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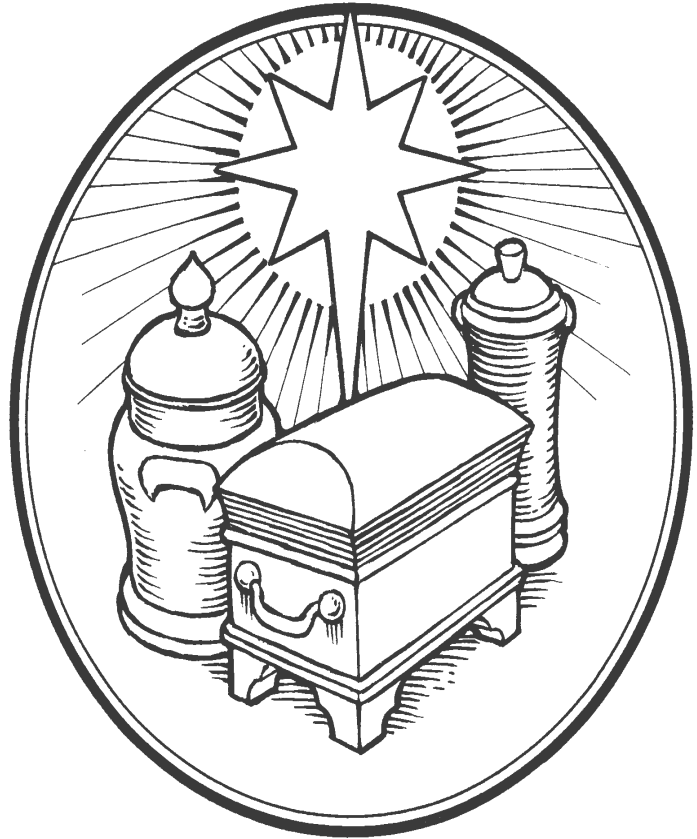
DIVINE SERVICE
SUNDAY – 9:00 AM

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS &
SUNDAY SCHOOL**
10:15 AM

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10:30 AM

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**Second Sunday after
Christmas**

Sunday, January 5th, 2025

9:00 AM

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

397 As with Gladness Men of Old

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 T 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17



I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations; *
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of up- |
rightness; ***

you have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.

**Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your com- |
panions; ***

your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.

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.

I will cause your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations,*
therefore nations will praise you forever and | ever.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles.
Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;

your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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 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 humble and grateful hearts enlightened by the Gospel, that we would always bow down and worship the King and willingly offer Him the most precious gifts we have to give, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church, that God's people may be united in doctrine, live in harmony and peace, and labor together to bring the light of Christ to those still dwelling in darkness and death, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For leaders, that they may serve honorably; for pastors and missionaries, that they may proclaim the saving truth of God's Word without fear; and for those who hear, that they may be brought to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the leaders of the nations, that God would endow them with justice and fill them with wisdom, compassion and care; and that, unlike Herod, they would seek to uphold life and watch over the welfare of the governed, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who need the comfort of the Lord's presence, healing according to His will, relief of suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart, [*especially* _____] that He would sustain the weary with His Word, the wounded with hope and the dying with peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace and unity among the members of Christ's Body, that we may see the day when no divisions prevent us from kneeling in the Lord's presence and receiving this blessed Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P May Your light shine on us and bring forth the fruits of repentance in our daily lives. Give us confidence in Your Word, that we would embrace Your holy will without fear. Hear and answer us, we pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Offering

Offertory

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface and Proper Preface

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Sanctus

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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.**

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

Pax Domini

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

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

396 Arise and Shine in Splendor

409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

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

Nunc Dimittis

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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

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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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

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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

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.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS: The amount that was published in the Journal Courier is for the amount of title insurance purchased to protect our ownership of the lots. JHFH had to pay a minimum for title insurance and the minimum coverage is \$10,000. So, they listed \$10,000 for title insurance for the church. It protects the church, if any claims arise against the title of the lots. If Salem puts improvements on the property, the church may consider increasing the coverage.

ELDER'S NEW OFFICERS FOR 2025: The Elder's met on Tuesday, December 17th and voted on new officers for 2025. They are as follows: John Tomhave, Chairman; Kyle Schumacher, Vice-Chairman; Darin Gehrke, Treasurer; Mike Krause, Secretary. We would like to thank the men going off Elders for their assistance and with wish the new officers a successful year.

LIFE SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH: Life Sunday is January 19th, 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 13th of January. Thank you.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE NUTS: If you missed the Lutherans for Life Nuts or in need of more, here is a list of what they have left. Cashews, Mixed Nuts, Pecan Halves, Cinnamon and Chocolate. Please contact Ruth Werries (217) 473-6736.

SPEAKER AT OUR REDEEMER: Pastor Joshua Theilen, director of Camp CILCA, will give a talk on the following topic: "Cellphones, Technology, and Teenagers" on January 25, 2025, at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church at 6:00 p.m. There is no cost, but you can reserve a seat by emailing carl.wicklander@gmail.com by Monday, January 20, 2025

LWML CID MISSION GRANT #5: Children's Books for State Fair - \$4,000 The Central Illinois district's Lutheran Laymen League has sponsored a booth at the Illinois State Fair for over 20 years. Bibles, children's Bible storybooks, Lutheran Hour ministry booklets, and water are given away free of charge. These funds would be used to purchase the materials distributed during the Fair.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, January 5th Divine Worship Service.....9:00 am
Pastor's Bible Study.....10:30 am
Monday, January 6th School Resumes,8:00 am
Wednesday, January 8, 2025 All school chapel.....8:30 am

Last Week at Salem

Sunday December 29th , 2024

9:00 AM

Attendance.....130

Envelope & Plate.....	\$	38,084.57
Other Income.....	\$	1,000.00
Total Operating.....	\$	39,084.57
Restricted Funds.....	\$	2,805.36
Leap Fund	\$	450.00