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Divine Services:

Sunday 10:00 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, 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.

A COMFORT ROOM is available during the Sunday services for young children and their parents. There are many toys and books available. If you need help, directions, or have any questions, please ask an usher. Parents, please do not leave your children unattended.

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 are available in the narthex.

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

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

"Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (John 1:46). Can anything good come from surprise pregnancy? Can anything good come from chronic illness? Jesus is both promise and proof of the wonders that come from just such contexts. Miracles come from Nazareth. Forgiveness comes from Calvary. Almighty God put them there. And He also created, redeemed, and called both worth and purpose into every human body (1 Corinthians 6:19), no matter what size, skills, or circumstances.

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.

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (LSB 394)



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed-ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring-ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: One of our greatest desires as human beings is to be known.

C: We want our family, friends, and neighbors to understand who we are.

P: Yet often, it becomes painfully obvious that no one *truly* knows us. No one *truly* understands who we are.

C: Often, I don't even understand myself!

P: But God does. He knows us inside and out! He knows what makes us tick.

C: And He knows my sin, even those sins of which I am not aware.

P: Let us then confess our sin to our Maker.

C: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know those sins I have committed, even those I committed when I thought no one else was watching. You know the cruel words I have spoken, the encouraging words I withheld. You know the evil thoughts that flash through my heart before I am even able to recognize them as sin. Lord, I know that I am sinful. But only *You* know the depth of my brokenness. For Jesus' sake, know me and redeem me. Amen.

P: The Lord knows you completely...and yet He loves you. He knows everything about you...and still, in mercy, He sent His Son to die and to rise for you. It is in His name and at His command that I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

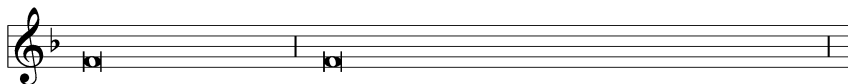
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



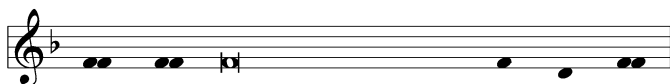
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE: This Is the Feast



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, 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: **Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

1 Samuel 3:1-20

The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-10

Pastor: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

Men: *You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.*

Women: *You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

All: **Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**

Pastor: You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

Men: *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.*

Women: *Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?*

All: **If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

Pastor: If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

All: **even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

HYMN OF ACCLAMATION: Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens (LSB 589)

1 Speak, O Lord, Your ser - vant lis - tens, Let Your Word to
4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let Your words in
me come near; New - born life and spir - it give me,
me take root. May Your Spir - it e'er be near me
Let each prom - ise still my fear. Death's dread pow'r, its in - ward
That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly sing Your
strife, Wars a - gainst Your Word of life; Fill me, Lord, with
praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my high - est
love's strong fer - vor That I cling to You for - ev - er!
praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, 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)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: Speak, O Lord (Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re -
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of Your ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it
rev - er - ences, true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our
grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the



deep in us; Shape and fash - ion us in Your
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your
dawn of time, that will e - cho down through e -



like - ness, that the light of Christ may be
pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is - es: And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the



pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled with Your glo - ry!

SERMON: "Surrounded" Psalm 139:5

Pastor Dressler

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: 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. Distribution of the elements will be by wafers placed into your hands and individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

PREFACE

LSB 160

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

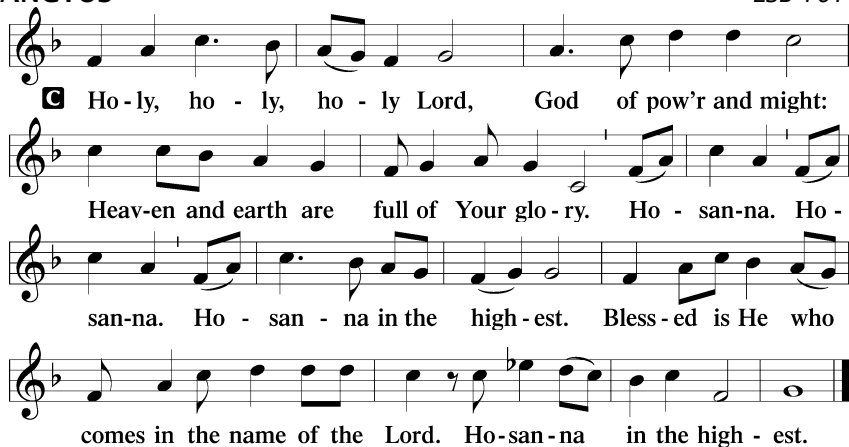
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 161



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

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Behold the Lamb (Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend)

1. Be-hold the Lamb who bears our sins a-way, slain for us:
 2. The bod-y of our Sav-iour, Je-sus Christ, torn for you:
 3. The blood that cleans-es ev-'ry stain of sin, shed for you:
 4. And so with thank-ful-ness and faith we rise to res-pond

And we remem-ber the pro-mise made that all who
 Eat and remem-ber the wounds that heal, the death that
 Drink and remem-ber He drained death's cup that all may
 and to remem-ber our call to fol-low in the

come in faith find for-give-ness at the cross. So we share in this
 brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So we share in this
 en-ter in to re-ceive the life of God. So we share in this
 steps of Christ as His bo-dy here on earth. As we share in His

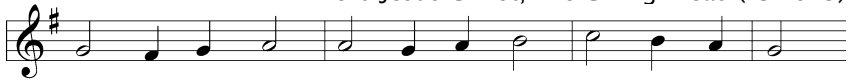


bread of life, and we drink of His sac-ri-fice as a sign of our
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 bread of life, and we drink of His sac-ri-fice as a sign of our
 suf-fer-ing, we pro-claim Christ will come a-gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace a-round the tab-le of the King.
 bonds of love a-round the tab-le of the King.
 bonds of grace a-round the tab-le of the King.
 feast of heav'n a-round the tab-le of the King.

Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread (LSB 625)



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
 2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
 4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
 ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
 re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
 would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
 Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
 In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
 O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
 ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
 Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly,
 this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
 To share Your cup of heal - ing.
 As - sured of Your full par - don.
 O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

Sent Forth by God's Blessing (LSB 643)

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-er is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.
His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us
Then may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks-giv-ing
To work for God's king-dom and an-swer His call.
Give hon-or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek 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: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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 and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.



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



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

OFFERING (*prayer requests*)

OFFERING VERSE – “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.” Psalm 139:14

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – “In the first sense, an incarnational theology is one that affirms God’s involvement in human life. Thus in acting within human history (as depicted throughout the Hebrew Scriptures) God is present with us in the flow of time. The basic thought here is that human life and history are important to God, who is at all times ‘Immanuel’, God with us. In this first sense all versions of Christianity are incarnational; and so also are Judaism, Islam and Sikhism...This first and most general sense of incarnational thought is not in question here. A Christian theology can be incarnational in the sense of declaring not only that God is always involved in human life, but also that in the life of Jesus God was involved in a particular and specially powerful and effective way. In other words, Jesus was not just an ordinary man, but one whose relationship to God has a universal significance.”
– N. T. Wright

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OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS
For the week of January 17 through January 24

TODAY: Bible Class and Sunday School 8:45 AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM

MONDAY: Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM

TUESDAY: Church Council 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY: Newsletter Deadline 9:00AM
Voters' Booklet Deadline 9:00AM

THURSDAY: Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM

NEXT SUNDAY: **Life Sunday**
Bible Class and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM
Carry-out Chili Lunch

A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD
For the week of January 10, 2021
Sunday School 5 students, 3 teachers/helpers
Adult Bible Class 15

Worship Service Attendance
January 10-[68]; January 11-[14]=82 total
Online views
January 10 - [56]

Tithes and Offerings
January 10: \$8,528.00
Weekly Offerings Budget: \$8,100.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY If you could only pick one, which commandment would you say is the most important? How do you put into practice in life the things you confess with your mouth? These questions and more at our next Bible study!

According to a recent study, *Americans spend around 5.4 hours a day* using phones. Millennials are on their phones *5.7 hours* per day, while Baby Boomers devote *5 hours* to their smart phones. **How about using 1/5 of that for Bible study!** Join us!

To access by phone: 415-762-9988 or 646-568-7788. Follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (798 4070 1280#). When asked to enter participant code hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#).

To access online: Go to Zoom.com. Click “join a meeting” at the top of the page, and enter 798 4070 1280 in meeting ID box. The passcode is 5180. If you’ve not used Zoom on your computer before, it will ask if you want to download and install it. You do, and it’s okay to allow it to make changes to your computer. NOTE: You can do this part ahead of time, so you’re all ready to go before Sunday morning. Questions? Call the office! 314-741-6781.

2. THIS WEEK ON KFUD AM850, excite your imagination and comfort your soul on Cross Defense with Rev. Tyrel Bramwell (1/18 at 2:00 p.m.), hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (1/19 at 2:00 p.m.), and worship with us in chapel services weekdays at 10:00 a.m. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or your favorite podcasting app.

3. CHILI LUNCH ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 – Traditionally, a Chili Lunch is served in the church basement by Salem’s Lutherans For Life Chapter after the worship service on Life Sunday. This tradition will continue this year, except it will be a carry-out meal with a free-will offering going to the Chapter’s project again this year—Bethesda Lutheran Communities. So plan on coming down to the church basement and taking home a hot chili meal on a cold winter day.

4. HELP FOR OUR NEIGHBORS: The Board of Outreach is looking for a little help with a new project. The board would like to assemble some care packages for our neighbors at Whispering Lake and Kendelwood Apartments. Obviously, many are undergoing financial difficulties at this time. Please contact Fred Petty for more information!

5. OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2021 are available to be picked up in the Narthex. Questions? Please call Bill Lichtenberg at 314-741-0862.

6. ALTAR FLOWER CHART FOR 2021 is now available in the narthex. If you would like to provide flowers for a worship service, you may sign up to do so on the Flower Chart or by calling the church office. Please plan to take the flowers after the service as delivery by the Flower Committee cannot be done at the present time due to quarantine conditions.

7. BIRTHDAY PARTY BOX IN-GATHERING for Bethesda Lutheran Communities begins January 10 and will conclude February 14. As the Wise Men came to worship Jesus and presented Him with precious gifts, we will have the opportunity to present the intellectually and developmentally disabled residents of the Bethesda homes in the St. Louis area with items that can be used to make each of their birthdays a wonderful celebration. And they do love to celebrate their birthdays! A table will be available in the church entry for your donations of birthday cards, plates, napkins, balloons, streamers, banners, decorations, hats, and gifts such as devotion books, prayer books, CDs, and gift cards. NO CAKES, CAKE MIXES, FROSTINGS OR OTHER EDIBLE ITEMS.

8. POINSETTIAS on the church entry stairs are available for the taking whether you ordered on or not. So take some for yourself and to share with someone.

9. E-GIVING IS POSSIBLE for making your gifts to Salem! You can download the Abundant app on your smart device and search for Salem Lutheran Church, you can text SALEMBJ to 73256 to receive a link to make your donation, or you can go to:

<https://abundant.co/salemlutheranchurch>

If you have any questions, please call Lisa Briggs (314) 330-2674.

10. SUPER-BOWL SUB-SANDWICHES ARE BACK!!! The sandwich is on a 6-inch white or wheat submarine roll. It includes 4 kinds of meat: roast beef, turkey, salami, & ham; cheese, onion, and lettuce. The cost is \$5.00 per sandwich. Pick-up is available in Salem Lutheran Church's narthex from 11:00 AM - NOON, Sunday, February 7, 2021. Sandwiches need to be pick-up ASAP as we have no storage. Orders due by Wednesday, February 3, 2021. Return orders to boxes in church narthex. Call orders or questions to Mrs. Susan Scherer @ 355-2716 or 741-8220. Leave a message if necessary. All proceeds benefit Orphan Grain Train.

11. ANSWERING THE CALL - The Salem School board has started the process of searching for a new principal for the 2021/2022 school year. We are asking the congregation to submit names of anyone who would be interested and rostered (eligible) with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in order to receive this call. Please email your information or questions to Cyndi Johnson at ckjohnson1@charter.net or call her at 314-707-1231.

12. JANUARY VOTERS' MEETING: The January Voters' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. 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: 828 9577 9139. 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 call in via phone instead of through computer or smartphone, here are the phone numbers: (415) 762-9988 or (646) 568-7788. Just follow the prompts once you dial in to enter the Meeting ID when asked (828 9577 9139#), when asked to enter participant code just hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#).

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13. LCMS CONVENTION REFERENDUM – The following referendum will be presented for a vote at Salem's January Voters' meeting:

Shall the Synod add a year to the current 2019–2022 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023? [Thereafter, the triennium cycle will continue forward from 2023 in three-year increments, as before (i.e., with district conventions held in 2025, 2028, etc., and Synod Conventions held in 2026, 2029, etc..)]

The basic purpose for this referendum is to allow the various districts of the LCMS one extra year to hold their conventions due to the restrictions presented by COVID-19. Further information can be found at the following web sites: www.lcms.org/delay-vote-letter and www.lcms.org/delay-vote-faqs. Please contact Keith Scherer if you have any further questions.

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Week of January 17, 2021

- OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: Kori and Mason Hills; Aaron and Brylen Howard; Ethan Huddleston
- OUR MEMBERS: Amber and Jon H. Lee, Jon C, Thomas, Aveline; Byron Lee; Landolph Lee
- OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Mary Warner, Kenneth Weinhold, Steven Ziegler
- OUR ILL / HOSPITALIZED: Dee Meyerhoff, Randy Adler, Jane Thur, Paul McWilliams, Dottie McWilliams, Kate Allen (mother of Richard Brower), Bill Lichtenberg, Todd Fuller, Cliff Fuller, Jan Altevogt, Jennifer (niece of Cindy and Dale Schulz), Alicia Waller, Marilyn Patterson, Leo Russavage, Anthony Mueller (grandson of Larry and Loretta Riedisser), Bernie Pikal (son-in-law of the Gronemeiers), Karen Becker, Christina Brower, and Steve Ziegler.
- OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS: Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Mount Leonard, MO; St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wartburg, Tennessee; and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Providence, Rhode Island.
- BIRTHDAYS: Regina Meyer (1/17), Rachel Buenger (1/17), Jane Thur (1/18), Mark Lichtenberg (1/18), Larry Jarrod (1/19), Melba Linhardt 1/20), Alex Schutte (1/20), Cameron Menke (1/20), Reginald Miller (1/21), Madison Pence (1/21), Michael Rikard (1/23), Elizabeth Drion (1/23)
- GUIDANCE and PATIENCE for all as we navigate ever-changing procedures with COVID-19
- EMPATHY, PATIENCE, MERCY, and an END to racism and violence in our nation

DEVOTION: *Portals of Prayer*

LEARN BY HEART: Jeremiah 1:5

DAILY READINGS:

- Sun: Ezekiel 39:1-10, 17-29; Romans 7:21-8:17
- Mon: Ezekiel 40:1-4; 43:1-12; Romans 8:18-39
- Tues: Ezekiel 44:1-16, 23-29; Romans 9:1-18
- Wed: Ezekiel 47:1-14, 21-23; Romans 9:19-33
- Thurs: Joel 1:1-20; Romans 10:1-21
- Fri: Joel 2:1-17; Romans 11:1-24
- Sat: Joel 2:18-32; Romans 11:25-12:13