

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
4715 Hermantown Rd., Hermantown, MN 55811

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
~ OCTOBER 10, 2021 ~ 9:00 am

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP “Sanctuary”**

Vs. 1 Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,
Sanctuary for You

Vs. 2 Holy spirit, fill this vessel
Make my heart to burn within
Purify me, make my heart be
A sanctuary for You

Vs. 3 I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, oh Lord.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, oh Lord.
(repeat vs. 1)

* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed by the holy Trinity, + on God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from
you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly
sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our
sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we
have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your
Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been
saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

* **GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* **KYRIE “Lord Have Mercy”**

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief
Renew the fire again

Chorus

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me (Repeat)

I have built an altar where I worship things of men
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You

Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions
Help me love You again **Repeat Chorus**

Chorus

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me (Repeat)

I have longed to know You and Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining
Like a beacon in the night **Repeat Chorus 4x**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE “God is So Good”**

Vs. 1 God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, He's so good to me!

Vs. 2 He cares for me, He cares for me,
He cares for me, he's so good to me!

Vs. 3 I love Him so, I love Him so,
I love Him so, He's so good to me!

Vs. 4 I praise His Name, I praise His Name,
I praise His Name, He's so good to me!

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and ever-living God,

C: increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶ Turn back to the LORD, you descendants of Joseph, and you will live. If you don't, the LORD will attack like fire. Bethel will burn to the ground, and no one can save it. ⁷ You people are doomed! You twist the truth and stomp on justice.

¹⁰ You people hate judges and honest witnesses; ¹¹ you abuse the poor and demand heavy taxes from them. You have built expensive homes, but you won't enjoy them; you have planted vineyards, but you will get no wine. ¹² I am the LORD, and I know your terrible sins. You cheat honest people and take bribes; you rob the poor of justice. ¹³ Times are so evil that anyone with good sense will keep quiet. ¹⁴ If you really want to live, you must stop doing wrong and start doing right. I, the LORD God All-Powerful, will then be on your side, just as you claim I am. ¹⁵ Choose good instead of evil! See that justice is done. Maybe I, the LORD All-Powerful, will be kind to what's left of your people. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:12-17

Please read responsively

¹² Teach us to use wisely all the time we have.

¹³ **Help us, LORD! Don't wait! Pity your servants.**

¹⁴ When morning comes, let your love satisfy all our needs. Then we can celebrate and be glad for what time we have left.

¹⁵ **Make us happy for as long as you caused us trouble and sorrow.**

¹⁶ Do wonderful things for us, your servants, and show your mighty power to our children.

¹⁷ **Our Lord and our God, treat us with kindness and let all go well for us. Please let all go well!**

* **GOSPEL “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” Sing 2x Hymn #512**
Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it all the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

* **GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31**

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

* **Mark 10:17-31**

¹⁷ As Jesus was walking down a road, a man ran up to him. He knelt down, and asked, "Good teacher, what can I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good. ¹⁹ You know the commandments. 'Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others. Do not cheat. Respect your father and mother.'" ²⁰ The man answered, "Teacher, I have obeyed all these commandments since I was a young man." ²¹ Jesus looked closely at the man. He liked him and said, "There's one thing you still need to do. Go sell everything you own. Give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven. Then come with me." ²² When the man heard Jesus say this, he went away gloomy and sad because he was very rich. ²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "It's hard for rich people to get into God's kingdom!" ²⁴ The disciples were shocked to hear this. So Jesus told them again, "It's terribly hard to get into God's kingdom! ²⁵ In fact, it's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to get into God's kingdom." ²⁶ Jesus' disciples were even more amazed. They asked each other, "How can anyone ever be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "There are some things that people cannot do, but God can do anything." ²⁸ Peter replied, "Remember, we left everything to be your followers!" ²⁹ Jesus told him: You can be sure that anyone who gives up home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or land for me and for the

good news ³⁰ will be rewarded. In this world they will be given a hundred times as many houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and pieces of land, though they will also be mistreated. And in the world to come, they will have eternal life.

³¹ But many who are now first will be last, and many who are now last will be first. The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, Christ.***

SERMON

SERMON SONG "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Hymn #623

Vs. 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from guilt and pow'r.

Vs. 2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Vs. 3 Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for
grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

Vs. 4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in
death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment
throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

* **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried; he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* **JOYS, SORROWS AND CONCERNS**

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

Hymn #752

L: Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

L: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

* **OFFERING "Give Thanks"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (Repeat)
And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)
Give thanks! Give thanks!

* **OFFERING PRAYER**

C: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

* **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

* **COMMUNION PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

* **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.

"Lamb of God" Vs. 1

Hymn #336

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have
Sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty
Sod and to become the Lamb of god.
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” Hymn #335

Vs. 1 Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

**Refrain: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

Vs. 2 Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

[Refrain]

Vs. 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

[Refrain]

Vs. 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. **[Refrain]**

**Refrain: In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

* **PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and
unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING SONG “Lord Reign in Me”**

Over all the earth, you reign on high;
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky.

But my one request, Lord, my only aim

Is that you reign in me again.

Chorus

**Lord reign in me. Reign in your power over all my dreams,
In my darkest hour you are the Lord of all I am.**

So won't you reign in me again?

Over every thought, over every word.

May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord.

You mean more to me than any earthly thing

So won't you reign in me again **(Chorus 2x)**

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

** Please stand if you are able.*

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Thank you to Rev. Doug Paulson for leading worship this morning while
Pastor Loren is on vacation. Pastor Loren will be on vacation October 1 – 18.
In case of an emergency, please contact the church office.

Salem's 7th annual Apple Festival is now just a month away,
and we need your help! We are looking for people to donate
baked goods (does not have to contain apples) and help with
set-up and tear down. Sign up sheets will be in the church
following next week's service, or you can contact
apples@slecduluth.org if you are able to help. Monies raised
will continue to be used to fund service projects done by our
members. *Please note that due to high Covid-19
transmission rates, properly worn masks will be required.

This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

Worship..... 9:00 am
Sunday School..... 10:00 am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021

Day Care 6:00 am
Church Council 6:30 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

Day Care 6:00 am

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021

Day Care 6:00 am
Quilters 9:30 am
Faith Formation..... 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021

Day Care 6:00 am

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021

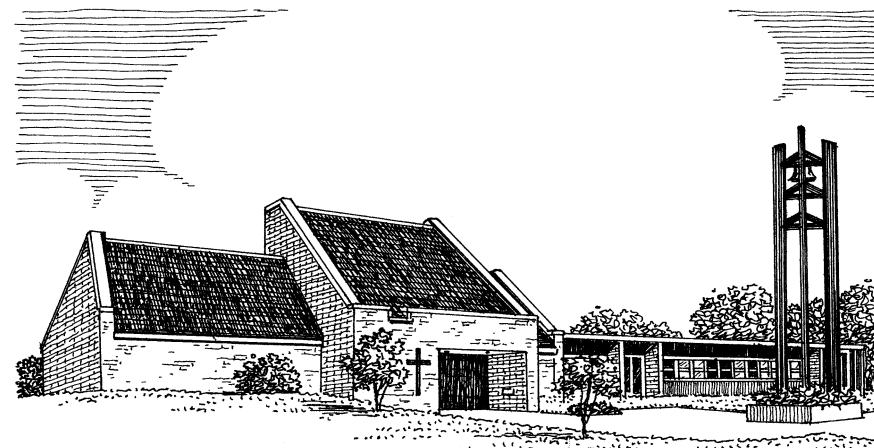
Day Care 6:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

Worship 9:00 am
Sunday School..... 10:00 am

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Sundays at Salem

~ Worship ~ 9:00 am ~

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“Our Mission is to pass on the faith by involving all members of our community in Christ’s ministry.”

SALEM'S SMART PLAN

(Updated Guidelines as of September 22, 2021)

As we continue indoor worship services, we are putting some new guidelines in place with respect and kindness to our neighbors foremost in our minds.

- We acknowledge that everyone has their own level of risk tolerance, and that many are not comfortable attending an indoor service. Services will continue to be streamed live on FB, posted on our website and also be available on DVD.

-PLEASE stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness.

-Because we are not asking vaccination status, and our youngest community members are not yet eligible for a vaccine, **masks will be required for everyone over the age of 4. Masks must be tightly fitted and worn properly (completely covering the nose and mouth).**

-Because we may need to do contact tracing, everyone will sign in upon entering the building for worship services.

-Hand sanitizer will be available at entrance.

-All outside doors and windows will be open during worship services. No fans will be used.

-There will not be a capacity limit; however, we ask you maintain social distancing in the pews.

-Those who are comfortable doing so are encouraged to join in singing and group speaking during the service.

-Pastor Loren will be unmasked when he is behind the altar or pulpit (most of the service).

-In order to reduce touched surfaces/traffic:

1. Communion will be taken from the pews using the individually packaged elements.

2. Offerings will be collected in a basket on the way out the door; there will also be a basket for recycling bulletins and a garbage can for empty communion cups.

3. Coat hangers have been taken down; take coats into pews if you have one.

4. Bathroom doors will be propped open.

5. Masked fellowship will be allowed outside only (no treats or coffee will be served at this time).

6. Nursery will be closed until further notice.

-A regular cleaning schedule for the building has resumed.

-Salem's small groups (quilters, committees, bible studies, Faith Formation etc.) can meet in the Family Room with the doors and windows open. Please follow CDC guidelines regarding masking for all individuals.

-Until further notice, special events not hosted by Salem need to be approved by Salem's SMART Team.

-If you want a vaccination but have been unable to get to an appointment, please call the church office and we will arrange assistance for you!