

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
~ FEBRUARY 5, 2023 ~ ~ 10:00 AM

## Gathering

### WELCOME

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP “Gather Us In”**

ELW #532

Vs. 1 Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space, our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Vs. 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

Vs. 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;

nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Vs. 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away –  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

\* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive 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 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (repeat)

Cast me not away from Your presence, O Lord, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation and renew a right spirit within me.

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE “Lord, Be Glorified”**

*Hymn #744*

Vs 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Vs. 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.

Vs. 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Vs. 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your world, Lord, be glorified today.

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Lord God,

**C: with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon ou. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call,

and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. <sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 112:1-9**

*Please read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

**<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

**<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

### **SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup>And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. <sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. <sup>16</sup>For who has known the mind of the Lord

so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

\* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia

\* **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-20**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, Christ.**

**SERMON**

**SERMON SONG "Speak, O Lord"**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.  
Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.  
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

**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: Called together to follow Jesus, 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: Merciful God,

**C: receive 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: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your  
wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Hymn #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**

**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.**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share God's peace with one another.

**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**

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 SONGS**

**“You are the Light of the World”**

You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the light of the world

You are a city on a hill  
You are a city on a hill  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a city on a hill

You are a candle in the dark  
You are a candle in the dark  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a candle in the dark

You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the light of the world

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You (4x)

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your pow’r and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You (2x)

To see You high and lifted up  
Shinin' in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy (2x)

Holy, holy, holy  
We cry holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you (2x)

Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you  
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**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.**

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **SENDING SONG “This Little Light of Mine”**

*Hymn #677*

Vs. 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Vs. 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Vs. 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

\* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

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Thank you to Rev. Kathryn Bell for leading worship this morning while Pastor John is at the Confirmation Retreat.

**Coffee Servers this morning –**

## **“Let’s Talk” Resumes February 12**

Salem’s “Let’s Talk” adult study will begin meeting again on Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Prayer Room. The topic chosen for this six week study is Luther’s Small Catechism. As adults, it’s been a long time since we were in a confirmation class cramming and memorizing so that we could be confirmed and move into a new level of participation in our church. We were pretty young in those days and our minds were quite immature. We’re going to look back at the Small Catechism with new eyes and with new understanding. Please join us for this thoughtful exploration.

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### **This Week a Salem**

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#### **TODAY, SUNDAY, February 5, 2023**

Sunday School ..... 9:00 am  
Worship . ..... 10:00 am  
Coffee Fellowship..... 11:00 am

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

Day Care ..... 6:00 am

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

Day Care ..... 6:00 am

#### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

Day Care ..... 6:00 am  
Quilters..... 9:30 am

#### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

Day Care..... 6:00 am

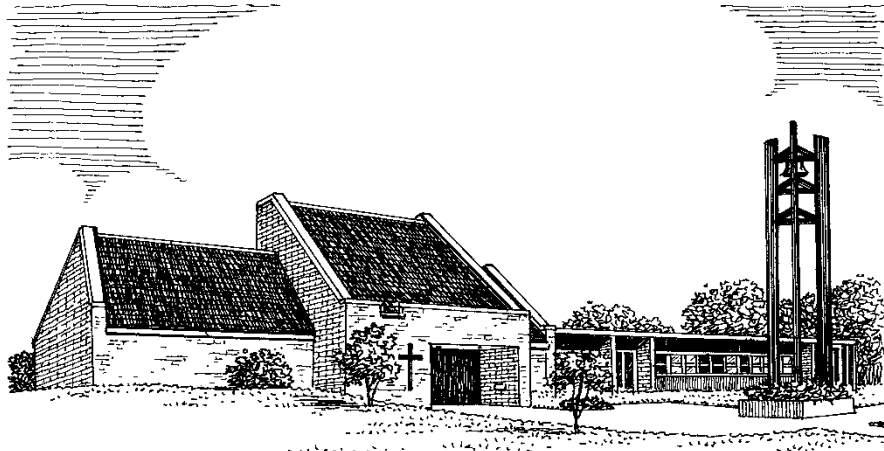
#### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

Day Care ..... 6:00 am

#### **NEXT SUNDAY, February 12, 2023**

Sunday School & Adult Education ..... 9:00 am  
Worship . ..... 10:00 am  
Coffee Fellowship..... 11:00 am  
Confirmation..... 11:00 am

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