

Salem Lutheran Church and School

165th Anniversary of Salem Lutheran School

All-Class Reunion

October 10, 2026



*We are Salem, a family nurturing God's children
to live loving lives in faith.*

Lutheran Church



Missouri Synod

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Lift High the Cross (LSB 837, stzs 1-3, 6)

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:



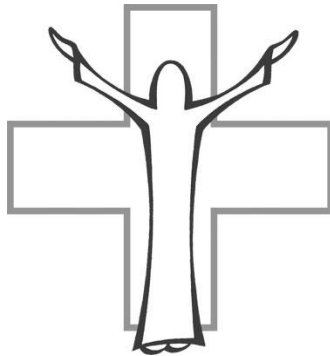
Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com-bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.

Tune: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

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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: 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.**

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

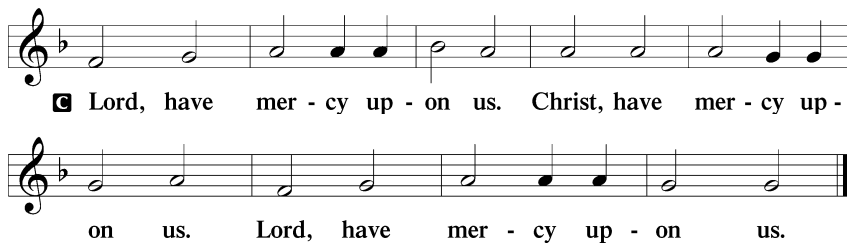
C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, 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



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



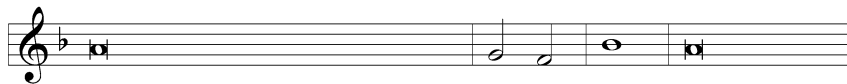
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



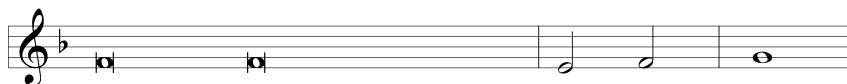
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here and are taught at our school. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; 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

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78: 1-8



P: Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;*
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!

C: I will open my mouth in a | parable;*
I will utter dark sayings | from of old,

P: things that we have | heard and known,*
that our fathers have | told us.

C: We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the LORD, | and his might,*
and the wonders that | he has done.

P: He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in | Israel.*
which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their | children,

C: that the next generation might know them,
the children | yet unborn,*
and arise and tell them to their | children,

P: so that they should set their | hope in God*
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his com- | mandments;

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

P: 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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN: O Church Arise (Keith Getty, Stuart Townend)



1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar-mour on; Hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap-tive soul, but to
3. Come see the cross, where love and mer-cy meet, as the
4. So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give



call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
 rage a-against the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be-
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith, to



they are strong, in the strength that God has giv -
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val -
 neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris -
 win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith -



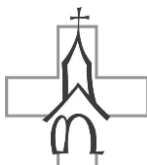
en. With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a -
 our. When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
 en. And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
 ful. As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
 out - come is se - cure. And Christ will have the prize for
 merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger



cry is Love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 which He died, and in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
 for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.



SERMON

Pastor Dressler

OFFERING:

(See p. 12 for online giving information)

"John Three Sixteen"

Celeste Clydesdale
Salem Lutheran School chorus

John 3:16, it's found in John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,
And anyone who believes in Him can have eternal life.
Yes, God so loved the world that He gave His Son for me,
And I will spend eternity just praising my King!*

*We're singing John 3:16
This verse I love to sing
It tells about the Lord above
And His unfailing gift of love*

*We're singing John 3:16
That life eternal is promised to me
That God would pay the highest price
Through the life of Jesus Christ*

John 3:16, it's found in John 3:16

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,
And anyone who believes in Him can have eternal life.
Yes, God so loved the world that He gave His Son for me,
And I will spend eternity just praising my King!*

*We're singing John 3:16
This verse holds the key
To life eternally*

We're singing John 3:16

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(Please stand.)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

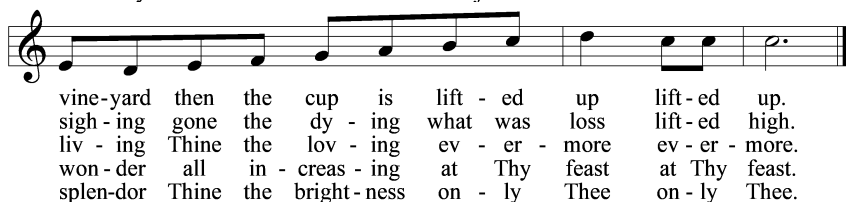
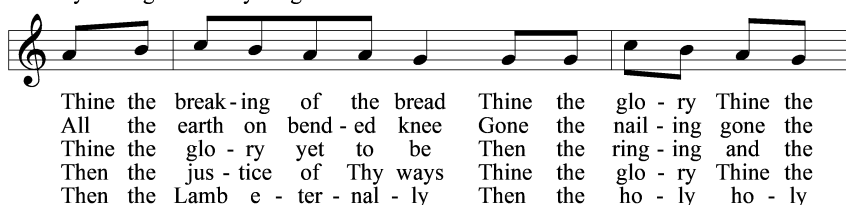
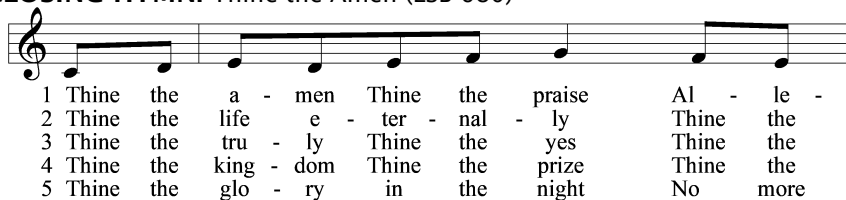
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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: Thine the Amen (LSB 680)



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PRAYER CORNER

Lord of the Church, we give You thanks for the 165 years with which You have blessed Salem Lutheran School. Give us faith to believe and to act upon the truth that Christ alone builds His church. Help us to be faithful. Help us to confess. Help us to bear witness. And help us to leave all else to You, for You are faithful to Your Word. Amen.

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