



# Palm Sunday

**Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**9 a.m. Divine Service**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class**

**Rev. Jonah J. A. Schultz, Pastor**

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Zechariah 9:9 - "Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." No king ever rode to war like this. But no king had ever come to wage battle by dying. In His Passion, our Lord Jesus gives everything He has and is to bring us from death to life: He is the king who wins by losing.

## **The Sacrament of the Altar**

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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 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.

## **Small Catechism: The Sacrament of the Altar**

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What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

Where is this written?

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write:

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."

# Service Notes and Propers of the Day

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Order of Service	LSB 184, Divine Service, Setting Three
Procession Hymn	442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Hymn of the Day	451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted
Offering	432 In Silent Pain the Eternal Son
Distribution	550 Lamb of God
Hymns	423 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth
Hymn to Depart	444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

## Processional Gospel Reading

John 12:12-19

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

<sup>16</sup>His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. <sup>17</sup>The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. <sup>18</sup>The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. <sup>19</sup>So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

## Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;  
he awakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious;  
I turned not backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike,  
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from disgrace and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>He who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who is my adversary?  
Let him come near to me.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a



- C [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of | his  
own blood,\*  
thus securing an eternal re- | demption.  
Therefore he is the mediator of a new | covenant,\*  
so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal in-  
| heritance.  
He sent redemption to his | people;\*  
he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.

## Epistle

## Philippians 2:5–11

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Holy Gospel

## John 12:20-43

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. <sup>34</sup>So the crowd answered him, “We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” <sup>35</sup>So Jesus said to them, “The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. <sup>36</sup>While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.”

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. <sup>37</sup>Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, <sup>38</sup>so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be

fulfilled:

“Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,  
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”

<sup>39</sup>Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

<sup>40</sup>“He has blinded their eyes  
and hardened their heart,  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and understand with their heart, and turn,  
and I would heal them.”

<sup>41</sup>Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him.

<sup>42</sup>Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; <sup>43</sup>for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

## **News and Notes**

Mar. 29, 2026

- Thank you to all who donated and helped with the auction this year. We raised an estimated \$10,000, with \$1,800 of that going toward the PTL.
- Salem Lutheran School PTL Easter Egg Hunt: Join us for a fun Easter Egg Hunt today following the service! Sponsored by the Salem Lutheran School PTL!
- Come Join us April 4th for a Cookout, Fun, & Fellowship at 4:30pm and the Easter Vigil at 6:30pm

## **Services**

- Salem School Chapel at 9:20 a.m. Join us to sing, pray, and hear Christ's Word with our students.
- Join your Salem family at Wednesday Evening Lenten Meal – 5:30pm & Service - 6:30 p.m.

- **EASTER BREAKFAST:** Sunday, April 5th from 7:30 am to 9:00 am will be our Easter Breakfast. Serving Biscuits and Gravy, Egg Casserole, Sausage. Donation for sweets gratefully accepted, please bring your donation to the cafeteria on Saturday, April 4th from 4:30pm – 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. Thank you
- **Doorbell Dinners:** All members of Salem congregation have an opportunity to serve the Lord by helping with Doorbell Dinners soon. Our congregation has been assigned March 30 - April 3 and April 27 -May 1. Please call Rita Tendick at 217-473-5017 if you are willing to help with this project. We need you!
- **RENEWAL TIME:** It is time to renew/subscribe to the Lutheran Witness. The June/July issue will be combined so there will only be 11 magazines mailed. The yearly price for 2026 is \$23.50 per year. If you would like to renew/subscribe, please let the office know. We will need payment and your mailing address by May 1st. Thank you!

## **Bible Study**

- **Wednesday morning Bible Study** with Pastor Schultz at 10am. Join us in building upon the solid rock of Christ together.
- **Friendship Bible Study:** is scheduled for Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- **Lay Men's Confessions Study:** Join us for a joint study of the Book of Concord led by Rev. Kettner of St. John's, Beardstown and Rev. Schultz. We meet monthly at the Mathis house in Arenzville for study and beer at 6:30pm. Our next meeting is Apr. 17<sup>th</sup>. Join brothers from area congregations as we learn what it means to stand firm in the faith and live Christ's truth in our vocations each day.

- LWML District Convention: The 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention of the Central Illinois District of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be held Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1 Bachrach Dr, Decatur. The theme is based on Isaiah 60:20 – 'for the Lord will be your Everlasting Light'. Speakers will be Martha Dahlke, LCML Mission Advancement and Linda Guterres, LWML Vice President of Communications. Important voting will concern convention timing, a mite mission goal & grants, officers and bylaws changes. Additional invitation information may be found at [www.lwmlcid.org](http://www.lwmlcid.org) or from your local LWML group.

- Leo's Pack the House Night: April 16<sup>th</sup> Pack the house at Leo's Dine in or carry out and help support Salem School! Make sure to mention Salem when ordering so we get credit. Your participation makes a difference, thank you for supporting our school community!

## Meetings

- Committee Meeting: is scheduled for Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- PTL Meeting: is scheduled for Tuesday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm
- Elders Meeting: is scheduled for Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- LWML Meeting: There will be an LWML meeting on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm here at Salem

## Easter Lillies

Salem Lutheran has ordered 10 Easter Lillies to be used on Easter. If you would like to take one home, they are \$15 apiece. Please let the office know. Need to be paid before Good Friday. First come gets the Lillies.

## We Are Fearless With Jesus!

Vacation Bible School will be taking place on July 8-10 from 8-11 am each day and we need your help. If you are able to help in any of the following roles, please talk to Joely Dolen or Mary Schultz

- Group leader (supervising children and taking them to each station)
- Game leader (materials and game instructions provided)
- Craft leader (materials and craft instructions provided)
- Signing children in and out
- Taking pictures

## SPECIAL SERVICES FOR LENT/EASTER

- Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday -- 9:00 am Divine Service
- Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> Prayer Service for St. Matthew's Passion – 12:00 pm
- Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> Prayer Service for St. Mark's Passion -- 12:00 pm
- Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer Service for St. Luke's Passion – 12:00 pm
- Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday – 6:30 pm
- Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday -- 6:30 pm
- Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> Cook Out, Fun, Fellowship --- 4:30 (starts)  
Easter Vigil -- 6:30 pm
- Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> The Resurrection of our Lord 9:00 am Divine Service
- Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> Easter Wednesday Divine Service – 6:00 pm

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CHURCH & SCHOOL

## Week of March 22nd

Mar 18 <sup>th</sup>	
Attendance	52
Operating	\$ 606.20
Restricted	\$ 23.50
Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Attendance	144
Communion	108
Operating	\$21,891.11
Leap	\$ 225.00
Restricted	\$22,382.27

## Prayer List

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Members and friends in need of prayer: David Vortman, Stephanie Bezler, Roberta Mckee, Carole Holt, Dwayne Middendorf, Bob Morris, Ron Hudec, Donna Moody.

Please contact the church office to be added/removed from the Prayer List.

Salem is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



# 2026 March – April



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
March 29 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Divine Service - 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class - 10:30am PTL Easter Egg Hunt	March 30 Prayer Service for St. Matthew's Passion - 12:00pm Friendship Bible Study 6:00pm	March 31 Prayer Service for St. Mark's Passion - 12:00pm	April 1 Prayer Service for St. Luke's Passion - 12:00pm	April 2 Maundy Thursday - 6:30pm	April 3 Good Friday - 6:30pm	April 4 Cook out, Fun, Fellowship - 4:30pm Easter Vigil - 6:30pm
April 5 <b>Easter Sunday</b> Easter Breakfast 7:30am-9:00am Divine Service - 9:00am	April 6	April 7	April 8 Bible Study - 10:00am	April 9	April 10	April 11
April 12 Divine Service - 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class - 10:30am	April 13 Friendship Bible Study 6:00pm	April 14	April 15 School Chapel - 9:20am Bible Study - 10:00am	April 16 Leo's Pack the House Night	April 17 Lay Men's Confessions Study - 6:30pm	April 18
April 19 Divine Service - 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class - 10:30am	April 20	April 21 PTL Meeting - 5:30pm	April 22 School Chapel - 9:20am Bible Study - 10:00am	April 23 Fine Arts Night	April 24	April 25
April 26 Divine Service - 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class - 10:30am	April 27 Friendship Bible Study 6:00pm	April 28 Elders Meeting - 6:30pm	April 29 School Chapel - 9:20am Bible Study - 10:00am	April 30	May 1	May 2