

**Last Week at Salem**  
**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> , 2025**  
**9:00 AM**

Attendance.....120  
Communion..... 85

Envelope & Plate...\$ 5,255.00  
Tuition..... \$ 15,253.80  
Other Income..... \$ 241.00  
Total Operating.....\$ 20,749.80  
Restricted Funds....\$ 1,544.55  
Leap Fund .....\$ 5,220.00

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Divine Service.....9:00 am  
Pastor's Bible Study.....10:30 am  
Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Chapel.....8:15 am  
Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Lenten Supper.....5:30 pm  
Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Lenten Service/Strattman.6:30 pm  
Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Divine Service.....9:00 am  
Pastor's Bible Study.....10:30 am

**LENTEN MIDWEEK PREACHERS:**

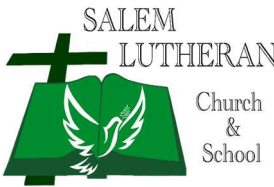
6:30 PM  
April 9<sup>th</sup>                      Strattman

**LENTEN SUPPERS**

5:30 PM  
April 9<sup>th</sup>                      Evangelism

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

APRIL 13 <sup>TH</sup>	PALM SUNDAY/Communion	9:00 AM
APRIL 17 <sup>TH</sup>	MAUNDY THURSDAY/Communion	6:30 PM
APRIL 18 <sup>TH</sup>	GOOD FRIDAY	6:30 PM
APRIL 20 <sup>TH</sup>	EASTER/Communion	9:00 AM



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DIVINE SERVICE  
SUNDAY – 9:00 AM

ADULT BIBLE CLASS  
& SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:15 AM

WLDS (1180 AM)  
Broadcast #4439  
10:30 AM

PRINCIPAL:JOY REITSMA

DEACONESS:  
LINDA STRUBBE

*THE LUTHERAN*  
*CHURCH –MISSOURI SYNOD*



**The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> , 2025**

**9:00 AM**

# WELCOME TO SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

**Luke 20:16 – “He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”**

**When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”** The crowds were shocked at Jesus’ parable because they took the grace of God for granted. They never thought that God would actually take “the vineyard” away from them. But we only have access to God by faith. And we can drive faith and the Holy Spirit away. That is the warning of the parable. The Lord has graciously given us His Kingdom. Let us not take it for granted but instead respond with humble thanksgiving!

## **The Sacrament of the Altar**

In the Divine Service, we eat and drink the body and blood of Jesus, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and hell, and life everlasting. This meal is much more than a symbol or expression of faith. It’s the substantial Son of God giving Himself—His own body and blood—to His people. With deep thankfulness for Jesus Christ’s gifts to us here at Salem, we express our deep desire to celebrate the Holy Communion according to our heavenly Father’s Will. Because this includes oneness in the faith we confess (doctrine), guests who desire to commune and confess Christ’s Truth with us are asked to speak with Pastor before the service.

## **From Luther’s Small Catechism – Sixth Commandment**

**You shall not commit adultery.** *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

## **From Luther’s *Large Catechism***

This commandment is directed against all manner of unchastity, whatever it may be called; and not only is the external act forbidden, but also every kind of cause, incitement, and means, so that the heart, the lips, and the whole body may be chaste and afford no opportunity, help, or persuasion to unchastity... there is required this much, that everyone both live chastely himself and help his neighbor do the same, so that God by this commandment wishes to hedge round about and protect [as with a rampart] every spouse that no one trespass against them... I speak of this in order that the young may be so guided that they conceive a liking for the married estate and know that it is a blessed estate and pleasing to God. For in this way we might in the course of time bring it about that married life be restored to honor, and that there might be less of the filthy, dissolute, disorderly doings which now run riot the world over in open prostitution and other shameful vices arising from disregard of married life... Let me now say in conclusion that this commandment demands not only that everyone live chastely in thought, word, and deed in his condition, that is, especially in the estate of matrimony, but also that everyone love and esteem the spouse given him by God. For where conjugal chastity is to be maintained, man and wife must by all means live together in love and harmony, that one may cherish the other from the heart and with entire fidelity. For that is one of the principal points which enkindle love and desire of chastity, so that, where this is found, chastity will follow as a matter of course without any command.

**CID LWML CONVENTION:** The Central Illinois District LWML Convention will be held on April 25-26 in Lincoln, Illinois at Zion Lutheran Church with the theme: **Planting Seeds of Faith.** Interested women are invited to get an information packet from Elaine Jarman. Cost to attend is \$30 and must be submitted by April 10. Please come and learn how to share and spread the Gospel

**GIFTS FROM THE HEART INGATHERING:** An opportunity to support the Orphan Grain Train and LCMS Disaster Response-Strategy Use Fund Please consider helping these causes by collecting: quilts, new or used clothing of any size, footwear, socks, underwear (new in packages), baby layette items (diapers, travel size baby wipes, new pacifiers and bottles, sleepers, onesies, receiving blankets and baby blankets), medical supplies (bandages, first aid kits, wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, etc. Monetary gifts are also accepted. Please bag your items in garbage bags marked OGT. Rita Tendick and Jane Henderson will be delivering these items to the LWML CID convention in Lincoln, IL on April 26 so have your items under the clothes rack in church by April 25. Your gifts make a huge impact to those that receive them.

**LENTEN SUPPERS:** Salem Lutheran will be having Lenten Suppers starting on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Suppers will run from March 5<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup> each Wednesday. All Lenten Supper dates have been filled. Mealtime will be 5:30 pm and Church Service at 6:30 pm. Thank you.

**LOOKING FOR A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER:** Salem Lutheran School is seeking a faithful and passionate Kindergarten Teacher. We are looking for a dynamic teacher who is committed to fostering a Christ-centered learning environment. An LCMS-trained teacher, or an LCMS member is preferred but not necessary for this position. Please help our school in the search for this teacher: Encourage qualified applicants to apply. Pass along any leads to Salem office. Above all, pray that the Lord Jesus would send us the teacher we need to train up our students in the way they should go.

**FRIENDSHIP BIBLE SCHEDULE:** Friendship bible class has set the following schedule: Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Monday night at 6:00 pm.

**EASTER BREAKFAST!** What a wonderful way to start celebrating Easter! We will be serving Easter breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 20. We will be serving from 7:30-9:00 am. We will be serving biscuits and gravy, egg casserole, and sweet treats. If you would like to donate any sweet treats for Easter breakfast, please bring them by the school cafeteria ahead of time. Please be sure to bring a friend. We are looking forward to seeing everyone! Thank you so much for helping us celebrate!

**LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL:** If you currently have a subscription for the Lutheran Witness, it is time to renew. The subscription price is \$20.65 per year or \$1.72 per issue. If you would like to subscribe, please let the office know. This information needs to be in the office by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**ALTAR GUILD MEETING:** There will be an Altar Guild Meeting on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30 AM here at Salem. (Candles, Linens, and Communion Setup/Clean up) Please all plan on attending. Thank you.

**COOKIE WALK DISHES:** If you are missing some dishes from the cookie walk, please look at the stack of dishes and pans in the conference room. Please take, needing to get the counter cleaned off. Thank you.

**LOOKING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE:** Salem Lutheran Church and School is looking for administrative assistance to work in the office part-time. This position needs an energetic, people-orientated, computer-skilled individual, and some marketing skills, and lots of love for Salem. This position may have the potential to go full-time. If you would be interested in this position or know of someone who has the potential we are looking for, please contact the office or contact Pastor with the information so we can try and get a qualified individual for our position. Thank you.

# ✠ The Holy Baptism ✠

of

## Birdie Eliza Brown

*The order of Holy Baptism is found on page 268 of the hymnal.*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### 909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*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** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

*During this Lenten season, we will observe longer silences before confessing our sins together. Consider how Luther's Small Catechism teaches us to confess our sins, and ponder what sins cling to you:*

#### WHAT IS CONFESSION?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

#### WHAT SINS SHOULD WE CONFESS?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

#### WHICH ARE THESE?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**  
**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit



Salvation belongs | to the LORD;\*  
your blessing be on your | people!  
**But you, O LORD, are a shield a- | bout me,\***  
**my glory, and the lifter | of my head.**  
**I cried aloud | to the LORD,\***  
**and he answered me from his | holy hill.**  
**I lay | down and slept;\***  
**I woke again, for the LORD sus- | tained me.**  
**I will not be afraid of many thousands of | people\***  
**who have set themselves against me | all around.**  
**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.**  
Salvation belongs | to the LORD;\*  
your blessing be on your | people!

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**Preface and Proper Preface** *LSB 194*  
**Sanctus** *LSB 195*  
**Lord’s Prayer**  
**The Words of Our Lord** *LSB 197*  
**Pax Domini** *LSB 197*  
**Agnus Dei** *LSB 198*

**Distribution**  
**685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**  
**433 Glory Be to Jesus**  
**425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

**Dismissal**  
**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 199*  
**Thanksgiving** *LSB 200*  
**Benedicamus** *LSB 202*  
**Benediction** *LSB 202*

**543 What Wondrous Love Is This**

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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):* Ron Hudec, 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 **Radio Broadcast** is given to the glory of the Lord by Dennis and Elaine Jarman, who celebrated their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. May the Lord bless this couple

**P** O Lord, salvation belongs to You. Your blessing be on Your people. Endow parents with every good gift to teach their children Your ways, that they may live in the confidence of Your grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You shield us and lift our heads. Provide for us civil authorities who discourage evil and encourage good, but keep us ever mindful that our hope is in You. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, show Your compassion to [                     *and*] all who suffer in our midst. Remind them continually of Your benefits, forgive all their iniquities, heal all their diseases and crown them with steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, St. Paul counted all things as rubbish in order that he might gain Christ. Give us repentant hearts, that we would abandon all confidence in our flesh and so receive Your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, help us to count all things as loss except Jesus and Him crucified. Draw us to Him through Word and Sacrament, that rejoicing in the righteousness that comes through faith in Jesus, we forget what lies behind us and press on toward the goal. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, in Baptism You have shared Christ's suffering, death and resurrection with us, that we might be raised from the dead. Preserve us from taking His sacrifice for granted. Encourage us to forget what lies behind and strain forward to what lies ahead, until we attain the resurrection from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

**Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 43:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings forth chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>“Remember not the former things,  
    nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

- C** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Philippians 3:8–14

<sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup>And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup>And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ <sup>14</sup>But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ <sup>15</sup>And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they

heard this, they said, “Surely not!” <sup>17</sup>But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone’?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

430 My Song Is Love Unknown

Sermon

Offertory (Spoken)

LSB 192

Offering

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, Your Son spoke the truth before His enemies even as they sought to trap Him in His words and deliver Him up to death. Rescue Your people from fear, and grant them courage to confess the truth, assuring them of deliverance in time of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, You gave Your Son to be rejected by sinners, that we may be welcomed into Your kingdom. Preserve Your Church in this life won by Christ, crucified and risen. Give faithfulness to the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Sacraments, and let Your people receive these gifts with penitence and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.