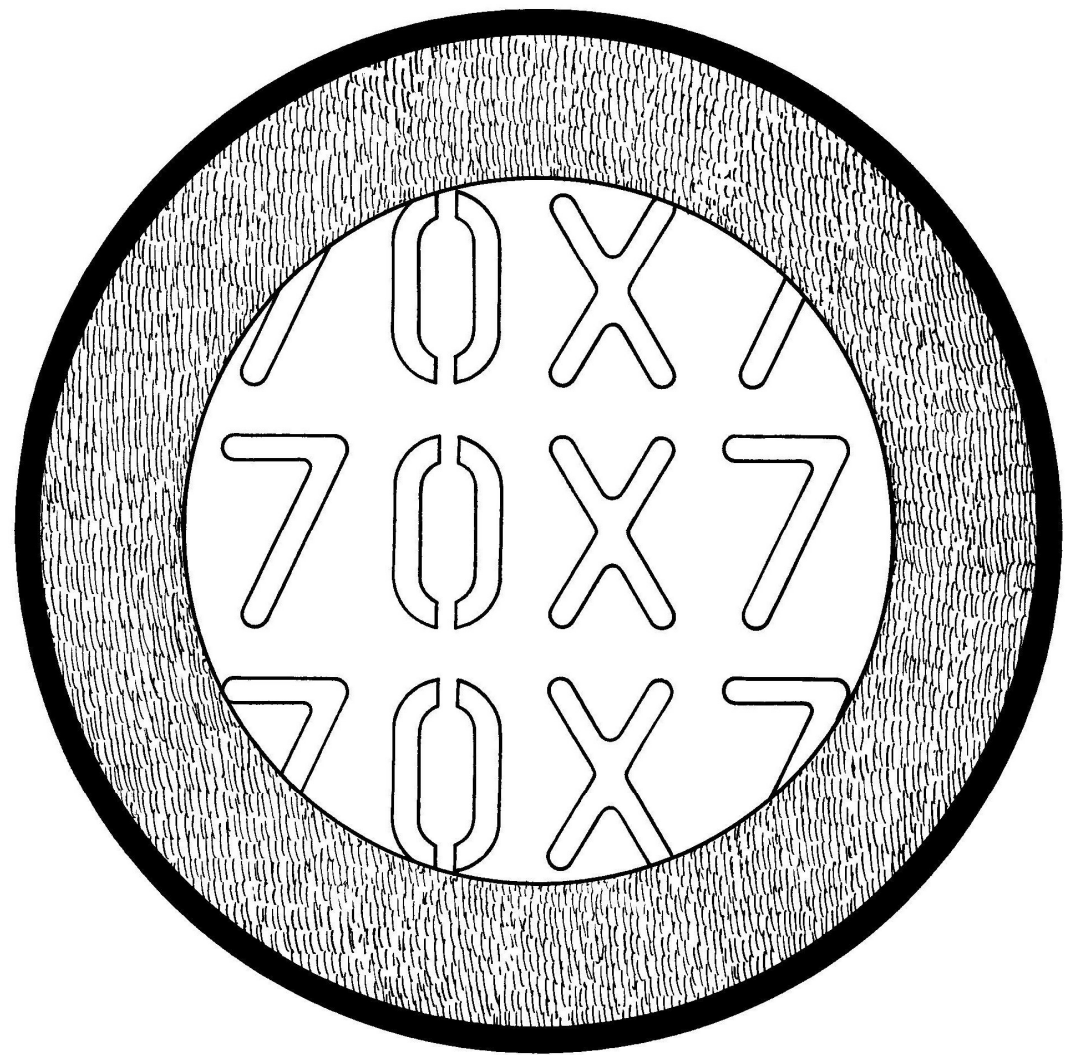


This Week at Salem

SUNDAY, September 6th

Attendance	134
Communion	106

Operating	\$	15,678.25
Restricted	\$	2,480.00
Leap	\$	345.00



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2026

9 a.m. Divine Service

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

Rev. Jonah J. A. Schultz, Pastor

Deaconess Linda Strubbe | Principal Joy Reitsma | Music Director Bruce Engebrecht

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Proper 19a – The Time of the Church

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.”

We just don’t belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

A Note for guests on the Lord’s Supper

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.**

From Augsburg Confession – Article XV – Church Ceremonies

[1] Our churches teach that ceremonies ought to be observed that may be observed without sin. Also, ceremonies and other practices that are profitable for tranquility and good order in the Church (in particular, holy days, festivals, and the like) ought to be observed.

[2] Yet, the people are taught that consciences are not to be burdened as though observing such things was necessary for salvation [Colossians 2:16–17]. [3] They are also taught that human traditions instituted to make atonement with God, to merit grace, and to make satisfaction for sins are opposed to the Gospel and the doctrine of faith. [4] So vows and traditions concerning meats and days, and so forth, instituted to merit grace and to make satisfaction for sins, are useless and contrary to the Gospel.

From the Apology – Article XV – Church Ceremonies

[7] Now these men say that people merit the forgiveness of sins by these human celebrations. What else is this than to appoint another justifier, a mediator other than Christ? ... [9] God has presented Christ with the promise that, because of this Mediator, and not because of our righteousness, He wishes to be gracious to us. But these men hold that God is reconciled and gracious because of the traditions, not because of Christ. Therefore, they take the honor of Mediator away from Christ.

Read more at bookofconcord.cph.org/

LEAP FUND: The Finance committee reports that our Leap Fund (payment for our mortgage) is in need of support. Prayerfully consider. Thank you

ALTAR FLOWER ACCOUNT: The Finance committee has decided to create an Altar Flower Restricted Account. This account can be donated to and will be used for the Sunday’s that we do not have anyone signed up for flowers. Thank you

MICHAELMAS AT ST. JOHN'S IN BEARDSTOWN: You are invited to join the Jacksonville Circuit for a Festival Divine Service on the day of St. Michael and All Angels. Our own Bruce Engebrecht will be playing the organ at special request. Date: September 29th (Tuesday) Location: St. John's in Beardstown, IL Meal: 5:30 p.m. Divine Service: 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to gather for food, fellowship, and the gifts of Christ in Word and Sacrament as we celebrate this feast together.

MEN'S GOLF DAY - Sunday, October 4th , Time - Afternoon (Exact Time TBD) , Time - Afternoon (Exact Time TBD), Location - Jacksonville (Course TBD), Location - Jacksonville (Course TBD), Playing 9 Hole 4-Man Scramble
A registration sheet is on the bulletin board. Any questions please contact Wade Mathis 217-690-2693. More information to come, please mark your calendars

LWML CID MISSION GRANT #3: Sharing our Savior, One Meal at a Time is the mission for Forged by Fire Services. They serve individuals and families living in communities across the United States who are recovering from natural disasters. Those in disaster-stricken areas will receive spiritual care, a freshly prepared meal, a cross necklace provided by LWML women from around the US, devotional materials, Bibles and eventually, thanks to a LWML National Mission Grant, be able to do laundry. These grant funds would be used to purchase food for meals, Bibles, devotional materials, and other operating costs.

2026 Illinois Valley Lutherans for Life Annual Nut Sale: The Lutheran for Life Nut Sale will be happening September 13th through October 11th. The order forms are in the Narthex. Please consider purchasing some nuts. Thank you

PRAYER LIST: Members and friends in need of prayer: Roberta Mckee, Carole Holt, Bob Morris, Ron Hudec, Jack Watkins, Arliss Wenzel, Mary Kessinger. Linda Aring.

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

NEWS AND NOTES SUNDAY, SEPT. 13th

Today's ***ALTAR FLOWERS*** are given to the glory of the Lord by Gloria Kusey in memory of a stillborn baby daughter 53 years ago. May the Lord bless this family.

Today's ***RADIO BROADCAST*** is given to the glory of the Lord by memorials given to the Radio Broadcast in memory of Rob Maschhoff. May the Lord bless this family during this trying time.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: With Pastor Schultz at 10 am. Join us in building upon the solid rock of Christ together.

LAY MEN'S CONFESSIONS STUDY: Join us for a joint study of the Book of Concord. We meet monthly at the Mathis house in Arenzville for study and beer at 6:30 pm. Our next meeting is September 18th.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Bible Study we will be studying in Large Catechism provided by a wonderful donor. Please plan on attending and thank you

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE & CONFIRMATION: During September, Wednesday evening service will start at 5:30 and it will be an evening prayer service and confirmation instructions. Mark your calendars and plan on attending. Thank you

PACK THE HOUSE: We will be packing the house at Leo's Pizza on Thursday, September 17th. Dine in or carry-out mention Salem and we get a portion of your check donated back to us! Enjoy!

PEW SISTER RETREAT: Reminder to mark your calendars and register for the upcoming Pew Sister Retreat that will be held here at Salem on Saturday, September 19th from 8:30 to 3. If you would like to register or have questions, please contact Mary Schultz (414)793-0369 Thank you.

LWML MEETING: The LWML meeting will be Monday, September 21st at 3:00 pm here at Salem. Please mark your calendars and attend. Thank you

ELDERS MEETING: The monthly meeting of the Elders will be held on September 22nd at 6:30 pm. Please mark your calendars

LOOKING FOR USHERS: We are looking to start a schedule of Ushers. We appreciate all who have assisted and are looking for more. We would like to get 15 gentlemen to be on a rotating schedule for Ushers. If you would like to participate, please contact Chris Haschemeyer at 217-556-8217 phone/text or let the office know. We hope to get it all together and spread the responsibility around.

Order of Service: Divine Service Setting 3, LSB 184

Hymn of Invocation: 606 I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Introit

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9



Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

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.

Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Collect of the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Gradual



**C Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*
for those who fear him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

Epistle

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.
²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.
³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Holy Gospel

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Sermon Hymn: 513 The Clouds of Judgment Gather

Offering Hymn: 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine

Distribution Hymns: 760 What God Ordains Is Always Good
609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive
512 At the Name of Jesus

Hymn to Depart: 509 Christ Is Surely Coming

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Matthew 18:21–35