



UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

*On the Mission Right
Before Us*



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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: Almighty Father, you hear our every prayer and know our every need. Bless us through your word as we praise you today for all your goodness. Hear our praise and receive our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: We tend to think of mission work as being "over there," something done in a far-away place. Those missions are good and need our support and prayers. But we also have a mission field that is right before us. God provides one opportunity after another to serve as the witnesses Jesus has made us to be. Let us also give our undivided attention to the mission that God had placed right before each of us.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: A million things compete for our attention in this world, and experts of every kind talk about the importance of being "free from distraction." But the stakes are higher than that. We need the Spirit's power to give our undivided attention to the life of faith that truly makes a difference, for now and for eternity. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give his followers power and focus. Still today, through his Word, Jesus grants those gifts to his disciples. In this second half of the church year, we turn our undivided attention to the teachings of Christ.

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:

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Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting One



Hymn: The Son of God, Our Christ

CW 738 sts. 1, 3-5

1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the way,
3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare,
4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,

shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;
to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
what - e'er our task, the Lord will be our aid,

from com - mon folk he called his friends to be
de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name
and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
and we will glad - ly give for him our best

co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
and show - ing mer - cy to the sick and lame.
o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blessed.

Please remain seated.

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

Congregation: Amen.

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

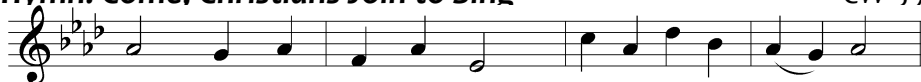
C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn: Come, Christians Join to Sing

CW 599



1	Come,	Chris-tians,	join	to	sing	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!
2	Come,	lift	your	hearts	on	high,	Al - le - lu - ia!
3	Praise	yet	our	Christ	a - gain;	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!



loud	praise	to	Christ	our	King;	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!
let	prais - es	fill	the	sky;	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!	
life	shall	not	end	the	strain;	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!



let	all,	with	heart	and	voice,	be - fore	his	throne	re - jice;
he	is	our	guide	and	friend,	to	us	he'll	con - de - scend;
on	heav - en's	bliss - ful	shore,	his	good - ness	we'll	a - dore,		



praise	is	his	gra - cious	choice:	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!
his	love	shall	nev - er	end:	Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!
sing - ing	for - ev - er - more,	"Al - le - lu - ia!	A - men!"			

(Sunday) Sacrament of Baptism

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font at the Sunday service.

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark: *"People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them."*

The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:

M: Shaylee Jean Doyle, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Shaylee and all the children of our church may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

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, heavenly Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to destroy the works of the devil and protect us poor people against such an evil foe. Uphold us in all affliction by your Holy Spirit so that we may have peace from such enemies and remain forever blessed; 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

Isaiah 43:8-13

Those who have seen what the Lord has done are witnesses who testify on his behalf right where they live.

⁸Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf.

⁹All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble.

Which of their gods foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things?

Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right,

so that others may hear and say, "It is true."

¹⁰"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD,

"and my servant whom I have chosen,

so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.

Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.

¹¹I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior.

¹²I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—

I, and not some foreign god among you.

You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God.

¹³Yes, and from ancient days I am he.

No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 66:1-7

¹Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

²**Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.**

³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

⁴**All the earth bows down to you;**

they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name."

⁵Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

⁶**He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—
come, let us rejoice in him.**

⁷He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations—
let not the rebellious rise up against him.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:3-10

The grace of God has been revealed to all in Jesus Christ; all who have seen it serve as witnesses of God's grace in their various callings.

³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere

faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:14



Refrain



We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. **Refrain**

Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

Jesus sets a demon-possessed man free then instructs the man to return to his home and be a witness to the goodness of God.

²⁶They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³²A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Rise, Shine, You People

CW 744



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered.
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
 To all the world go out and tell the
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry

round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

Sermon

Based on 2 Timothy 1:3-10

"Preach with Peace and Power!"

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, be-
 gotten, 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 king-
 dom 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 wor-
 shipped 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes.

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."

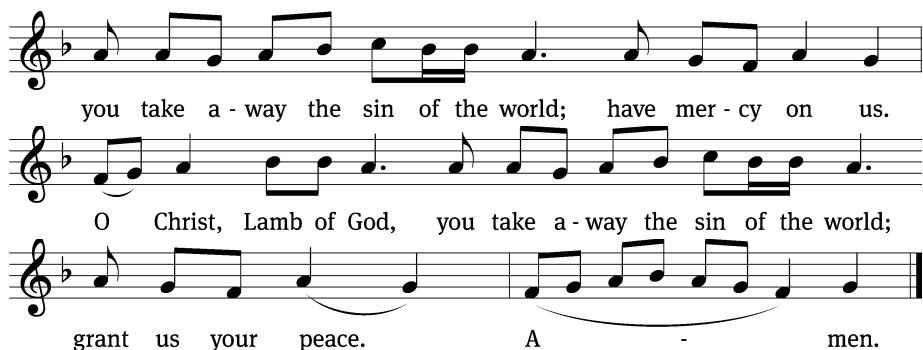
M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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,

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes.



Be seated.

Communion Distribution

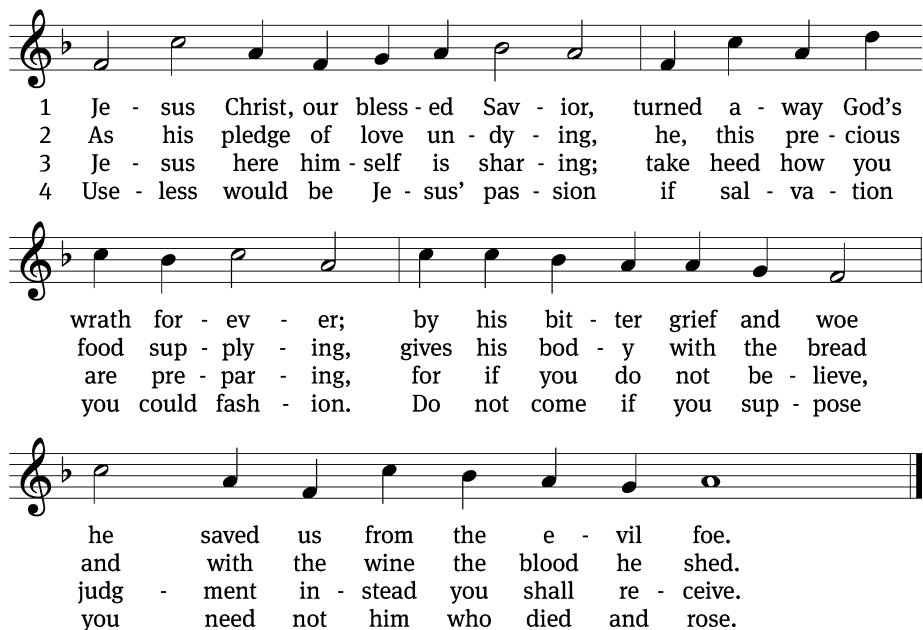
For those who cannot have any alcohol for personal or medical reasons we offer white grape juice. You will find cups of white grape juice in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by request for those medically unable to tolerate gluten.

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.

If you have not communed with us before, please see the announcement on the inside cover of this service folder.

Distribution Hymn: Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

CW 659



- 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor, and receive my grace and favor; those who feel no pain or ill need no physician's help or skill."
- 6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken that this food is to be taken by the souls who are distressed, by hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 7 Praise the Father, who from heaven unto us such food has given and, to mend what we have done, gave into death his only Son.
- 8 If your heart this truth professes and your mouth your sin confesses, surely you will be his guest and at his banquet ever blest.

Please stand at the pastor's direction.

Response of Thanksgiving

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

C: His mercy endures forever.

Psalms 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: Sent Forth by God's Blessing

CW 932 st. 1



The sup - per is end - ed; O be now ex - tend - ed
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
His grace did in - vite us; his love shall u - nite us
to work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Adult Bible study begins at 10:15 in the sanctuary.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Undivided Attention on Christ's Call for Commitment

Bible Readings: 1 Kings 19:19-21, 2 Corinthians 11:21b-30, Luke 9:51-62

Hymns: 612, 739, 695, 702, 925

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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 I have sinned against God and deserve punishment, what will 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. Cards can be placed in the offering basket or left on the table near the sanctuary entrance.
- † 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 as it's passed during the service or give online.

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.**

