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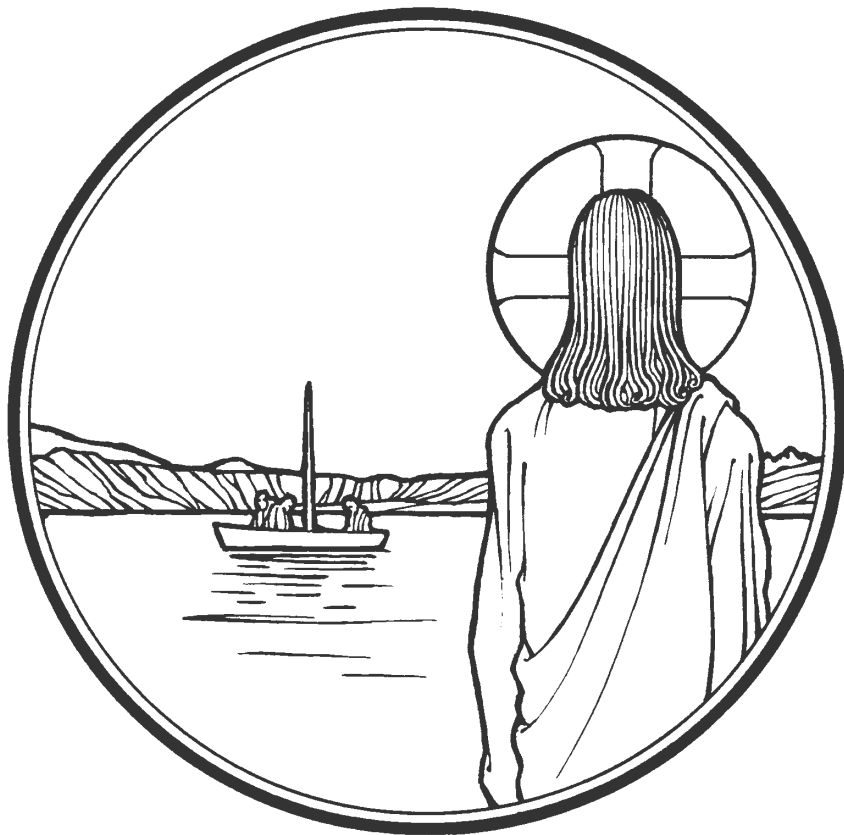
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The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 4th , 2025

9:00 AM



Welcome to the Divine Service at Salem

John 21:6 – “He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.” Won’t the disciples ever learn? Jesus did this once before — when the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson, too?

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 – 9th and 10th Commandments

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor’s inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

From the Large Catechism

[W]e are so inclined by nature that no one desires to see another have as much as himself, and each one acquires as much as he can; the other may fare as best he can. And yet we pretend to be godly, know how to adorn ourselves most finely and conceal our rascality, resort to and invent adroit devices and deceitful artifices (such as now are daily most ingeniously contrived) as though they were derived from the law codes; yea, we even dare impertinently to refer to it, and boast of it, and will not have it called rascality, but shrewdness and caution... Therefore we allow these commandments to remain in their ordinary meaning, that it is commanded, first, that we do not desire our neighbor’s damage, nor even assist, nor give occasion for it, but gladly wish and leave him what he has, and, besides, advance and preserve for him what may be for his profit and service, as we should wish to be treated. 310 Thus these commandments are especially directed against envy and miserable avarice, God wishing to remove all causes and sources whence arises everything by which we do injury to our neighbor, and therefore He expresses it in plain words: Thou shalt not covet, etc. For He would especially have the heart pure, although we shall never attain to that as long as we live here; so that this commandment will remain, like all the rest, one that will constantly accuse us and show how godly we are in the sight of God!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 151

- 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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- 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.**

Absolution

LSB 151

- 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

- P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!
- C **One generation shall commend your works to another,**
P and shall declare your mighty acts.
- C **On the glorious splendor of your majesty,**
P and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- C **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,**
P and I will declare your greatness.
- C **They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness**
P and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- C **The LORD is good to all,**
P and his mercy is over all that he has made.
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son**
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!

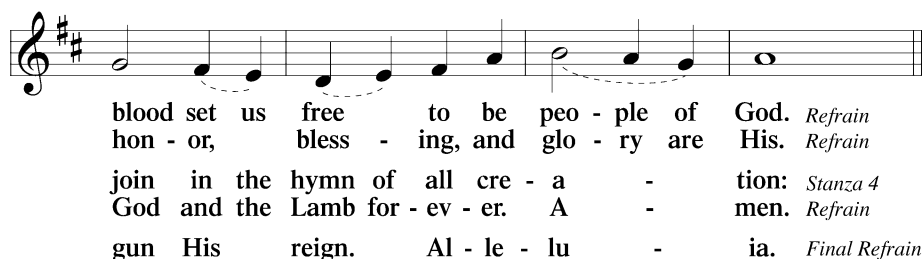
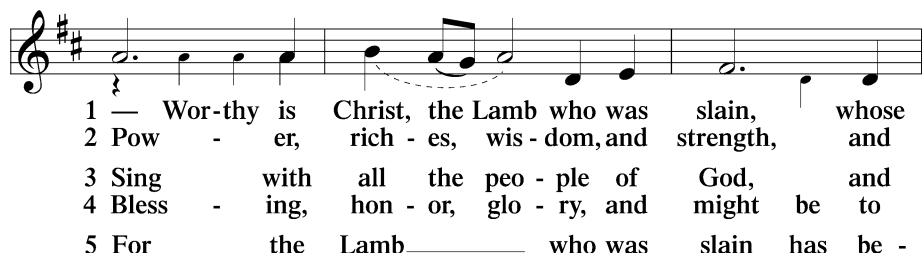
Kyrie

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- P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P 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 mercy.**
- P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast

LSB 155



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
 C **And with your spirit.**
 P Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*

he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

Revelation 5:1–14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,

for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,

¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 21:1–19

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Sermon

Offeratory

LSB 266

T THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION T

Cayden Hood
Liam Hood
Bennett Schumacher
Sophie Robinson

Follow the rite on page 272 of LSB.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord would accomplish His holy purpose in calling many joyfully to know His redemption; and that we, as the people of God, would live lives of service as a kingdom of priests in accordance with God's holy will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church of God, that many men would be called to the service of the Church and to suffer for the Gospel, confounding her enemies with Christ's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church of Jesus, that He who provided fish for His apostles and sent them out as fishers of men would bless the Word and gather in as many as would be saved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all fathers and mothers, that God would strengthen their faith and increase their joy in the Gospel, and that they would declare the mighty acts of God to the generation to come, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our rulers and all the nations of the earth, that God who orders all nations would inspire His Church to shepherd them unto eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P For those who struggle among us, [*especially* _____,] that God would give them faith and grace and be glorified through their trials, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For the faithful reception of Christ's very body and blood, that God would give us the Holy Spirit so that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Lord, You are holy, and You sanctify us in Christ. Give us strength during temptation, courage in times of fear, comfort in distress and resolve in the face of persecution. Help us to abound in hope in every circumstance; 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.**

Offering

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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Proper Preface (Full)

- 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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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 Vickie Austin this is in memory of Marty's and Vickie's 46th anniversary which would have been May 4th. May the Lord bless Vickie.

IN SYMPATHY: Mary Ann Engebrecht passed away Monday, April 28th at New Perspectives, Silvis, IL. Mary Ann is survived by her sons, Brian (Christine) Engebrecht, Milan, IL, Steven (Tammie) Engebrecht, Helena, Mt, and Bruce (Ruth Ann) Engebrecht, Jacksonville, IL; grandchildren, Ben Engebrecht, Katie (Gabriel) Aiello, Caleb Engebrecht, Adam (Breanne) Engebrecht, Kayly (Garrett) Snyder, Elizabeth (Ben) Hollendonner and Joseph Engebrecht;

great grandchildren, Clara, William, Blake, Lily, Tanner and Mason; brother, John R (Jane) Rosendahl, Blue Springs, MO; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and their families. Funeral service will be Sunday, May 4th at St. John's Lutheran Church, East Moline, IL where visitation will be from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Sunday prior to the services. Interment will be at 1:00 pm on Monday, May 5th, at Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, IL. May the Lord Bless all who mourn the loss of this Loved One.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTER'S MEETING: The July Congregational Voter's meeting has been moved to Sunday, May 18th at 1:30 pm have some decisions that need to be made before summer. Please plan on attending. 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.

LAST CALL - 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. All left will be dealt with. 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

SCRIPT 'GIFT' CARDS: In need of a gift card, please check in the office to see if we have the gift card that you need. We have the following gift cards: Amazon, Applebee's, Casey's, Dairy Queen, Dunkin Donuts, Home Depot, Shell, Starbucks, Walgreen's, Wal-Mart.

EASTER BREAKFAST: Easter breakfast was a wonderful way to celebrate that Jesus is risen! It was wonderful to see everyone visiting and enjoying the special day. A huge thank you to everyone for donating sweets for breakfast. Thank you to everyone who came and helped us celebrate Easter. A wonderful time was had by everyone!

Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast – May 10, 7:30-10 am, St. John's. You are invited to enjoy a menu of biscuits and gravy, corned beef and hash, ham, scrambled eggs and assorted homemade pastries all for a donation of your choice. Funds raised will go toward the support of the State Fair Booth for the Lutheran Layman's League of the Central Illinois District.

175TH CELEBRATION: In celebration of the 175th year of St. Paul's, we are delighted to announce three hymn festivals/hymn sings! The first will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 3:00pm. Accomplished organist Burnell Hackman of Peace Lutheran in St. Louis will be playing "Music of the Church Year." Join us for sacred music, a hymn sing, and refreshments! Additional upcoming organ performances/hymn sings: June 29 - Leigh Holliday (Resident Organist of St. Paul's) - "Beloved Hymns of Church History" August 24 - Rev. Lance Klamer (Pastor and Kantor of St. Paul Lutheran in Fowler, Michigan) - "Lutheran Compositions throughout the Centuries"" St.Paul's Lutheran Church
121 N. Pearl St. Havana, IL 62644

THANK YOU! The recent in-gathering donations supporting The Orphan Grain Train were amazing. Many bundles of clothing, blankets, and shoes were picked up at the District LWML Convention in Lincoln, Illinois on April 26. When we put it together with other churches a one-ton truck and trailer were filled to capacity. A total of \$1,972 was given by the churches in the 12 zones of our Central Illinois District to help with shipping costs. Thank you to members of Salem who also contributed. **THANK YOU!** Laretta Scheller and Lucille Hannel served as voting delegates at the 80th annual convention. We appreciate their willingness to serve. **THANK YOU!** Laretta Scheller made the convention banner for Jacksonville Zone. The banner now hangs on the west wall of our sanctuary. "Planting Seeds of Faith" depicts all churches in our zone who have LWML societies. Check it out sometime and be sure to thank Laretta for sharing her talents to make this meaningful banner for the convention and for us.

GRADUATION: Salem Lutheran School will hold Graduation on Sunday, May 18th. This year we have the following graduating: Frankie Ortiz, 206 Zela Lane Jacksonville, IL 62650; Tyreese McCrary, 125 Walnut Court Jacksonville, IL 62650; Sophia Robinson, 491 Crow Road, Franklin, IL 62638. May the Lord bless these new graduates with lots of blessings for a bright future.

CONFIRMANDS: Today is Confirmation Sunday and Salem Lutheran will be confirming the following: Cayden Hood, 833 Fairview Road, Bluffs, IL 62621; Liam Hood, 833 Fairview Road, Bluffs, IL 62621; Sophia Robinson, 491 Crow Road, Franklin, IL 62638; Bennett Schumacher, 110 Country Place Drive, Jacksonville, IL 62650. May the Lord bless these new confirmands.

Last Week at Salem
Sunday, April 27th, 2025
9:00 AM

Attendance.....140
Communion.....100

Envelope & Plate.....\$ 4,160.00
Tuition.....\$ 6,350.80
Other Income.....\$ 115.00
Total Operating.....\$ 10,625.80
Restricted Funds.....\$ 1,788.09
Leap Fund\$ 43.00

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, May 4th Divine Service.....9:00 am
Confirmation Sunday, May 4th
Wednesday, May 7th All School Chapel.....8:30 am
Thursday, May 8th Fine Arts Night.....6:00 pm
Sunday, May 11th Divine Service.....9:00 am
Tuesday, May 13th Committee Meetings.....6:30 pm
Thursday, May 15th Pack the House Night at Leo's Pizza
Sunday, May 18th 8th Grade Graduation.....9:00 am