

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
~ **OCTOBER 1, 2023 ~ 10:00 am**

GATHERING

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP “*In Christ Alone*”**

Vs.1 In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

Vs.2 In Christ alone! who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Vs.3 There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Vs.4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one 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**

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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**

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Refrain: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,

that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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Glory to God in the highest, the highest and
Peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you
for your glory. Glory to God in the highest,
the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the
right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
Glory to God in the highest, the highest and
peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest and peace to God's
people on earth. Glory to God in the highest,
the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: God of love,

**C: giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us
your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that
harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. ²⁵Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

Please read responsively

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed

me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. 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 21:23-32**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32**

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom

of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SERMON SONG "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Hymn #798

Vs. 1 "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

Vs. 2 "Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"

Vs. 3 "Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"

Vs. 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, through my sight and touch and

sound in you and you in me?"

Vs. 5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call
my name. Let me turn and follow
you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and
footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and
grow in you and you in me.

* **JOYS, SORROWS & CONCERNS**

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

* **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING COLLECTION

* **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.**

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"

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"We Fall Down"

We fall down

We lay our crowns

At the feet of Jesus

The greatness of mercy and love

At the feet of Jesus

We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
Is the lamb

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of
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“You Are My King”

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken. I’m accepted; You were condemned.

I’m alive and well. Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my king, would die for me?
Amazing love. I know it’s true; it’s my joy to honor You.

In all I do I honor You. You are my King. You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

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 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” Hymn #608**

Vs. 1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: "Come home, come home!

You who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Vs. 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? **Refrain**

Vs. 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. **Refrain**

Refrain: "Come home, come home!

You who are weary, come home." Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. God is at work in you!

C: Thanks be to God.

** Please stand if you are able*

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This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

Worship	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 am
Prison Ministry Retraining	11:00 am
Cub Scouts	4-5 pm

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

Day Care	6:00 am
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023

Day Care	6:00 am
Ruth Circle @ Rolene Lampi's	

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

Day Care	6:00 am
Quilters	9:30 am

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

Day Care	6:00 am
Memorial Service for Peggy Fedler	2:30 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

Day Care	6:00 am
Master Gardner's Bulb Sale Set-up.....	3:00 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

Master Gardner's Bulb Sale.....	9 am- 12 pm
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NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

Worship	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 am
Confirmation	11:00 am
Cub Scouts	4-5 pm

The Ruth Circle will meet Tuesday, October 3 at Rolene Lampi's.

Ruth Circle is collecting items for Ditty Bags for The Seafarers Center. We welcome your donations through Sunday, October 1.

A box will be in the narthex.

Items needed:

Knit hats, Knit scarf or neck warmer, Full size of shampoo and/or body wash, Full size can of shaving cream, Toothpaste and toothbrush, Disposable razors, Deodorant, Deck of cards, Notepad and pen, Fun items like candy or your choice

Master Gardener's Bulb & House Plant Sale

Salem is hosting the Master Gardener's Bulb and House Plant Sale on Saturday, October 7th from 9 am till noon. Planted this fall, these bulbs will give you spectacular spring and early summer blooms. You won't find these special bulbs in any local store. In addition to the sale, there will be information tables, demonstrations, and plenty of master gardeners on hand to answer all of your gardening questions. Bob Olen, St. Louis County Extension Educator, will give a special presentation on pruning at 11 am. Come early for the best selection!

St. Louis County Extension's Master Gardeners' Salsa Fest

Celebrate the tomato!

October 17th, 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Salem Lutheran Church, Family Room

The event will feature salsa of all varieties and a salsa competition with celebrity judges. more information will be coming soon!

The MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir will be joining us on Sunday, October 22. We will hear their music and their stories as part of worship that day—all followed by a good old Lutheran potluck and freewill offering that will support the choir's mission. Salem's Prison Ministry and Worship Planning Team will be providing the main dish and desserts for the potluck and we are asking that Salem members bring your favorite side dishes to share.

SALEM'S APPLE FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
9:00-3:00

Our annual Apple Festival is quickly approaching and we need your help! We will need volunteers to help set up, tear down and (our biggest need) donate baked goods for the bake sale. Watch for a sign up list at church, or you can contact the Apple Festival committee at apples@slecduluth.org.

*Profits raised from the bake sale, cider, brats and vendor table fees all go into our Apple Fest fund. Those funds are meant to give a jump start to service projects that Salem members would like to do. Have a project idea/plan? Talk to Lisa, Chris or Carol and we will get you the application!

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sundays at Salem

~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~

~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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