



Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 19, 2026

9 a.m. Divine Service

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

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1 Peter 1:18-19 – “You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.” Christ ransomed us and bought us back from the slavery into which we were born. We do not belong to ourselves, to the devil or to the world. We belong to Jesus. Therefore, we live our lives not in accordance with our own wisdom, but in line with God’s Word.

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 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 Table of Duties

Certain passages of Scripture for various holy orders and positions, admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities

To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Tim. 3:2–4

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Tim. 3:6

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

Service Notes and Propers of the Day

Order of Service	LSB 151, Divine Service, Setting One
Hymn of Invocation	810 O God of God, O Light of Light
Hymn of the Day	483 With High Delight Let Us Unite
Offering	476 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow
Distribution	482 This Joyful Eastertide
Hymns	622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared
Hymn to Depart	603 We Know That Christ Is Raised

Introit

Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1



Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on
the beard of | Aaron,*
running down on the collar | of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!*

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.
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.

Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

Collect of the Day

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.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36–41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ⁴²And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Gradual

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



c 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

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he

talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

News and Notes

Apr. 19, 2026

- Today’s Altar Flowers were given by Brian & Shaye Magelitz in memory of Danny Magelitz’s birthday, April 20th.
- Salem Lutheran School Fine Arts Night: Come and see our individual and classroom talent showcase, along with our display of students' themed artwork on Thursday, April 23rd, at 6:00 PM. Join us for an evening filled with creativity, music, and artistic expression as we celebrate the diverse talents of our students. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the performances and view the unique art pieces created.

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 prayer services at 5:30pm

- Swaddling Clothes: I would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted with the April 14th shopping day: Steve and Beth Schaefer, Mike and Mary Krause, Rita Tendick, Sharon Delong, Jane Henderson, Ruth Engebrecht, Leta Malcott, Lucille Hannel, Ruth Werries, and Veronika Thies for obtaining the Thrivent Grant for us this month. We assisted 38 families with 78 children being assisted. We

gave away 64 packages of diapers and 63 packages of baby wipes. We also gave away clothing and big items. Next month we will be expanding our hours. We will be open from 12:30pm – 2:30pm on the second Tuesday of the month, and we will reopen from 4:30pm – 6:00pm to assist families who cannot make it to our regular hours. If you are willing to volunteer at either time on Tuesday May 12th, I will put a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support.

Meetings

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

- Salem Students Sing in Church: Come join us for service on Sunday, April 26th, where our school students will sing in church. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this special occasion and sharing the joy of music together.
- Salem Lutheran School Coin Wars: Salem Lutheran School Coin Wars is kicking off April 27 and runs through May 1! We invite everyone to join the fun and support our school by donating coins. Please drop off your coin donations in the main hallway. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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 April 13th 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. 17th. 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.

- 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!
- LWML CID Mission Grant #6: Our Savior Lutheran in Uganda - \$3,956.00. The Lutheran Church of Uganda is building Our Savior Lutheran School next to the Lutheran seminary in Magamaga so local children can attend a school not operated by Muslims. Three classrooms have been built so far. These Funds would give support for student tuition, room, board, and building costs. *How can I help? Pray that God provides the opportunity for these children to learn about God and his love for them. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund.*
- Leo's Pack the House Night: May 21st is 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!

Donations for Orphan Grain Train

Types of Donations: Orphan Grain Train accepts a variety of donations including:

- Clothing: New or gently used clothing for men, women, children, and infants. Coats, mittens, gloves, boots, shoes, socks, etc. Please no camo, stains, rips, or broken zippers. ANY SIZE!
- Medical Supplies: Items such as braces, bandages, walkers, wheelchairs, etc.
- Food: Non-perishable food items to help those in need.
- Other Supplies: This includes bedding, diapers, hygiene kits, school supplies, and Christian literature.

PLEASE DROP ITEMS AT CHURCH BY APRIL 23RD!

SALEM LUTHERAN



CHURCH & SCHOOL

Week of April 12th

Attendance	108
Communion	92
Operating	\$49,707.62
Leap	\$ 300.00
Restricted	\$ 348.00

Prayer List

Members and friends in need of prayer: John Werries, Rodney Havens, David Vortman, Stephanie Bezler, Roberta Mckee, Carole Holt, Dwayne Middendorf, Bob Morris, Ron Hudec, Donna Moody, Albert Musch

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

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2026 April – May



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April 19 Divine Service -9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class - 10:30am	April 20	April 21	April 22 School Chapel - 9:20am Bible Study - 10:00am Wednesday Evening prayer services - 5:30pm	April 23 Fine Arts Night- 6:00pm	April 24	April 25
April 26 Divine Service -9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class - 10:30am Salem Students Sing in Church Teaching Staff Recognitions at the end of Church Service	April 27 Coin Wars Begin Friendship Bible Study 6:00pm	April 28 Elders Meeting - 6:30pm	April 29 School Chapel - 9:20am Bible Study - 10:00am Wednesday Evening prayer services - 5:30pm	April 30	May 1 Coin Wars End	May 2
May 3 Divine Service -9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class - 10:30am	May 4	May 5 PTL Meeting - 5:30pm	May 6 School Chapel - 9:20am Bible Study - 10:00am Wednesday Evening prayer services - 5:30pm	May 7	May 8 Lay Men's Confessions Study - 6:30pm	May 9
May 10 Divine Service -9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class - 10:30am	May 11 Friendship Bible Study 6:00pm	May 12 Swaddling Clothes 12:30-2:30	May 13 School Chapel - 9:20am Bible Study - 10:00am Wednesday Evening prayer services - 5:30pm	May 14	May 15	May 16
May 17 Divine Service -9:00am Sunday School & Bible Class - 10:30am 8 th Grade Graduation	May 18	May 19	May 20 School Chapel - 9:20am Bible Study - 10:00am Wednesday Evening prayer services - 5:30pm	May 21 Leo's Pack the House Night	May 22	May 23

