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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

Jesus' solution to human suffering is not to end life but to accompany it (John 17:15). Christians resist assisted suicide because we have the privilege of carrying a neighbor's cross instead of letting it crush him or her. In this way our Lord makes us one as He and the Father are one (John 17:11). And we receive nothing less than the fullness of His joy (John 17:13)!

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: Praised Be the Rock (TFF 290)



1. Praised be the Rock of our sal - va - tion
2. God grants the needs of ev - 'ry na - tion,
3. To spare us all from con - dem-na - tion,
4. In Je - sus Christ our con - so - la - tion,
5. We now a - wait the con - sum-ma - tion,



a bul - wark stead - y and a sure place:
and charts the course that e - ven birds trace:
God's Son was sent our sins to ef - face:
made one with him for - ev - er - by grace:
to see God's glo - ry then in Christ's face:



God's good - ness shown through-out cre-a - tion



for our whole race.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: We come together today as the people of God in this place. We are one, together in the Lord! Yet often we let our pettiness and personal opinions divide us and fracture the unity God has created in His Son. As those who bear the name of God given to us in our Baptism, let us confess our sins to God and implore Him for His forgiveness in Christ Jesus.

C: Father, we confess to You that we are often disobedient children who desire our own will instead of seeking to accomplish Your will in our lives. You have gathered us together as one people in Your Church, and yet often our attitudes fail to reflect the unity we have in Christ. Forgive us our sin of self-centeredness and enable us to see the world as You do—filled with people who need to know the grace and forgiveness of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! 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: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it";

and

"Let another take his office."

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

P: Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**C: but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

P: He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

**C: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

EPISTLE

1 John 5:9-15

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

C These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that
 Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
C Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:11b-26

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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.**

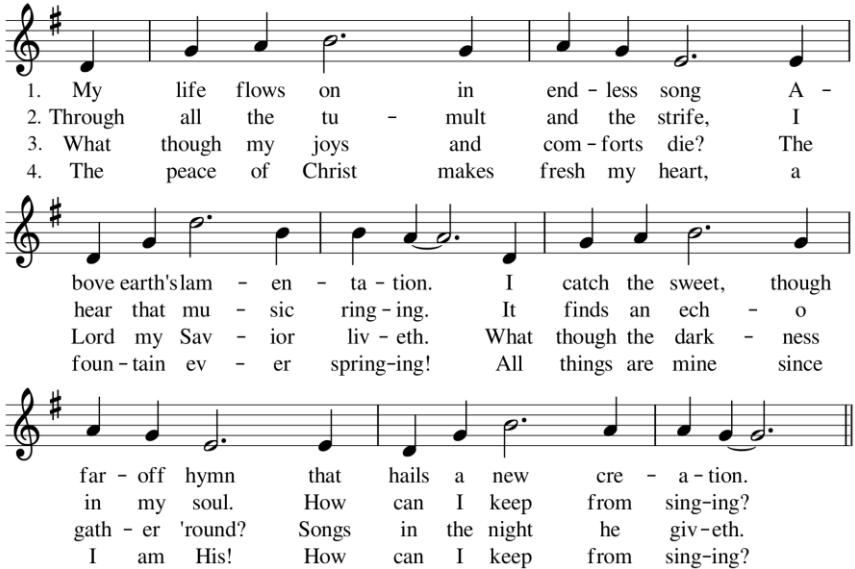
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God 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: My Life Flows On in Endless Song (Robert Lowry)



1. My life flows on in end - less song A -
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I
3. What though my joys and com - forts die? The
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a
bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I catch the sweet, though
hear that mu - sic ring - ing. It finds an ech - o
Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth. What though the dark - ness
foun - tain ev - er spring - ing! All things are mine since
far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
gath - er 'round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
I am His! How can I keep from sing - ing?

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm
cling-ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth, How
can I keep from sing - ing?

SERMON: "Where He Is" John 17:24

Pastor Dressler

(Please stand)

PRAYERS - *Each petition concludes with "Lord, hear our prayer."
Congregation responds with verse below.*

Sing prais - es, all you peo-ple, sing prais - es to the Lord. Sing
prais - es, all you peo-ple, sing prais - es to the Lord!

(Please sit)

OFFERING *(prayer requests)*

OFFERING VERSE - *"He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields
its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers." Psalm 1:3*

(Please stand)



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



C 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!

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.

Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things.

Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by 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."

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210



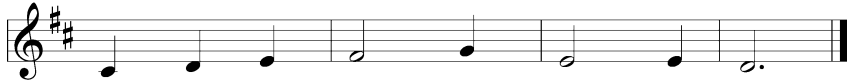
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

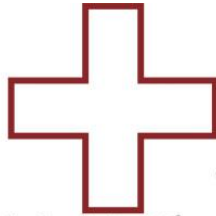


O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)



Agnus Dei

LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (LSB 821)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der

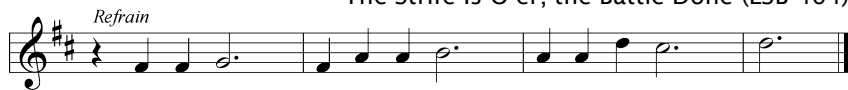


like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

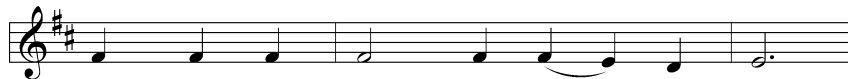
The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done (LSB 464)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

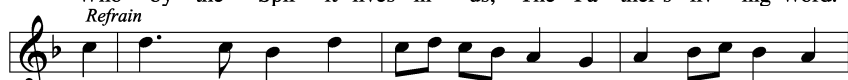
Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free (LSB 473)



1 Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac - ri - ficed. O keep
 2 Let all our lives now cel - e - brate The feast; let mal - ice die.
 3 Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, Con - fess Him as our Lord



The feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; Let al - le - lu - ias leap:
 Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
 Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



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.



Nunc Dimittis
SONG OF SIMEON

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: 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 in 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.

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: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won (LSB 490)



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

Please turn in your attendance card as you leave.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - "Suffering, then, is the badge of true discipleship. The disciple is not above his master. Following Christ means *passio passiva*, suffering because we have to suffer." — Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

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OUR FATHER’S BUSINESS
For the week of May 16 through May 23

- TODAY:** Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM
- MONDAY:** Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 7:00PM
- TUESDAY:** Women’s Bible Study 4:15PM
Church Council 7:00PM
- WEDNESDAY:** Newsletter and Voters’ Booklet Deadline 9:00AM
- THURSDAY:** Sewing Circle (Quilters) 8:30AM
- FRIDAY:** Gospel of John Bible Study 10:30AM
- NEXT SUNDAY:** **Pentecost**
Bible Study and Sunday School 8:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE with COMMUNION 10:00AM

A MEASURE OF LOVE FOR OUR LORD
For the week of May 9, 2021
Sunday School 9 students, 3 teachers/helpers
Adult Bible Class 25
Friday morning Bible Class 11

Worship Service Attendance
May 9 - [77]; May 14 - [10] =91

Online views
May 9 - [47]

Tithes and Offerings
May 9: \$9,807.58
Weekly Offerings Budget: \$8,100.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. BIBLE STUDY -Do you ever find your family members' habits and mannerisms irritating? Do you ever find yourself overwhelmed by considering all the possible crosses you *might* have to carry in the future? Then come to Bible study next week for chapters 3-6 of *The Screwtape Letters*! We'll be addressing these temptations and more, as we get a "behind-the-scenes" look at how Satan draws us into sin and how to combat it! Caffeinated coffee and (delicious) homemade treats provided.

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. SALEM LUTHERAN SCHOOL needs substitute teachers! If you think this might be a good fit for you or someone you know, please get in touch with Susan Scherer in the school office. She can be reached at 314-741-8220 or through email at sscherer@salembjmo.org.

3. STEP UP 4 LIFE - Thanks to everyone who signed up for Step Up 4 Life. Our nation is slowly turning around to be pro life. We protect the precious life our Lord gave us from conception to the natural end of life. If you are in Washington D.C. at the annual walk for life, you will see an overwhelming amount of young people.

Anyone interested in supporting Step Up 4 Life can sign up by taking a sign-up sheet located on the table in the narthex. If you have questions, please talk to the members of our local Lutherans Life Chapter: Mary Stelhorn, Jane Thur, Judy Neiderwimmer, Ginger Spallek.

4. 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.

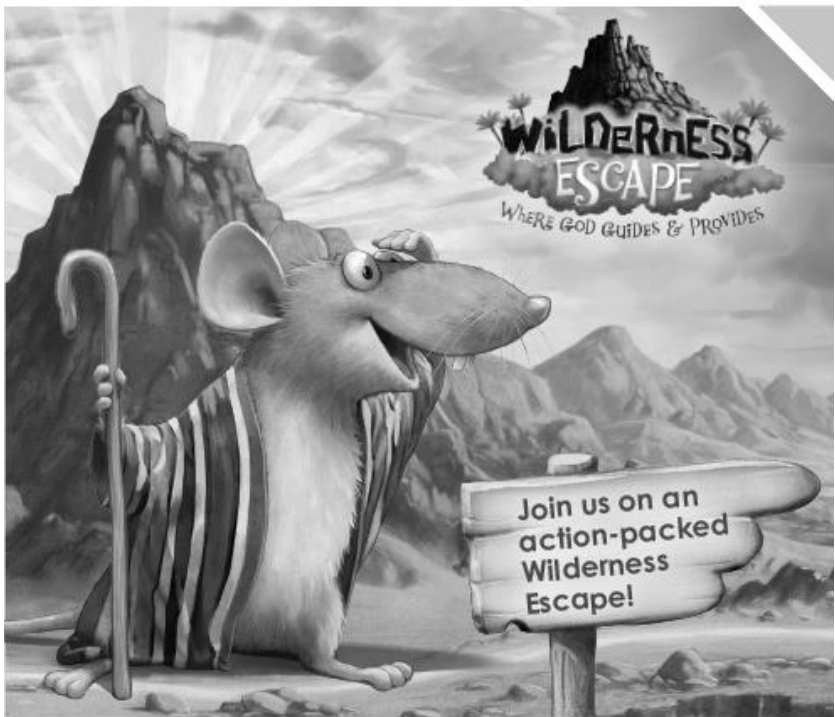
5. THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850, study Jeremiah 3-5 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), dig into 1 Kings 17-20 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear a practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Saturday at 10:00 a.m.). Download our new KFUE Radio iOS or Android app to listen live or on demand!

6. DIAPER COLLECTION-Lutherans for Life is again collecting baby diapers until Father's Day. We will be donating them to ThriVe this year. ThriVe is a Christ centered organization that empowers women and men to make life-affirming decisions in St. Louis, Bridgeton and St. Peter's. Thanks for your participation. Salem Lutheran is such a willing congregation and so generous with the gifts our Lord has given.

VBS 2021 WILDERNESS ESCAPE

We are so looking forward to doing an in-person VBS this year. This is an exciting program that makes learning about Jesus and His love for us extra fun. **VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL**—if you are reading this, we **have a job you can do!** We need people to do games, crafts, snacks, Bible story time, group leaders to lead groups of participants from one station to another, decorating, setting up and taking down, and much more. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex, or you may call Mrs. Susan Scherer at 314-355-2716 to volunteer. Leave a message if unavailable. **Know of someone who would like to attend? Grab a yellow registration form in the narthex!** Looking forward to seeing you all and having a great VBS this June!

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE?





MAY VOTERS' MEETING: The May Voters' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 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: 843 4770 9101. 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 (843 4770 9101#), when asked to enter participant code just hit the # key, and then it will ask for the password (5180#).

*If you've never used Zoom on your computer before, call the church office at 314-741-6781 ahead of time, and Elin will be glad to help you.

2021 ELECTIONS - During the May Voter's meeting, the annual elections for officers, boards, and standing committees will be held. We ask that you consider serving Salem and your neighbor by availing yourself to run for one of these positions. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex of the church if you wish to write your name for one or more positions. If you prefer, you may instead call the church office and let Elin or Lisa know for which position(s) you would like to run. Following is the list of positions which will be on the 2021 ballot. For board or committee positions, the number of spots will be indicated.

President
Secretary
Board of Elders (5)
Board of Outreach (2)
Human Care Comm. Chair
Board of Education (3)
Board of Christian Nurture (3)
Board of Stewardship (2)
Investments Comm. (1)
Board of Cong. Properties (1)
Cemetery Mgmt Comm (1)
Memorial Trust Fund (1)
Ministries Foundation Fund (1)
Simmons Scholarship Fund (1)

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Week of May 16, 2021

- OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: Ava Tobias, Nowah Tokpa, Laya Tyler
- OUR MEMBERS: Patrick Moore; Sam and Gwen Morgan; Sean and Heide Morris, Hailee, McKinlee
- OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Kenneth Weinhold, Steven Ziegler, Carole Breeden
- OUR ILL / HOSPITALIZED: Linda Henderson, June (sister of Cindy Schulz), Don Seay, Jan and Rodger Altevogt, Gena (Stellhorn) Neece, Linda Garrison (daughter of Teddy Smith), Jon Smith (son of Teddy Smith), Paul McWilliams, Todd Fuller, Cliff Fuller, Alicia Waller, Marilyn Patterson, Leo Russavage, Anthony Mueller (grandson of Larry Riedisser), Bernie Pikal (son-in-law of the Gronemeiers), Karen Becker, and Steve Ziegler.
- OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS: Zion Lutheran Church in Pocahontas, MO; Funny River Community Lutheran Church in Soldotna, Alaska; and Bethel Lutheran Church in Point Clear, Alabama.
- ANNIVERSARIES: Ken and Marilyn Patterson (5/17)
- BIRTHDAYS: Rose Davis (5/16), Karen Drone (5/16), Kristin Knabach (5/16), Kayleb Jembur (5/16), Brandon Knabach (5/19), Bethany Wesley (5/19), Fred Petty (5/21), Nicole Clemons (5/21), Shirley Stellhorn (5/22), Tim Snyder (5/22)
- EMPATHY, PATIENCE, MERCY, and an END to racism and violence in our nation

DEVOTION: *Portals of Prayer*

LEARN BY HEART: Ephesians 5:25-27

DAILY READINGS:

- Sun: Numbers 14:1-25; Luke 18:18-34
- Mon: Numbers 14:26-45; Luke 18:35—19:10
- Tues: Numbers 16:1-22; Luke 19:11-28
- Wed: Numbers 16:23-40; Luke 19:29-48
- Thurs: Numbers 16:41—17:13; Luke 20:1-18
- Fri: Numbers 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44
- Sat: Numbers 20:22—21:9; Luke 20:45—21:19