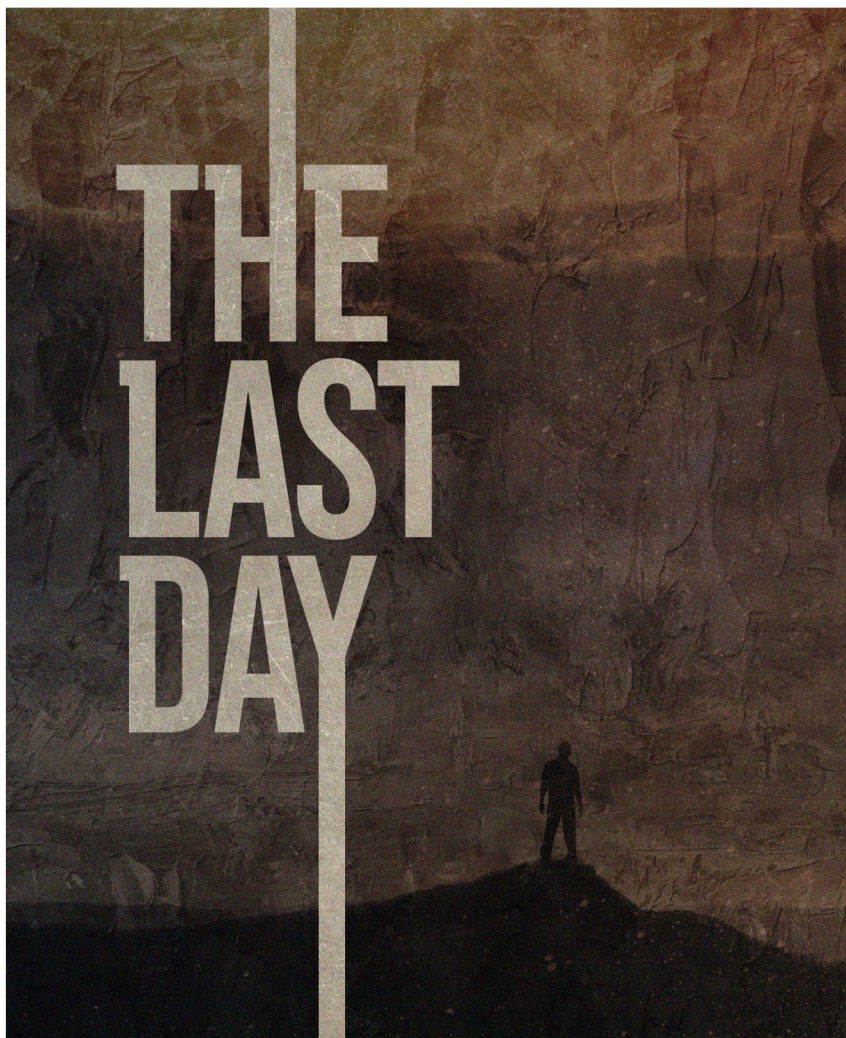


Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12-13, 2022



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Mighty Father, you hear our every prayer and know our every need. We thank you for saving us from the Last Judgment and pray that more would come to faith and face that day with joy instead of fear. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Our world is full of victims of abuse, violence, and oppression. In many cases, this evil goes unnoticed or unpunished. Injustice drives some into despair or even a desire for revenge. Count believers among those who sometimes face injustice and suffering. When we suffer do we throw up our hands in despair? Do we seek vengeance? The certainty of that Last Day gives us a better option. We can leave justice up to the Judge. We can be confident that on the Last Day every wrong will be righted. We can look forward to the Last Day—also known as Judgment Day—because we are confident of where we stand with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: Certain days mean different things to different people. One person's day of celebration is someone else's day of crippling loss. That will be even more true on the Last Day. God has marked in ink on his calendar when Jesus will return to "judge the living and the dead" (Apostles' Creed). In the final two weeks of the church year it is natural for us to think about that Last Day and what it means. The Last Day will mean very different things to different people. A day of terror for some, and a day of joy for others.

A WORD ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: Our church observes the biblical practice of member communion (also called close communion). In Holy Communion we not only receive forgiveness from God, but we also express the unique relationship our members have with each other. If you are not a member of our congregation, we kindly ask that you not take communion today, but speak with our pastor after the service. We would love to share the sacrament with you in the future.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Preacher: Pastor Ryan Wolfe Worship Leader: Pastor Jake Schram
Organ: Robyn Stoller Soloist: Carolyn Forster

Order of Worship



HYMN: The King Shall Come

CW 495



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri -
2 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic -
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and earth's dark



um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and
to - rious, rose and left the lone - some place of death de -
night is past; that morn - ing can - not rise too soon, that



life to joy a - wakes— not as of old a lit - tle
spite the rage of foes shall dawn that glo - rious, wel - come
day that e'er shall last. Then let the end - less bliss be -



child to bear and fight and die, but crowned with
morn for all who know his grace— the day when
gin, as heav'n with prais - es rings. Hail, Christ the



glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
Christ in splen - dor comes and we shall see his face.
Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings!

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them. (*Psalm 32*)

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

And we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

Salem 2nd-4th Grade Anthem (10:30am)

I Give Thanks

Refrain (x2):

I give thanks, I give thanks, I give thanks with a grateful heart.

Stanza 1

God has given us this world, The moon and stars and sun.

The land and seas, the birds and trees, God's given ev'ry one. (*Refrain*)

Stanza 2

God has given us good friends, Our loving fam'lies, too.

The people who will share the love That's sent from heav'n above. (*Refrain*)

Bridge

But the greatest gift of all, God sent Jesus to show the way

Of God's great love and God's great care That we can share today. (*Refrain*)

I give thanks with a grateful heart!

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Malachi 4

On the Last day, those who opposed God will be laid low but all God's people will be healed.

¹"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ²But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty.

⁴"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

God promises that on the Last Day all those who troubled his holy people will themselves be eternally troubled.

⁵All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. ⁶God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. ⁸He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ¹⁰on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

Jesus tells us what the world will be like for believers before the Last Day

⁵Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶"As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be

able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹Stand firm, and you will win life.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

CW 488



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near when Je - sus, God's a -
 2 A trum - pet loud shall then re - sound and all the earth be
 3 A book is o - pened then to all, a rec - ord tru - ly
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but car - nal



noint - ed, shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear as judge of
 shak - en. Then all who in their graves are found shall from their
 tell - ing what each has done, both great and small, when they on
 plea-sures, who here de-spised his pre-cious Word and loved their



all ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease when
 sleep a - wak - en and with the liv - ing in that hour, by
 earth were dwell - ing, and ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, and
 earth - ly trea-sures! With shame and trem-bling they will stand and



flames on flames will still in - crease, as Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es.
 God's al - might - y, bound-less pow'r, be changed at his com-mand-ing.
 all be known as they have been in thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 at the judg - e's stern com-mand to Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
and for my sin was smitten;
within the Book of Life I know
my name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
and Satan cannot threaten me;
there is no condemnation!
- 6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
but hasten our salvation;
we often tremble on our way
in fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
come soon, Redeemer, make us free
from ev'ry evil. Amen.

Catechism Examination (8:00am)

Every week during the school year, young members of Salem in grades 6-8 study the Bible with our pastors using the outline Martin Luther provided in his Small Catechism. Before students are confirmed and eligible to attend Lord's Supper they share what they have learned with the members of Salem in worship. Today is the first of three "examinations."

Sermon (5pm & 10:30am)

Based on 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

"God's Judgment is right"

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated.

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. The meal also bears witness to the unity and fellowship we share with each other. Therefore, we invite to communion all those who share in our confession by virtue of their membership here or in a sister WELS or ELS congregation. We ask visitors to speak to the pastor before communing.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

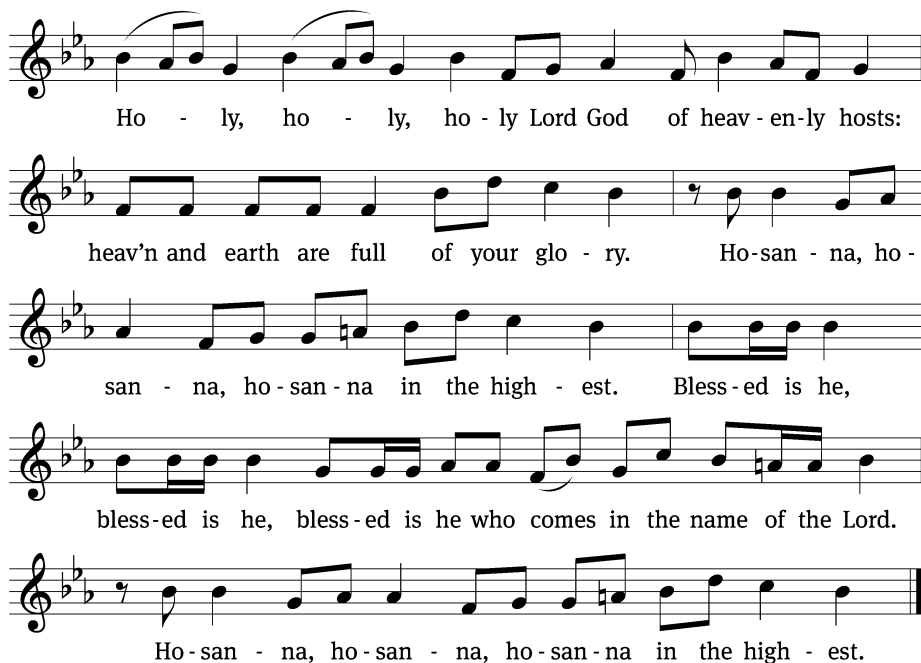
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time, when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
 san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,
 bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - - - men.

Be seated.

Communion Distribution

For those who cannot have any alcohol for personal or medical reasons we offer white grape juice. You will find cups of white grape juice in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request for those medically unable to tolerate gluten.

Communicants may choose to receive the wine by individual or common cup. If you choose the common cup, please allow the individual tray to pass and then assist the minister by helping to tip the common cup.

Response of Thanksgiving

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: **His mercy endures forever.**

Psalm 118:1

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

1 Corinthians 11:26

Closing Prayer & Blessing

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.

We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
 and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
 your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
 let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

- 5 Abide with your protection
among us, Lord, our strength,
lest world and Satan fell us
and overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us
to reach our home above.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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Special Fellowship Sunday Morning

Sunday morning, all are invited to a special fellowship opportunity. Salem's fellowship committee is providing a pancake breakfast in our fellowship hall downstairs. Follow the signs through the office hallway. All are invited to join us for the breakfast—Bible studies and Sunday JAM aren't meeting this week to give everyone a chance to enjoy each other's company.

For Worship Next Week

Sunday, November 20th

Theme: The Last Day— A day of deliverance which God's people eagerly await

Bible Readings: Habakkuk 1:1-3, 2:1-4; Revelation 22:6-13; Luke 12:35-40

Hymns: 486, 487, 850

Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday, November 23rd)

Theme: We Give Thanks for Daily Bread

Service: Scripture and hymn favorites praising God for blessings of many kinds

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THANKSGIVING WORSHIP



Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good!

As our nation joins
together to give thanks for
the blessings poured out
on us, we Christians know
the God to whom those
thanks can be directed.

Spend an hour with the
Lord this year as we
celebrate the God who
gives every blessing.

Redeemer members have two options for
celebrating Thanksgiving in worship.

Thanksgiving Eve: 7:00pm

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Also printed in the hymnal)

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: *He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.*

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: *I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?*

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: *I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.*

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: *His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.*

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: *In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.*

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: *I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."*

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: *I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.*

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary or as it's passed during the service.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

