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THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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Worship Services: Sunday: 7:45 AM & 10:45 AM, Monday 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, giving it to an usher 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.

CHRISTIAN LIFE HOUR - Sundays 9:15-10:15 AM - The Sunday School children meet in the church nursery; the High School Class meets in the church lounge; the Adult Bible Class meets in the church basement.

A NURSERY is available during the Sunday services for young children and their parents. There are many toys and books in our large, colorful, and well-appointed nursery. If you need help, directions, or have any questions, please ask an usher. Parents, please do not leave your children unattended. Please ask an usher if you want the service displayed on the T.V. in the nursery.

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.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and HYMNS are available in the narthex.

*Sharing the caring CHRIST,
...here, there, and everywhere*

LIFE THOUGHTS

Our sinful flesh was killed, buried, and raised to newness of life through our baptism into Christ. The debt of sin that stood against us is cancelled, nailed to the cross! (Colossians 2:6-15). This objective reality of cancellation of what we deserve speaks especially to those who have committed sins which they feel are too big to be forgiven, such as sins against life. Apply this "cancellation notice" to such sins.

OUR POLICY FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Salem offers Holy Communion in all services of the second and fourth Sunday of each month, and on special festival days throughout the year. Communicants should examine themselves before receiving the Sacrament (1 Cor.11:27-29), asking themselves whether they believe they are sinners in need of God's forgiveness and whether they believe they receive the forgiveness in the true Body and Blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine. We also believe that receiving communion together is a public confession of a shared faith & teaching (1 Cor.11:26), and that participation is a public confession of faith and teaching. The Christian Church has practiced this throughout history, beginning with the signing of the Nicene Creed in AD 325. It is possible to make pastoral exceptions to this policy. If you are not an LCMS member, but you believe your situation warrants a pastoral exception, please speak with our Pastor well in advance of the beginning of the worship service. If you will not be receiving the Sacrament, you are invited to approach the altar with arms crossed over your heart in order to receive a blessing.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, we come to You in prayer in this place not because it is a space set aside for prayer but that we would pray more frequently when we're not in this place. May this service enable us to turn our week-day work into prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Preacher/Liturgist:	Rev. Gordon Beck
Organist:	Kathleen Stahlhut
Greeters:	7:45 AM -Bob Dieckmann, Grant and Erin Goris 10:45 AM - Vic and Marlene Heislen
Acolytes:	7:45 AM - Lydia Snyder 10:45 AM - Taylor Jenkins and Aja Williams
Readers:	7:45 AM - Roger Sachtleben 10:45 AM - Brad Jackson 7:00 PM - Ron Buenger
Elders:	7:45 AM - Roger Sachtleben and Rodger Altevogt 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM - Bob Dieckmann 7:00 PM - Eddie Ray and Daryl Favignano

AS WE GATHER

What are you praying about these days?...For the cap on the oil well in the Gulf of Mexico to hold and no new leaks to appear?...That the summer heat and humidity would be eased by an occasional rain storm?...That the war in Afghanistan would come to an end and that there would be an end to the horrific suicide car bombings?...Dig deeper. What burdens you in a personal way? Are you offering up prayers about it?...Are you persisting in prayer about it or have you given up, grown spiritually cold and hard?...A daughter who can't get her life together to live responsibly but who spends hours text-messaging her friends each day?...A relative who demands your time and attention and never assertively takes hold of life. He never changes. No matter what you say, he doesn't get it- to live life with vigor. You try to say, your Lord has promised you the abundant life, but he doesn't seem to grasp it....A son who will not interact with the family, avoids family outings, lives a private life that no one really knows about. Are these difficult problems what makes your life less than what it could be before the Lord? Abraham had a nephew, Lot, who lived in a sinful city. He could have turned away from the whole mess and lived his righteous life with his wife Sarah, praying only for those things he had control over; but God wanted him to broaden his prayer's focus to include the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah where his nephew lived, because He is concerned about the whole of life, as He was when He sent His only Son among us to die for all sins on the face of His created world. May this service strengthen you in your prayer life to include all of your burdens.



ORDER OF SERVICE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC & MEDITATION –a time for silent prayer & thought.
THE RINGING OF THE BELL
THE LIGHTING OF THE CHANCEL CANDLES
WE WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

THE PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:

**C: O Lord, Take our minds and think through them;
Take our lips and speak through them;
Take our hearts and set them on fire.**

THE OPENING HYMN:

“Now the Silence” *LSB 910*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

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

P: 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.**

P: 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. 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: **O all-knowing and merciful Lord, we have come to this worship service to acknowledge You as Lord over all our concerns. Yet, we confess that in certain areas of our life we have not been open to Your answers. We confess we have given up because we don’t have the words of prayer to wrap around our problem. We have not been eager in anticipating Your answers and reluctant to offer up prayers about our unspoken burdens. Forgive us dear Lord and renew us again through the power of the Holy Spirit to live prayerfully, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Our Lord knows your needs before you ask. He knows that you become discouraged and reluctant in going to Him in prayer, and he is willing to forgive you your sins. I, therefore, as a called and ordained minister in this place and at this time, and in His stead and by His command, fully forgive you all your sins through His Son’s life, death, and resurrection. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

THE INTROIT:

Psalm 119: 145-149, 64 (antiphon, Ps. 50:15)



¹⁵Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”
¹⁴⁵With my whole heart I cry; answer me, | O LORD!*
I will keep your | statutes.
¹⁴⁶I call to you; | save me,*
that I may observe your testi- | monies.
¹⁴⁷I rise before dawn and | cry for help;*
I hope | in your words.
¹⁴⁸My eyes are awake before the watches | of the night,*
that I may meditate on your | promise.
¹⁴⁹Hear my voice according to your | steadfast love;*
O LORD, according to your justice | give me life.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
¹⁵Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*
I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.”

THE HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ” *LSB 769*



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ,
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day;
3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vi - sion clear



I know not how to ask or what to say;
Help me to see Your pur - pose and Your will—
Of hu - man need; O give me eyes to see



I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
Where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
Ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured,



And on - ly You can teach me how to pray.
Held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before 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.**

THE HYMN:

“O Lord, Hear My Prayer” *LSB 780*
(sung three times through)

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Genesis 18:17-33

(Worshippers read the underlined portion)

¹⁷The LORD said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” ²⁰Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE:

Colossians 2:6-19

(Worshippers read the underlined portion)

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE:

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

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 11:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

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

(Worshippers read the underlined portion)

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And he said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

WE SPEAK TOGETHER WHAT WE BELIEVE:

The Nicene Creed

(Worshippers bow their heads during underlined parts)

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 worshipped 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray” *LSB 773*

A MESSAGE FROM GOD’S WORD:

“Personal Persistence in Prayer”

Genesis 18:17-33

THE OFFERING: *(prayer requests)*

THE OFFERTORY:

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” *LSB 781*

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

IN OUR PRAYERS, we remember the following:

- OUR MEMBERS: Donald and Carole Breeden; James Brinker; Ron, Sharon, Angela, and Alicia Brinker
- OUR ILL/HOSPITALIZED: Frank Stumpf
- OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Lester Rosenkoetter, Rev. Norman and Rose Schneider
- OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS: Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Smithfield, Rhode Island; Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashaway, Rhode Island; St. John Lutheran Church in Meta, Missouri
- BARRY SMITH on the occasion of his 80th birthday on July 27th.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

P: If we who are evil know how to give good gifts to our children, there is no doubt that our heavenly Father will give all good things to us His children. So as dear children ask their dear fathers, let us pray to our Father in heaven.

P: For lives filled with a grateful faith that knows we are sinners who deserve to be destroyed like Sodom and Gomorrah but that our merciful Father has spared us because there is One who is holy and righteous in our place, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those baptized members among us [*especially _____*], and for all of us whom God has made His children, that having been buried with Christ in Baptism and raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, we may constantly turn from evil and trust in His promises, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For pastors who declare the whole counsel of God and pay careful attention to themselves and the flocks in which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers, especially for the following churches _____, that we may be spared from the spiritual wolves among us and kept safely as sheep of the Good Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For faithful prayer lives that speak to our Father and depend on His mercy, so that His name is hallowed by what we teach and how we live, and so that His kingdom comes to us and to those who do not yet believe, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our nation and for those who defend us, that our Father would guide and protect our government leaders [*especially _____*] and the members of our military [*especially _____*], let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who are homebound, sick, sorrowing, or struggling [*especially _____*], that our heavenly Father would strengthen their faith and provide for their needs in the way He knows to be best, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who come to the Lord's Supper today, that as we receive the body and blood of Christ in whom the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, we may walk in Him, clinging to His forgiveness, turning from the empty philosophies of this world, and trusting only in the Word of our God, let us pray to the Lord.
C: Lord, have mercy.

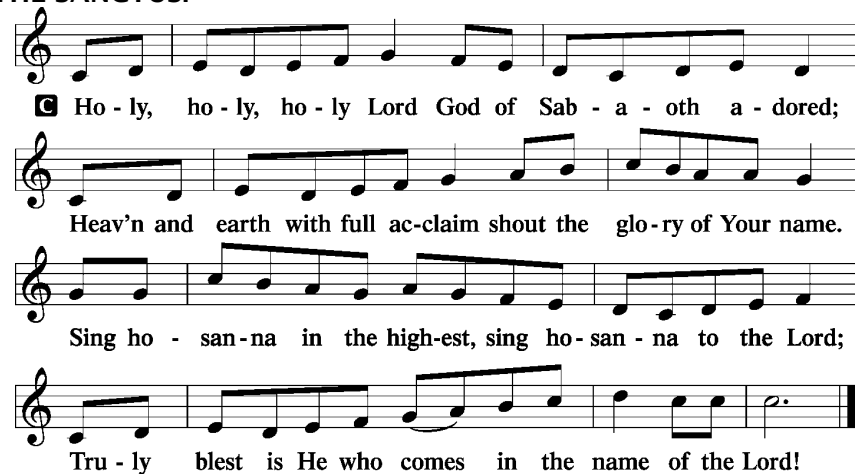
P: Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen

THE PREFACE:

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 health-giving 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:

THE SANCTUS:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo - ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

At Salem we love and welcome our visitors and guests! In the spirit of this love, we ask that visitors who are not communicant members please speak to our Pastor before receiving Holy Communion. As a physician does not administer medicine indiscriminately to those not under his care for fear of doing harm rather than good, our Pastor does not administer the Body and Blood of Jesus indiscriminately because doing so can be spiritually harmful to the recipient (see 1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Those not receiving the Sacrament are invited to approach the altar for a blessing with arms folded across the chest.

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."

THE PAX DOMINI:

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

C: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI:

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;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Come, Let Us Eat" LSB 626

"The Lamb" LSB 547

"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy" LSB 774

THE NUNC DIMITTIS:

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to 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 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.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE 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 look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *LSB 770*

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE POSTLUDE

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Our Father's Business For the week of July 25 to August 1, 2010

TODAY	COMMUNION WORSHIP 7:45 AM and 10:45 AM Sunday School, Bible Class, and Adult Info Class 9:15 AM SPECIAL COMMUNION WORSHIP 2:00 PM
MONDAY	Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30 AM COMMUNION WORSHIP 7:00 PM
TUESDAY	College Bible Study-Campus Life of a Christian 6:30-8 PM
WEDNESDAY	Men's Breakfast Bible Study 7-8 AM Newsletter Mailing
THURSDAY	Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30 AM
FRIDAY	Psalm Bible Class 11 AM
NEXT SUNDAY	WORSHIP 7:45 AM and 10:45 AM Sunday School, Bible Class, and Adult Info Class 9:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTES FROM THE BALCONY: When Rev. Chad L. Bird, author of "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray" earned the Master of Sacred Theology degree at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, his thesis was about Melchizedek, the Old Testament priest at the time of Abraham. Hebrews 5:9-10 says of Jesus, "being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek." Thus the focus of this hymn on Jesus as our intercessor with the Father. In his hymn text, Rev. Bird also reflects his approach to interpreting Scripture, which is to ask, "How, in this text, is the Spirit showing the Son of the Father to the church?" Regarding hymns, Rev. Bird has said, "hymns proclaim a divine message, which is...sustaining, designed to feed the sojourning church as she makes her way through the world."

ALTAR FLOWERS are placed on the altar in celebration of Barry Smith's 80th Birthday on July 27.

A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING will be held on Sunday, August 1 at 9:15 AM during the Bible class for designating called teachers in our school.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS will be on August 1st during both services.

SALEM CHURCH PICNIC will be held here on the grounds on September 19, 2010. We are having a meeting August 1, 2010 at 7:30 in the church basement. Anyone interested in helping and having any suggestions please join us as we prepare for a day of fellowship, fun, laughter, games and food.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: In this week's lesson, students explore 2 Kings 20:1-11 and Isaiah 38:1-8 as they study how "God Reverses the Sun's Shadow." Students learn about King Hezekiah and God's miraculous answer to Hezekiah's prayers. A family-talk topic might discuss times when prayers have been answered. *A review question might be "What sign did God give that He would answer Hezekiah's prayer? What signs do we have that Jesus' forgiveness is certain?"*

SALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL YARD SIGNS are available. "Quality Education Under a Caring Christ." If you would like to help spread this Great News, feel free to pick up a "yard sign" in the back of the church. You can place these signs in your front yard or the best place for people to see it. The signs will be in the narthex from July 9 - 24. If you have any questions, please contact the school at 741-8220. Thanks for your help!

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS! A New Bible Study started Wednesday July 21st at 7:45 PM! We will be doing the study "How We Got the Bible" featuring Dr. Paul L. Maier. We will also be meeting at a different location. We will be meeting at Anne and Ryan's house. If you haven't been coming this is the perfect time to join us. Anne and Ryan Meyer's address is 3290 Kingsley Dr., Florissant, MO 63033

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY - CAMPUS LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN - Perhaps you just graduated from high school or maybe you have spent a year, two or three, on a college campus. Regardless of where you go, our Lord promises to go with you—and HE is ALWAYS faithful. Are you planning to stay with Him during these years of higher education? Whether you are attending one of the LCMS universities, Missouri state colleges, or staying right here in St. Louis your life is changing. Your parents have probably said it already, "It is only the alarm to wake you up," but also no one to set a curfew, and in most cases very little human contact to help you determine healthy boundaries. Join us this summer on July 27 and August 3, 2010 in the Old School House where we will discuss these changes, and see how God has already given you the tools to plan how you will stay with Him and still enjoy campus life as a Christian. Come share your experience and your questions, challenges and successes, all the time learning from each other how to stay close to our faithful God through devotions and worship while at college. Tina Kassebaum will facilitate the discussion.

WHERE? Old School House

WHEN? Tuesday July 27 and Aug. 3

WHAT TIME? 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

WINTER COAT DRIVE - Faith & Freedom Family Ministries (Salem's LFL Chapter project this year) will be collecting new and/or used winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and snowsuits to be distributed to needy families in their Granite City area this winter. Please drop off your donations in the barrel provided in the narthex by October 9. Help FFFM in making someone's winter a bit easier this year!

SCHOOL - BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS - During this summer, several areas of the school are receiving major maintenance attention. The front door lobby area and lower lobby area - floor tile are being replaced, walls are being painted, and new step treads installed on the stairways. The gym area restrooms will receive new floor and wall tile, as well as new lights and freshly painted walls. The cost for these improvements is expected to be \$30,000. Support donation checks may be made payable to Salem Lutheran Church, with a notation "School Improve".

LADIES' FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will circle around a table for dinner at Meyer's Country Cottage, Parker Road at Old Jamestown Road, on Thursday, August 5. Arrive at the restaurant at 6:00 PM. For reservations, call Pat Trampe 741-0984 by August 2. All ladies are invited!

YOUTH NEWS AND NOTES

ALL JR./SR. HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 6TH-12TH)

GYM NIGHT

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

7 - 9 PM

SALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL GYM

All youth are encouraged and welcomed to come and bring a friend to have a fun night of playing basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, football, soccer, whatever game you wish to play. Snacks, a devotion, and discussing of upcoming youth activities for the fall will be other items we'll do this evening. RSVP to Mrs. Scherer at (314) 355-2716 by Friday, August 27, 2010. Leave a message if necessary. Any questions contact the same person. Hope to see all of you there.

A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD

For the Week of July 18, 2010

Sunday School: 10 students with 2 teachers/helpers

Adult Bible Class: 27; Men's Bible Class: 10

Psalms Bible Class: 12

Worship Attendance:	82 + 55 + 35 = 172
Tithes and Offerings:	\$8776.00
Weekly Offerings Budget:	\$11,538.00
Heits Point Room Sponsorship:	\$4510.00