

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
~ SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 ~ 9:00 am

Gathering

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP “Beautiful Savior”**

ELW #838

Vs. 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Vs. 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Vs. 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Vs. 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

WOV Pg. 10

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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**

WOV Pg. 28

L: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

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* **HYMN OF PRAISE “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”**

What is our hope in life and death?

Christ alone, Christ alone

What is our only confidence?

That our souls to him belong

Who holds our days within his hand?

What comes, apart from his command?

And what will keep us to the end?

The love of Christ, in which we stand

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?

God is good, God is good

Where is his grace and goodness known?

In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what will we sing?

"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring?

Everlasting life with him

And we will rise to meet the Lord

Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

O sing hallelujah!

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah!

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: God among us,

C : we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 113

Please read responsively

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

²**Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

³From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴**The LORD is high above all nations, God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶**but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

⁷The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸**enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

⁹The LORD makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

* GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

* Luke 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.'

³Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve God and wealth." The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON SONG "We Give Thee but Thine Own" ELW #686

Vs. 1 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.

Vs. 2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

Vs. 3 The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace - it is a Christ-like thing.

Vs. 4 And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto 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 & CONCERNS**

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one
bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need,
and all of God's good creation.

**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.**

ELW #752

L: God of grace,
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: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit,
gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

* **OFFERING "We Are an Offering"**

ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you;
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering, we are an offering.

* **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given
us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your
gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE MEAL

* 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.

* 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

ELW #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

"You Are Mine"

ELW #581

Vs. 1 "I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear my voice I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am here."

Vs. 2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.
Come and rest in me."

***Refrain: "Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."***

Vs. 3 "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
and all will know my name. ***Refrain***

Vs. 4 I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now, walk, and live! ***Refrain***

"Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am"

ELW #814

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from
heaven, you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have
received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and

he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING SONG “Trading My Sorrows”**

I'm trading my sorrow

I'm trading my shame

I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

I'm trading my sickness

I'm trading my pain

I'm laying it down for the joy of the Lord

Chorus: And we say yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Amen

I'm pressed but not crushed persecuted not abandoned

Struck down but not destroyed

I'm blessed beyond the curse for his promise will endure

And his joy's gonna be my strength

Though the sorrow may last for the night

His joy comes with the morning

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

** Please stand if you are able.*

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

35TH Annual Bike for Hunger

When – Saturday, September 24th, meeting at 8:30 am

Where – Riding from Munger trail head in Duluth to Mahtowa for lunch and back. Lunch will be provided.

Can ride all or part.

- Have questions call Christy Jaros 269-3516 or Beth Erdmann 348-9720 for support

This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Worship 9:00 am
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

Day Care 6:00 am

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Day Care 6:00 am

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

October Newsletter Articles Due

Day Care 6:00 am
Quilters 9:30 am

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Day Care 6:00 am

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

Day Care 6:00 am

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

35th Annual Bike for Hunger 8:30 am

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

Worship 9:00 am
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am