CALL TO WORSHIP *Isaiah 60:1–2*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

HYMN As With Gladness, Men Of Old 53 (vs. 1-3)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. I confess to You that I am by nature sinful and unclean, and that at times I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and actions. Holy Father in heaven, I humbly ask You to forgive me all of my sins through the precious blood of Jesus, Amen.

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 11:8-12 Seek God's Blessings
Matthew 6:25-34 Seek God First

CONFESSION OF FAITH - The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father almighty, from where He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - PRAYER

OFFERING We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee. Amen

HYMN O God Our Help In Ages Past 50

MESSAGE Strive to Thrive in 2025! Psalm 37:1-11

HYMN This Little Light Of Mine 359

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.*
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GROWTH AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

TODAY:	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Food & Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship Service	10:45 am
WED:	Ladies Bible Study	7:00 pm
NEXT SUN:	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship Service	10:45 am

Announcements and Looking Ahead

We thank the Lord God along with Jolene and Stuart for the blessed gift of a grandson, Declan Miles Voga, born to Cody and Kelsey on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024.
Jan 19, Sun, 5:00 pm - Family Night Event at Salem
Jan, 20, 6:15 pm - Men's Bible study at Will's house
Salem 150th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Sept 14, 2025

Pastor Benson can be reached at 815-768-7606. Please direct calendar events and any bulletin information to secretary.salemstpaul@gmail.com

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