

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> Divine Worship Service.....9:00 am  
Pastor's Bible Study.....10:30 am  
Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> All School Chapel .....8:15 am  
Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> Advent Service(Children Christmas Service).....6:00 pm  
Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> Service Prayer & Preaching.....9:00 am  
Pastor's Bible Study.....10:30 am

**Sunday Services & Times**

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 9:00 AM  
Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM

**Advent Services & Times**

Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM  
(Children's Christmas Service)

Christmas Eve  
Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM And 6:30 PM

Christmas Day  
Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM Cookies, Coffee & Hot Chocolate  
9:45 AM Hymn Sing  
10:00 AM Divine Service



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**DIVINE SERVICE  
SUNDAY – 9:00 AM  
ADULT BIBLE CLASS &  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:15 AM**

WLDS (1180 AM)  
Broadcast #4423  
10:30 AM

**PRINCIPAL: JOY  
REITSMA  
DEACONESS:  
LINDA STRUBBE**

*THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
–MISSOURI SYNOD*



**THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 8, 2024**

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

## 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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

**C** Amen.

weather of snow and cold did not stop their efforts to help those who need assistance in our Jacksonville Community. I am truly grateful for their help. A special thanks also goes out to Elaine Jarman who created 75 Christmas cards for the students to color and decorate for the clients they served. Please consider helping us next time. We are assigned March 31-April 4 and April 28-May 2. Call Rita Tendick at 473-5017 if you are moved to join in this rewarding experience.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:** The nuts have arrived, and the Lutherans for Life would like for everyone to check their orders, to make sure all received the nuts they ordered and there are no extra nuts within yours. If you have any nuts that you didn't order or are missing nuts, please contact Ruth Werries (217)473-6736.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:** With the upcoming Christmas season, the office will be closed on the following days: December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> and will close at noon on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call the office before coming in to see if anyone is in the office. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!

**CHRISTMAS DAY EVENTS:** Something new this year at Salem. We are having cookies, hot chocolate and fellowship at 9:00 am, a Hymn Sing at 9:45 am (festive), and Divine Worship service at 10:00 am. Please plan on attending and enjoying the festivities and fellowship to enjoy Christmas Day! Thank you!

**LIFE SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH:** Life Sunday is January 19<sup>th</sup> and the Illinois Valley Lutheran for Life is sponsoring a signature page in the Source. If you wish to participate, please get a form out in the Narthex and bring it and your check to the office by the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. Thank you.

### Last Week at Salem Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 9:00 AM

Attendance.....127

### OPERATING FUNDS

Envelope & Plate.....	\$	36,248.89
Tuition.....	\$	3,413.00
Other Income.....	\$	200.00
Total Operating.....	\$	39,861.89
Restricted Funds.....	\$	3,602.70
Leap Fund .....	\$	8,143.46

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### NEWS AND NOTES

**PRAYERS:** *Those members and friends of Salem in need of our prayers (please contact the Office for inclusion):* Cody Mathis, Ron Hudec Pastor Fred Riemer, Ron Aring, Bob Morris, Rose Sheeley

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Pre-school in the side chapel, Grade School in the conference room and everyone else in the cafeteria. Thank you

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of the Lord by Randy and Rita Tendick. In honor of Randy and Rita's wedding anniversary, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stephanie and Jason Upton's October 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Ryan and Melissa Tendick's anniversary on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. May the Lord bless these couples.

**RADIO BROADCAST & ALTAR FLOWERS:** If you would like to sponsor the Radio Broadcast it is \$85, and Altar Flowers are \$30. The signup sheet for Altar Flowers is in the hallway between the Church and the School. You will need to call the office to sign up for Radio. Please consider sponsoring one or both. Thank you.

**LADIES GUILD:** The Ladies Guild expresses its heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated cookies or money to our recent cookie walk, and also to the many who helped before, during, and after. Thank you

**ANGEL TREE FOR SALEM TEACHERS:** Salem Lutheran's PTL is excited to spread some holiday cheer with an Angel Tree for our wonderful teachers at Salem! The tree is outside the office door and will remain up until our Christmas service on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The tree features anonymous wishes from our teachers. If you would like to purchase an item or make a monetary donation, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Let's come together to make this season special for those who give so much to our students. Thank you

**DOORBELL DINNER THANK YOU:** Thank you to the following kind volunteers who delivered Doorbell Dinners during the week of December 2-6: Laretta Scheller, Lucille Hannel, Randy Lawson, Elaine Jarman, Danny Magelitz, Randy Tendick, Joanne Acree, Ruth Werries, Linda Strubbe, and Salem School Students (Sophie, Frankie, Ty, Abby, and Delaney). The iffy

*Psalm 146:5–8; antiphon: Philippians 4:4*

#### Introit



Rejoice in the Lord | always,\*  
again I will say, | Rejoice.

**Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\***  
**whose hope is in the | LORD his God,**  
**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,\***  
**who keeps faith for- | ever;**  
**who executes justice for | the oppressed,\***  
**who gives food to the | hungry.**

**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.\***

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.**

**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.**

Rejoice in the Lord | always,\*  
again I will say, | Rejoice.

#### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen

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## Old Testament Reading

*Zephaniah 3:14–20*

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter of Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;  
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall never again fear evil.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
“Fear not, O Zion;

let not your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

<sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,  
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal  
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in,  
at the time when I gather you together;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Pax Domini

*LSB 163*

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 163*

## Distribution

### 333 Once He Came in Blessing

### 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

### 737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul  
to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 165*

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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 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.

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

**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.

## 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

## Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

**P** For those in need, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who partake at the Supper of Christ's body and blood, that our Father would watch over them and preserve in them repentant and worthy hearts, firmly believing the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### 349 Hark the Glad Sound

Offering

Offertory *LSB 159*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface *LSB 160*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus *LSB 161*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

### 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.

### Gradual

*Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.*



**C** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.  
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*  
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

### Epistle

*Philippians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 7:18–28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>24</sup>When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid

clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way before you.”

<sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

### 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

#### Sermon

#### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

#### Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For pastors and church workers, that God would send them as messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, making known His saving name; and that Christ would open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent and firmly believe, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who suffer for the name of Jesus, that our heavenly Father, who rescues the daughter of Zion, would look on them with compassion, giving them wisdom when they are pressured to compromise, providing for them when they suffer loss, granting courage when they are afraid, and delivering them from all evil, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our homes, that God would provide companionship for those who are alone, strengthen the bonds of marriage, and equip parents to raise their children in love and faith; and that, for Jesus' sake, our homes would be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our republic in its need, that abandoning all anxiety, we would instead, by prayer and thanksgiving, make our requests known to God; for the authorities and those newly elected, that God would give wisdom, health and success to those who govern us; and for peace in our time, even as we rest confident in the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the anxious, that the God of all joy would forgive their doubts, reveal the causes of their doubts, and guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, through whom all prayers are heard, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.