SUNDAY, October 18th

Attendance	116
Communion	101
Operating	$ 7,504.00
Restricted	$ 9,067. 99
Leap	$ 345.00



The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 25, 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 25a – The Time of the Church

Matthew 22:39 - "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." True stewardship is not just managing money; it is a total way of life rooted in love. How do we show love to our neighbors? By using the gifts God has entrusted to us to meet needs, support ministry, and point others to the grace we have first received in Christ.

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 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 should speak with Pastor before the service.**

VDMA – The Word of the Lord Endures Forever

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum (The Word of the Lord Endures Forever) is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God's Word. The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24–25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court's official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike.

It was used by Frederick's successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. It was found inscribed inside churches, over doorways, on foundation stones, even on horse's helmets!



The VDMA logo and statement has appeared throughout Lutheran churches worldwide and remains an enduring motto of the Reformation to this day.

CHOIR PRACTICE: We will begin Choir Practice on Wednesday, November 4th at 6:00 pm and **HANDBELL PRACTICE** on Wednesday, November 4th at 6:30 pm. Please plan on attending. Thank you

CHILI COOK-OFF & BROWNIE BAKE-OFF: Join us after church until 1:00 PM for good food and friendly competition. Church and school families can enter for free, and tasting is by free-will donation. First place in chili and in brownies each win a trophy and bragging rights, announced at noon. Pick up an entry form and return it to the office by Friday, November 6!

LEAP FUND: The Finance committee reports that our Leap Fund (payment for our mortgage) needs 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

FESTIVAL DIVINE SERVICE: You are invited to join your fellow members of Lutheran Churches in the Jacksonville Circuit for a Festival Divine Service in celebration of the Reformation
Date: Saturday, October 31st
Location: Salem Lutheran Church and School, Jacksonville
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.

DONATIONS FOR ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN: Clothing, (New or gently used), Medical Supplies, (bandages, walkers, wheelchairs) Food, Non-perishable, Other Supplies, (bedding, towels, washcloths, diapers)Cash Donations (made to Orphan Grain Train), are always welcome.

SPECIAL THANKS OFFERING: The special thanks offering dates have been set. It will begin on Reformation Sunday and run through the end of the year. If anyone would like to add to the funds that have been designated for the match, please contact the office. Our hope with this gift to God is to encourage members to provide an offering in addition to their regular Sunday donations. Thank you for your consideration.

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

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

NEWS AND NOTES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

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: Come and join Pastor Schultz in Bible Study on Wednesday, October 21st at 10:00 am. Thank you

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Sunday in Bible Study we will be studying in Large Catechism. Please plan on attending and thank you

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER SERVICE & CONFIRMATION: 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

IN SYMPATHY: Karen Tomhave passed away Saturday, October 17th Karen is survived by three children, John Wilson (Sherri) Tomhave of Jacksonville, Philip Wayne Tomhave of St. Francis, WI, and Benjamin Claus (Deb) Tomhave of Pleasant Plains; seven grandchildren, Austin (Lauren) Tomhave, Abby (Caulyn) Crow, Chase (Maza) Tomhave, Wilson(fiancé, Piper) Tomhave, Quin Lauderback, Madeline Tomhave, and Anderson Sopia Tomhave; six great-grandchildren, Gracie, Caroline, Ashlyn, Lance, Lacy, and Vivian; one sister, Angela (Duane) Weiss. She was preceded in death by her husband; two brothers, Kim Wilson and Foster Wilson; and one sister Cindy Goss. Funeral services were held on Friday, at Salem Lutheran Church with burial at Memorial Lawn Cemetery. May the Lord Bless all who mourn the loss of this Loved One.

IN SYMPATHY: Richard James Rose passed away August 15th in Downingtown, PA. Richard is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Kristen (Rose) and Tom Robinson, and Beth (Rose) and Christophe Larouer; his grandchildren Tommy Robinson, Charlie Robinson, Daphnë Larouer and Ralph Larouer,. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, JoLynn (Leach) Rose; his parents, Herbert and Vera Rose; his four brothers, Robert, Edward, Frederick, and Walter; and his sister, Eleanor (Rose) Siess. May the Lord Bless all who mourn the loss of this Love One.

SWADDLING CLOTHES would like to thank everyone who assisted with our shopping day in October: Leta and Sarah Malcott, Lucille Hannel, Ruth Werries, Rita Tendick, Jane Henderson, Steve and Beth Schaefer, and Ruth Englebrecht. From Our Redeemer Lutheran Church: Joey Bentley. We assisted 29 families with 69 children being assisted this month. We featured winter coats this month, and gave away 44 winter coats. We would also like to thank the Illinois College students who assisted October 18th after church to put out new clothing and clean our space: Isabella Robinson, Aylin Toro Rodriguez, Jordan Hunt, Cate Breden, Ellie Huckstep, and Blake Shoufler. These students are also raising funds for Swaddling Clothes as part of a class assignment.

Order of Service: Divine Service, Setting Three, LSB 184

Hymn of Invocation: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Introit *Psalm 9:1–2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 18*



P For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

C **I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart;***
I will recount all of your won- | derful deeds.

P I will be glad and ex- | ult in you;*
I will sing praise to your name, | O Most High.

C **The LORD is a stronghold for | the oppressed,***
a stronghold in times of | trouble.

P And those who know your name put their | trust in you,*
for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who | seek you.

C **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.

P For the needy shall not always be for- | gotten,*
and the hope of the poor shall not perish for- | ever.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading *Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18*

[1]And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, [2]"Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . .

[15]"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. [16]You shall not go around as a

slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

17"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. 18You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

Gradual *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*



C **He will command his angels con- | cerning you***
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 2:1–13*

1For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. 2But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. 3For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, 4but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. 6Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

9For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. 10You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. 11For you know how, like a father with his children, 12we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

13And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 22:23–46*

23The same day Sadducees came to [Jesus], who say that there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question, 24saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies having no children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.' 25Now there were seven brothers among us. The first married and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother. 26So too the second and third, down to the seventh. 27After them all, the woman died. 28In the resurrection, therefore, of the seven, whose wife will she be? For they all had her."

29But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 31And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God: 32'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living." 33And when the crowd heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

34But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. 35And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38This is the great and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

41Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." 43He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

> 44"'The Lord said to my Lord,
> Sit at my right hand,
> until I put your enemies under your feet'?

45If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" 46And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Hymn of the Day: 579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

Offering Hymn: 705 The Man Is Ever Blessed

Distribution Hymns: 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
828 We Are Called to Stand Together
852 O God of Mercy, God of Might

Hymn to Depart: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

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