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Sunday School & Bible Classes . . . 10:15 a.m.
Worship . . . . 9:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING

PRELUDE - "Still, Still, Still" – Austrian Carol

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER - "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16)

Let us pray: **Dear Lord, we thank You for all the blessings You have given to Salem Congregation these many years. We ask now with humble hearts for Your direction in the selection of a pastor for Salem. Help us to be patient, with hope in our hearts, trusting totally in You, because You have promised to hear us. We ask this in faith that You have already chosen a new Shepherd. We thank You, and trust in Your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN - "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" – v. 1 – 3 LW 82

INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]
P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of our sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: But with You there is forgiveness, therefore, You are feared.
P: God calls us to confess our sins and repent of them. [Psalm 130:304]
(silence for reflection)
Almighty and all-merciful God,
C: we confess before You that we are sinners, sinful from birth. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You with all our heart, soul, and mind, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Amen.
P: Through Jesus, God has freely lavished on us His grace. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI (insert)

HYMN OF PRAISE – "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent" – v. 1 & 2 LW 241

COLLECT OF THE DAY - read by all - (insert)

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON (insert) - Isaiah 42:1-7

GRADUAL (insert)

EPISTLE (insert) - Acts 10:34-38
Verse - page 164

GOSPEL - (insert) – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
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HYMN OF THE DAY – "As With Gladness Men of Old" – v. 1 – 3 LW 75

SERMON: "Do You know what I know?" – Isaiah 42:1a, 6a

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THE WORD IN THE SUPPER

OFFERING - Choir: "His Name Medley"

OFFERTORY - "What Shall I Render" page 169

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THE PREFACE page 170

WORDS OF INSTITUTION page 171
(Communion prayers can be found on page 128)

COMMUNION & COMMUNION HYMNS -
"I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes" LW 56
"O Come, Let Us Adore Him" SH 62
"Within The Father's House" LW 80

S E N D I N G

PRAYERS FOR TODAY'S NEED AND MISSIONS
At words of "Lord in Your mercy"
Response of Congregation: "**Hear our prayer"**

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BENEDICTION

HYMN - "From God the Father, Virgin Born" – vs. 1 – 4 LW 74

POSTLUDE – "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" - Bach

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ASSISTANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant . . . . . Rev. Ronald R. Sprehe Organist . . . Lois L. Jones
Prayer Leader . . . Paul Thomas Jr. Lector . . . Paul Thomas Jr.
Assistants . . . . . Roy Sheppard & Dave Bartholomew Acolyte . . . Erin Webster
Welcomers . . . . . Russell Alessi Jr. & Carl Radtke
Altar . . . . . Thomas Jindra
Ushers . . . . . Fred Bartz Jr., David Carlson, Mark Thomas, Paul Thomas Jr., Chuck Yung

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INSTALLATION OF 2010 CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS: President, Paul Thomas Jr.; Vice-President, David Carlson; Secretary – Claire Carlson; Treasurer – Nancy Thomas; Deacon – Kenneth Kushka; Elder – Paul Swierczynski; Worship – Sally McAlpine; Youth – ; Board of Christian Education – Deann Sheppard; Property & Maintenance – David Bartholomew

A Special THANK YOU to the outgoing Council Members – Jim Carr, Rich Landseadel, and Fred Bartz Jr. for their dedicated service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and Salem Congregation, which includes the gift of their time for these many years.