Salem Lutheran Church and School

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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



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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.

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 or Elin Hogan-Gomez.

On the cover: The Parable of the Talents
Andrei Mironov, 2013

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 end of the Church year reminds us that there is an urgency to sharing the Gospel and God's Word about life. Naturally, when Christ returns, we want Him to find us as "good and faithful servants" (Matthew 25:21), using the talents and resources He's given us to glorify Him and love and serve every one of our neighbors. And, because the Lord "has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation" (1 Thessalonians 5:9), we share God's Word with eager anticipation that every life God has created may escape the day of wrath (Zephaniah 1:15) and live eternally with Him.

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



Text: Christian Knorr von Rosenroth, 1636–89; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87
Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth.

L: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

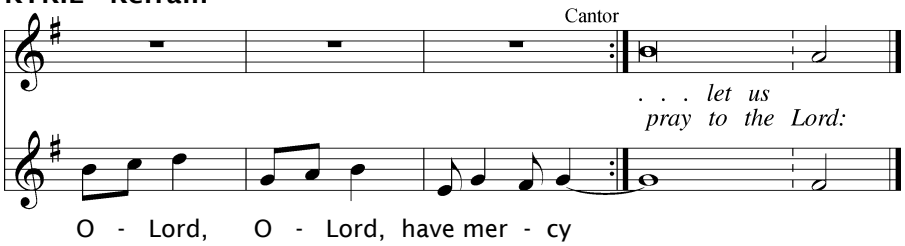
L: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

L: Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

KYRIE - Refrain



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C: **Refrain**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Refrain**

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

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Refrain**

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

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

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE




earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
L: Let us pray.
C: Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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 *Zephaniah 1:7-16*

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
  For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
  and consecrated his guests.
And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
  and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
On that day I will punish
  everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
  with violence and fraud.
"On that day," declares the LORD,
  "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
  a loud crash from the hills.
Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
  For all the traders are no more;
  all who weigh out silver are cut off.
At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
  and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
  those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
  nor will he do ill.'
Their goods shall be plundered,
  and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
  they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
  they shall not drink wine from them."
The great day of the LORD is near,
  near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
  the mighty man cries aloud there.
A day of wrath is that day,

a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12



L: Lord, you have been our | dwelling place*
in all gener- | ations.
C: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

L: You return | man to dust*
and say, "Return, O chil- | dren of man!"
C: For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when | it is past,*
or as a watch | in the night.

L: You sweep them away as | with a flood;*
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the | morning:
C: in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;*
in the evening it fades and | withers.

L: For we are brought to an end by your | anger;*
by your wrath we | are dismayed.
C: You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,*
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

L: For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;*
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
C: The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength | eighty;*
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we | fly away.

L: Who considers the power of your | anger,*
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?
C: So teach us to number | our days*
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

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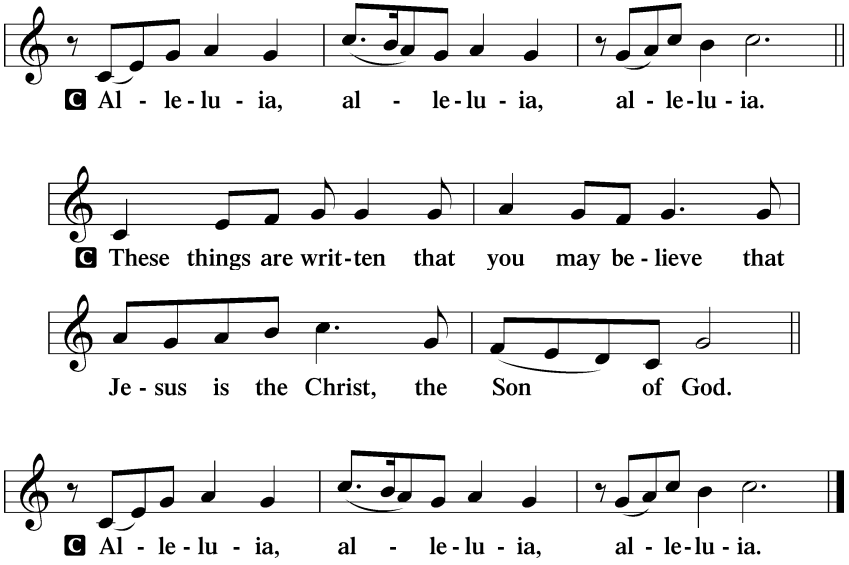
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14-30*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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.

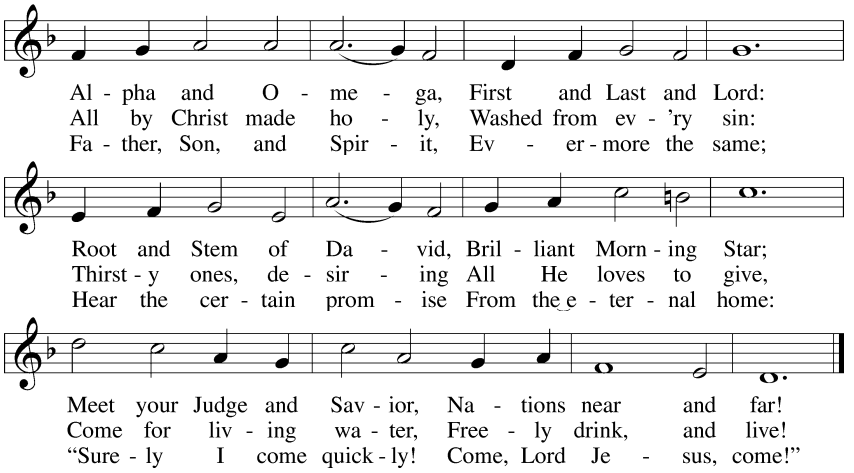
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission 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 Is Surely Coming (LSB 509)





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SERMON: "Just as You Are Doing" 1 Thessalonians 5:9-11
Pastor Dressler

OFFERING (*prayer requests)*
STEWARDSHIP VERSE – "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

(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*

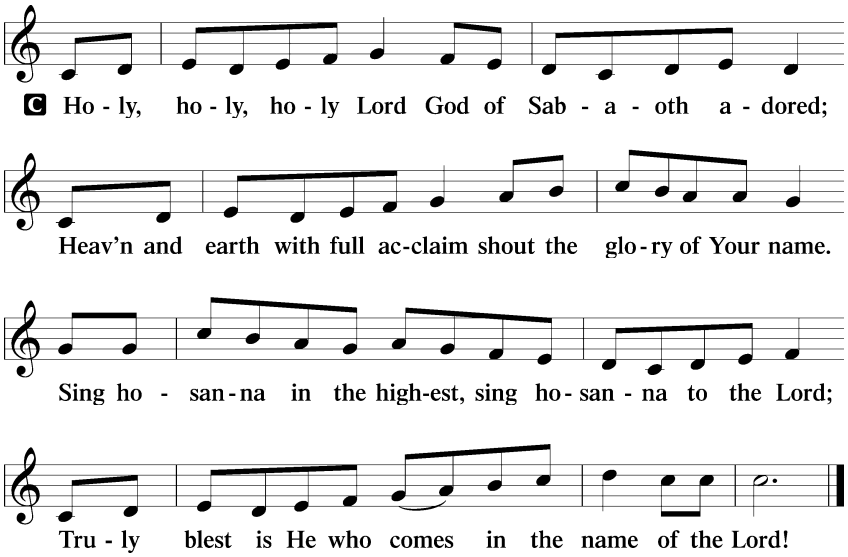
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

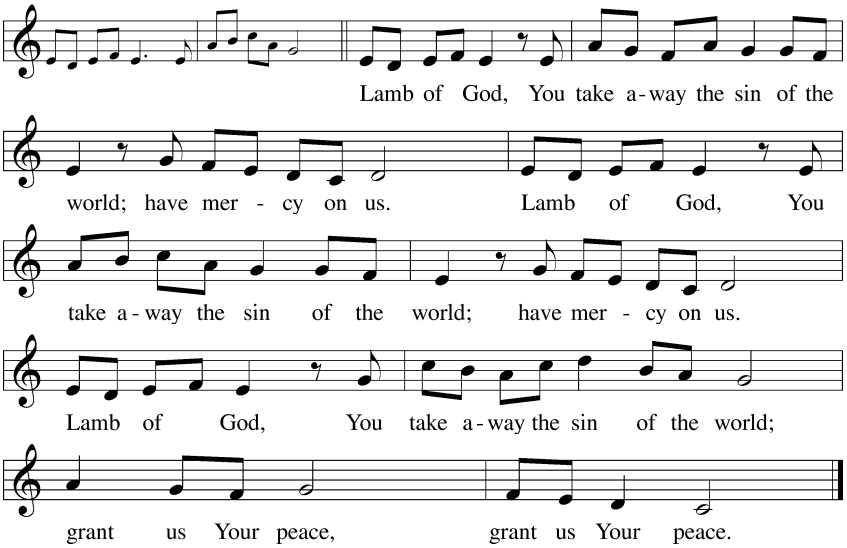
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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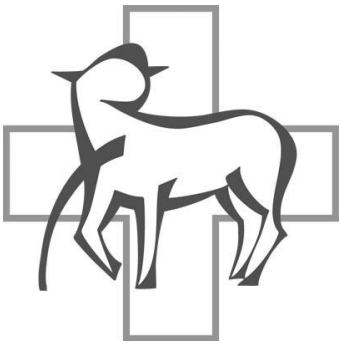
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen.

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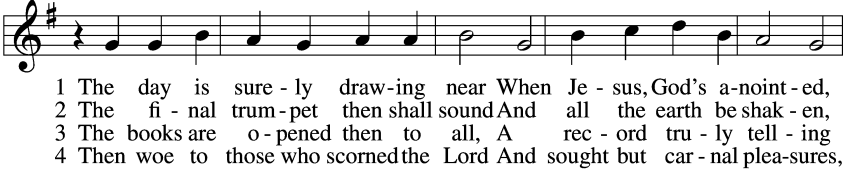


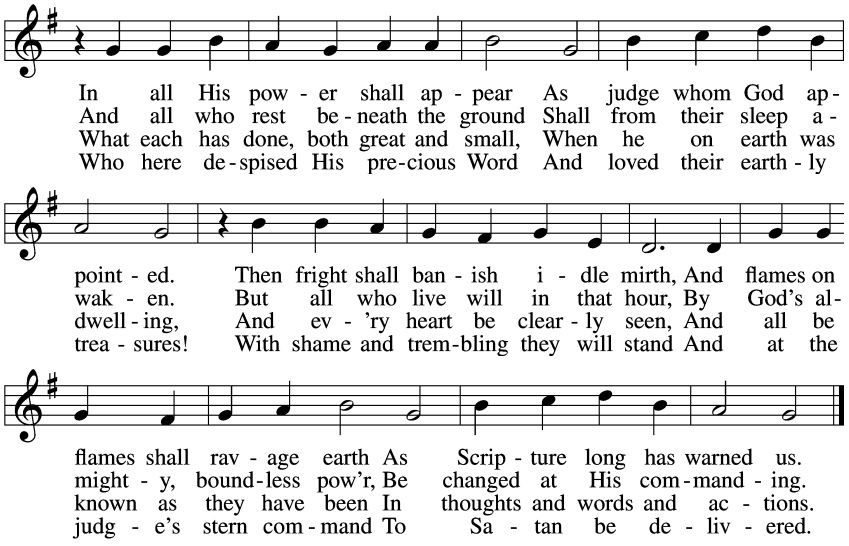
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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (LSB 508)





5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

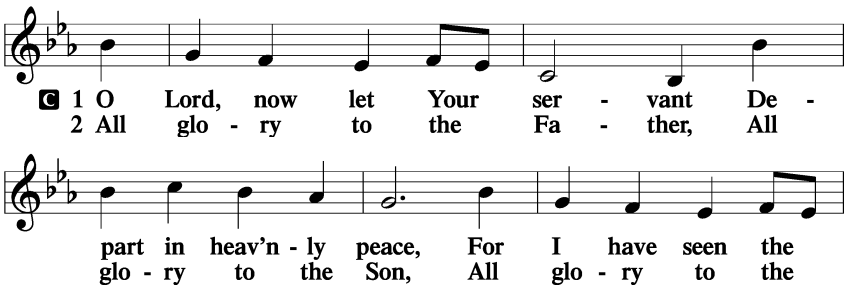
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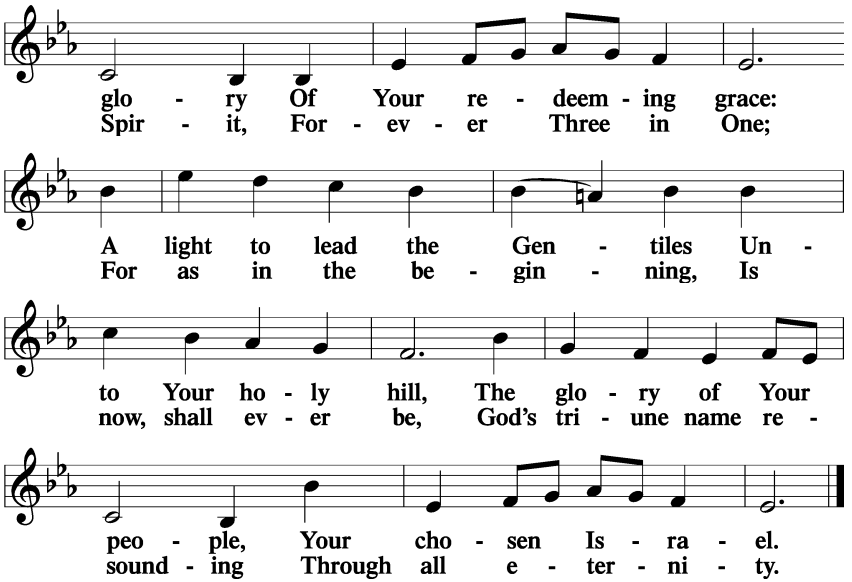


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Tune: Musae Sioniae, 1609, vol. 7, Wolfenbüttel, ed. Michael Praetorius

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS





POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

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BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.
C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: We Praise You and Acknowledge You (LSB 941)



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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – "Dear Mother, you also know the true center and foundation of your salvation from whom you are to seek comfort in this and all troubles, namely, Jesus Christ, the cornerstone. He will not waver or fail us, nor allow us to sink or perish, for he is the Savior and is called the Savior of all poor sinners, and of all who are caught in tribulation and death, and rely on him, and call on his name. The Father and God of all consolation grant you, through his holy Word and Spirit, a steadfast, joyful, and grateful faith blessedly to overcome this and all other trouble."

—Martin Luther

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of November 15 through November 22

TODAY: *Jeremiah 30:1-24; Matthew 26:57-75*
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with Communion 10:00AM
Elders 11:15AM

MONDAY: *Jeremiah 31:1-17, 23-34; Matthew 27:1-10*

TUESDAY: *Jeremiah 33:1-22; Matthew 27:11-32*
Church Council 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY: *Jeremiah 37:1-21; Matthew 27:33-56*
School Chapel 8:45AM
Voters' Booklet Deadline 9:00AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM

THURSDAY: *Jeremiah 38:1-28; Matthew 27:57-66*

FRIDAY: *Daniel 1:1-21; Matthew 28:1-20*
Book of Luke Bible Class 10:30AM-12N

SATURDAY: *Daniel 2:1-23; Revelation 18:1-24*
Drive-thru Prayer 10:30AM

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 November 8, 2026
Sunday School 4 students, 2 teachers
Friday Bible Class 5

Worship Service Attendance
Sunday, November 8 – **93**
Wednesday, November 11 – **20**

Online views
Sunday, November 8 – **13**

Tithes and Offerings *(Weekly Budget: $8,200.00)*
November 8: Physical-$4,418.66; Online-$291.50
Total-$4,710.16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY Is it about the grounds, the seeds, or the sower? You can approach Jesus' parable from all three angles, but one is clearly the most legitimate. Come find out why next week in Bible study!

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. LUTHERANS FOR LIFE has a vital message of the sanctity of human life. We live in a culture that often views an unplanned pregnancy as a crisis to be solved through elimination. But a crisis pregnancy is an opportunity for the Church to display the radical, supportive love of Jesus Christ. Our "Life" crosses are again on our church lawn. Thank you to every who helped put them up!

3. THE NOVEMBER VOTERS' MEETING will be held on Tuesday, November 24 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#).

4. SUPPORT OUR MINISTRY THROUGH STOCK DONATIONS Did you know you can support Salem Lutheran Church & School while maximizing your tax benefits? Donating appreciated stock you've owned for over a year allows you to support our ministries, completely avoid capital gains tax, and claim a charitable deduction for the full market value.

To receive simple transfer instructions, please contact the church office at 314-741-6781.

5. BOEING GIFT MATCH PROGRAM The Boeing Gift Match Program matches 100% of employee personal donations up to $10,000 per year and Boeing retirees are eligible for a 50% match on personal donations up to $3,000 per year. How to request a match:

- Log in to the internal employee portal at Boeing YourCause using your BEMS ID and password
- Submit your donation receipt
- Retirees who cannot access the internal portal can email boeingcares@boeing.com for assistance
- Information is available at: https://boeingbenefits.com/family-member/family-gift-matching.html

6. THIS YEAR'S SAUSAGE SUPPER was a success, thanks to all who helped make it happen! Each element of the meal had a dedicated team, and there was lots of working together. This event is definitely not a one-person job, and every task was essential.

Salem was also blessed with several donations to keep the day rolling. These included the use of the truck and trailer (loaned by Brewer Trucking), and delicious encouragement for the workers—Dunkin' Donuts from the Troy, IL location (c/o Mike Brinker) and water (c/o Mike Brinker and Brewer Trucking).

Special thanks to Ferrell Gas for donating the propane.

The Ushers are particularly grateful to all who donated beautiful cakes as well. The pans and trays are available in the Narthex to be picked up. After today, they will be kept safe in the Church Office, so give Elin a call to arrange a time to come by.

7. SAUSAGE AND KRAUT is still available! If you missed it last Sunday, or if you just need more, here's your chance! Cooked sausage 3lbs for $30; raw sausage $8 for 1lb or $20 for 3lbs (very limited supply!); 1 bag of kraut $10. Everything freezes well—even the sauerkraut! If you're interested in making a purchase, talk to Ron Buenger (314-369-2426), or call the church office (314-741-6781).

8. CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR Rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Choir will begin NEXT SUNDAY, November 22, following the worship service. Rehearsals will also be offered on Wednesday evenings at 5:45PM, beginning on November 25. It is NOT a requirement to attend all rehearsals or even read music—it is only a requirement to have the desire to sing and willingness to spend a bit of time working on the piece.

Please let Elin Hogan-Gomez know via email (egomez@salembjmo.org) or call her in the Church Office (314-741-6781) if you have any questions or would like to participate!

SEASONAL SERVICES COMING UP AT SALEM

Thanksgiving Eve Worship—
Wednesday, November 25 @6:30PM

Advent Midweek Worship –
Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 @4PM and 7PM

Lessons and Carols—
Sunday, December 18 @10AM

Christmas Eve Worship—
Thursday, December 24 @6:30PM

Christmas Day Worship—
Friday, December 25 @10AM

New Year's Eve Worship—
Thursday, December 31 @6:30PM

THIS ADVENT…

Immanuel . . . this is one of the most beautiful words in the Hebrew language. It's so beautiful, in fact, that we have carried it over into English! What does it mean? "God with us." *That*, brothers and sisters, is our hope - the hope of sinners, the hope of all creation. In this one word is bound up the promise that we are not alone in our brokenness and sorrow. No, God Himself is with us, having put our human vesture on. During our midweek Advent services, we will explore how God is with us 1) in times of waiting, 2) when facing an uncertain future, and 3) in joy and sorrow. On Christmas Eve, we will also learn how God is with us even when broken by sin. Join us Wednesdays (Dec 2, 9, and 16) at either 4 or 7 PM for this wonderful midweek opportunity to rejoice in all that God has done for us and to be fed by His Word.