

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 8, 2026

9 a.m. Divine Service

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

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Proper 27a – The Closing Days of the Church Year

Matthew 25:4 – "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

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.**

Augsburg Confession – Article XXII – Both Kinds on the Sacrament

[1] The laity are given both kinds in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper because this practice has the Lord's command, "Drink of it, all of you" (Matthew 26:27). [2] Christ has clearly commanded that all should drink from the cup.

[3] And lest anyone misleadingly say that this refers only to priests, in 1 Corinthians 11:27 Paul cites an example. From this it appears that the whole congregation used both kinds. [4] This practice has remained in the Church for a long time. It is not known when, or by whom, or by whose authority, it was changed. Cardinal Cusanus mentions the time when it was approved. [5] Cyprian in some places testifies that the blood was given to the people. [6] Jerome testifies to the same thing when he says, "The priests administer the Eucharist and distribute the blood of Christ to the people." [7] Indeed, Pope Gelasius commands that the Sacrament not be divided. [8] Only a recent custom has changed this.

[9] It is clear that any custom introduced against God's commandments is not to be allowed, as Church law bears witness. [10] This custom has been received, not only against the Scripture, but also against old canon law and the example of the Church. [11] Therefore, if anyone preferred to use both kinds in the Sacrament, they should not have been compelled to do otherwise, as an offense against their conscience. [12] Because the division of the Sacrament does not agree with the ordinance of Christ, it is our custom to omit the procession [with the host], which has been used before.

Read more at bookofconcord.cph.org

CONGREGATIONAL VOTER'S MEETING: The Congregational voter's meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14th. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Thank you

LWML MEETING: The Ladies Guild will meet Monday, November 16th at 3:00 pm, please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

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. Please use the enclosed special thanks envelope for your donation. 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. Bruce Engebrecht.

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

REFORMATION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

Attendance	67
Operating	$ 747.00
Restricted	$ 55.00

SUNDAY, November 1st

Attendance	103
Communion	95
Operating	$ 14,647.05
Restricted	$ 4,876.72
Leap	$ 3,495.00

NEWS AND NOTES SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

Today's ***ALTAR FLOWERS*** are given to the glory of the Lord by Gerald and Monika Warcup in memory of Monika's mothers' 100th birthday on November 5th. May the Lord bless Monika and Gerald with precious memories.

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's 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

CHOIR PRACTICE: We will have Choir Practice on Thursday's at 6:00 pm and Handbell Practice on Thursday, at 6:30 pm. Please plan on attending. Thank you

YOUTH SOUP AND CHILI SUPPER - Sunday, November 8, from 4 to 7 pm, St. John's Lutheran of rural Bath. Come enjoy a good meal and good fellowship all for a good cause. The menu will include vegetable soup, chili, hot dogs, brats and a great selection of pies and desserts all for a donation of your choice. This year the proceeds will be split between the Bath Food Pantry and Grace Lutheran Academy.

LAY MEN'S CONFESSIONS STUDY: Continue our Reformation celebration by joining other Lutherans in the circuit for a joint study of the *Book of Concord*. We meet once a month at the Mathis house (400 E Virginia Rd, Arenzville, IL) for study and fellowship at 6:30pm. Our next study will take place on Friday, November 20th at 6:30pm. Pastor Lesemann will be presenting on Augsburg Confession Article XIII. Join your 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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Please join us on Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 PM at Salem to Christmas Carol to Salem Lutheran homebound church family. We will deliver cookies, songs, and Christmas Cheer. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the breezeway.

Divine Service: **Setting One, LSB 151**

Hymn of Invocation: **486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death**

Introit *Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3*



P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

P How lovely is your | dwelling place,*
O | LORD of hosts!

C **Behold our shield, | O God;***
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

P For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

C **For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.***
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

P O | LORD of hosts,*
blessèd is the one who | trusts in 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 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

Collect of the Day
Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:18–24*

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Gradual *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*



C **These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.***
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1–13*

1 [Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sermon Hymn: **516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**

Offertory: **This Is the Feast** *LSB 155*

Offering Hymn: **515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers**

Distribution Hymns: **595 O Blessed Spring**
663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray
630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

Hymn to Depart: **490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won**

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