

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 98:2, 4

*The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

**HYMN** I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve 28

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Lord God, as I reflect on this past week and year, I know there are times when I didn't walk in Your blessed paths of righteousness. Sometimes I have strayed from the green pastures and quiet waters that You provided just for me to enjoy. Some days I have not fully trusted that You are with me, to guide me and protect me from the Evil One. I confess these and other sinful behaviors that I am ashamed of, trusting in Your Word and in the blood of Jesus Christ shed for me, Amen.*

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 12:1-6 Serve God with Joy  
Matthew 2:1-12 Jesus has Royal Visitors

**CONFESSION OF FAITH - Reflect and Rejoice in God**

*I proclaim in these words my faith in the One True God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I declare with awe and wonder the glories of this universe that He created out of nothing in six days. I rejoice that God's Holy Spirit is continually at work in me to make me what He wants me to be. I acknowledge God's sovereign care for my family and me by miraculously parting "the waters of the Red Sea" that confronted us this past year. And we joyously give thanks to You, Lord God, for giving us the victory each day through our Lord Jesus Christ!*

**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** From Heaven Above To Earth I Come 27 (vs 1-3, 8)

**MESSAGE** Reflect and Rejoice! Luke 10:17-21

**HYMN** Because He Lives 545

**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:** **Joint** Worship Service 10:00 am

**NEXT SUN:** Sunday School 9:30 am  
Fellowship 10:15 am  
Worship Service 10:45 am

**Announcements and Looking Ahead**

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our Christmas services and activities this past week and for all of the wonderful singers and musicians of all ages!

No Confirmation or Youth Group activities until January 8th  
Family Night activity and food at Salem at 5:00 pm-Welcome to all.  
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](mailto:secretary.salemstpaul@gmail.com)

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