
a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

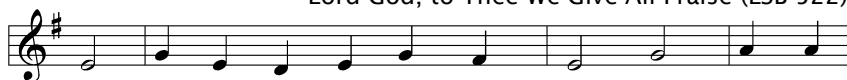
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Lord God, to Thee We Give All Praise (LSB 522)



1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise, With grate - ful
 2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace And con - stant -
 3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; Their whole de -
 4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; His en - vy



hearts our voic - es raise, That an - gel hosts Thou didst cre -
 ly be - hold Thy face; They heed Thy voice, they know it
 light is but to be With Thee, Lord Je - sus, and to
 and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and



ate A - round Thy glo - rious throne to wait.
 well, In god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
 keep Thy lit - tle flock, Thy lambs and sheep.
 pride Thy Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

5 As he of old deceived the world
 And into sin and death has hurled,
 So now he subtly lies in wait
 To undermine both Church and state.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
 No halt nor rest he ever knows;
 He seeks the Christians to devour
 And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band
 That follows Christ on ev'ry hand
 To guard His people where they go
 And break the counsel of the foe.

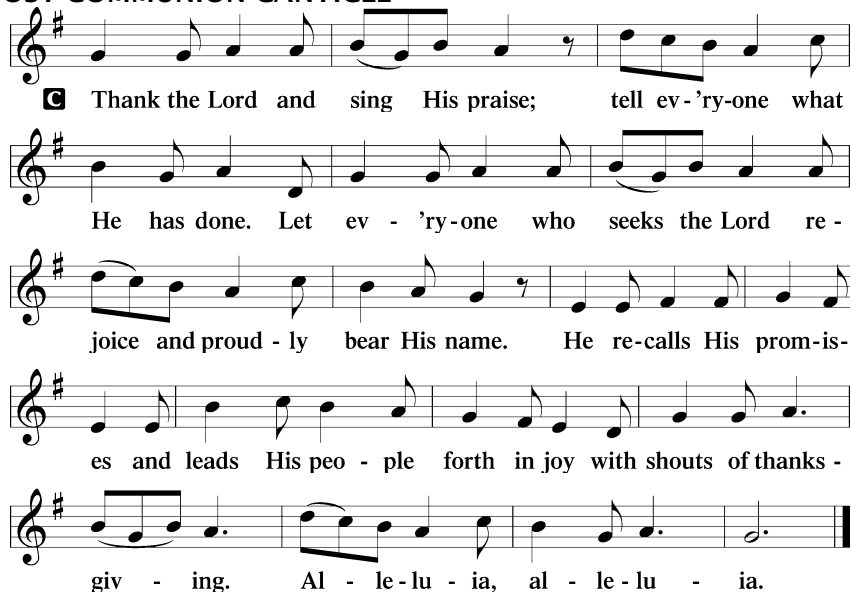
8 For this, now and in days to be,
 Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,
 Whom all the angel hosts adore
 With grateful songs forevermore.

Text: Philipp Melancthon, 1497–1560; German version, Paul Eber, 1511–69; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1543, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

(Please stand)

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: 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.

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: There Is a Higher Throne (Keith & Kristyn Getty)



1. There is a high - er throne than all this
 2. And there we'll find our home; Our life be -

world has known, where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
 fore the throne. We'll hon - our Him in per - fect song

will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
 where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye

made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing hearts find
 as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be - comes our

prom - ised grace; Sal - va - tion comes.
 Shep - herd King; We'll reign with Him.

Refrain:

Hear Heav - en's voi - ces sing; Their thun - d'rous

an - them rings through em - erald courts and sap - phire skies;

Their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,

strength, thanks and hon - our are to God, our King, Who

reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "For Michael is nothing other than Christ, who fights against the devil..."

— *Martin Luther*

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS

For the week of September 27 through October 4

- TODAY: *Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Matthew 5:1-20*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Applebutter pickup 11:30AM-12:30PM
- MONDAY: *Deuteronomy 1:19-36; Matthew 5:21-48*
- TUESDAY: *Deuteronomy 1:37—2:15; Matthew 6:1-15*
- NEXT WED: *Deuteronomy 1:37—2:15; Matthew 6:1-15*
School Chapel 8:45AM
Applebutter pickup 5-6PM
Walking in the Word 6:00PM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
- THURSDAY: *Deuteronomy 2:16-37; Matthew 6:16-34*
Shoebox Party 10AM-2PM
- FRIDAY: *Deuteronomy 3:1-29; Matthew 7:1-12*
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N
- SATURDAY: *Deuteronomy 4:1-20; Matthew 7:13-29*
Applebutter pickup 9:00-10:30AM
- 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 20, 2026

Sunday School 7 students, 3 teachers

Friday Bible Study 6

Worship Service Attendance

Sunday, September 20 – 80

Wednesday, September 23 – 12

Online views

Sunday, September 20 – 13

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

September 20: Physical-\$5,560.50; Online-394.40

Total-\$5,924.90

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY What are we talking about in Bible study next Sunday? Whatever *you* want to talk about! That's right. Next Sunday will be the Ask the Pastor Bible study, based on the questions you've submitted to me through the handouts. Didn't submit a question? Guess what - there's a good chance that you have similar questions to those of your brothers and sisters. Guess what, part 2 - often, people ask and answer questions we didn't even consider! So, join us next week for what will no doubt be a lively discussion.

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 THIS WEEK! 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 clases 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!

2. 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.

3. LADIES AID - Just a reminder! Our annual outing in October this year is lunch at Gingham's Restaurant in St. Charles on Wednesday, October 14th. We will meet at the old schoolhouse at 11:00 and carpool. Please call Myrna at 314-570-2700 to make your reservation, and so we know we're not leaving you behind when we leave at 11:00. All the Salem ladies are welcome to join us for a delicious lunch and fellowship. Looking forward to sharing an enjoyable afternoon with everyone.

4. 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://lutheranspecialized.org/merry-mingle/>

5. LUTHERANS FOR LIFE - Chapter 246 at Salem Lutheran Church, Blackjack, invites you to participate with us at the annual Life Chain on October 4th. We sit or stand for one hour on Lindbergh, across from Handyman Hardware, park in the Dairy Queen parking lot. E A S Y!!! No talking, just your presence is necessary. All ages can attend. Any questions, please call Jane Thur at 314-706-6230.

6. OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH, and this year, we will celebrate our clergy and future clergy on Sunday, October 25. The meal will be provided, and we will once again be gathering a freewill offering to bolster our Benevolent Fund.

The Benevolent Fund has become even more critical, as other organizations who have historically been in positions to help members of the community who are in need no longer receive the funding necessary to do so. Baskets will be available for this, and there will also be a designated spot to place any small gifts or cards you may wish to bring in for our guests of honor: Pastor Dressler, Pastor Briggs, Rev. Thur, and Nick Vukalovich.

7. SALEM SAUSAGE AND KRAUT IS COMING on Sunday, November 8. Stay tuned for details!

8. APPLEBUTTER is now available for pickup in the Old Schoolhouse, cash or check only. Today's pickup window is 11:30AM-12:30PM.

If today is not good, you can come on Wednesday from 5-6pm (and then come across the street for Walking in the Word); Saturday from 9-10:30AM; or next Sunday, from 11:30AM-12:30PM.

9. TRUNK OR TREAT On Thursday, October 29, we'll have a Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. It will be open for trunk-or-treaters from 4-5pm, and, as with all projects, we cannot do it without **YOUR** help.

We will need people to:

- +sign up to bring their vehicle to pass out candy/small gifts
- +help us manage parking and our waiting area
- +bring in candy/small items to pass out to the trunk-or-treaters
- +come in your costume to have fun with us

This will be rain or shine! If shine, we'll be outside. If rain, we'll shift gears and set up in the gymnasium. What a blessing to have such a facility!

Please consider how you can help, and if you have any questions or want to be assigned an area to assist, call Susan in the School Office (314-741-8220) or Elin in the Church Office (314-741-6781) and they'll put you to work 😊