

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
~ **APRIL 21, 2024, 2024 ~ 10:00 am**

GATHERING

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP “Christ, Be Our Light”** *Hymn #715*

Vs. 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

**Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Vs. 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

Vs. 3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

Vs. 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

Vs. 5 Many the gifts, many the people many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. **Refrain**

* **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 forgive 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

WOV pg. 28

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** WOV pg.29

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, 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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, 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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, 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.

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

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God,

**C: You who have demonstrated time and time again the sheer
love and care for all creation. You have also asked us to do**

**likewise. May we be guided by your spirit to share all we can to
the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON & NOISY OFFERING

WORD

FIRST READING: Proverbs 3: 1-4, 27-29

My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my
commandments; ²for length of days and years of life and abundant
welfare they will give you. ³Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake
you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your
heart. ⁴So you will find favor and good repute
in the sight of God and of people. ²⁷Do not withhold good from those
to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. ²⁸Do not say to
your neighbor, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it"—when
you have it with you. ²⁹Do not plan harm against your neighbor
who lives trustingly beside you. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks
be to God.**

Psalm 71: 1-3, 14-16, 19-23

Please read responsively

¹In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your
ear to me and save me.**

³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are
my rock and my fortress.

**¹⁴But I will hope continually, and will praise you yet more and
more.**

¹⁵My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation
all day long, though their number is past my knowledge.

**¹⁶I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God, I will
praise your righteousness, yours alone.**

¹⁹and your righteousness, O God, reach the high heavens. You who
have done great things, O God, who is like you?

²⁰You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth you will bring me up again.

²¹You will increase my honor, and comfort me once again.

²²I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.

²³My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have rescued.

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

WOV pg.31

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

* **GOSPEL: John 13:12-17, 34-35**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **GOSPEL: John 13:12-17, 34-35**

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Dave Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"*

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Vs. 1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. **Chorus**

Vs. 2 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Chorus**

Vs. 3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. **Chorus**

Vs. 4 All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Chorus**

* **APOSTLES' CREED**

WOV pg. 33

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**

* **THE PRAYERS**

L: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*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: 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: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

* **OFFERING**

WOV pg. 35

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. grace our table with you presence, Lord, and give us the foretaste of the feast to come.

* **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Merciful God,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given to 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.

* **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

WOV pg. 36

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**

WOV pg. 36

* **LORD'S PRAYER**

WOV pg. 39

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

WOV pg. 39

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Beauty for brokenness (God of the poor)”

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair
Lord, in the suff’ring world, this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
Sunrise to sunset Your kingdom increase!

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray,
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman, trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause, of those who can't speak

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray,
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear
Cities for sanctu’ry, freedoms to share
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness, His cross for the pain

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray,
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned, our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed
Make us content with the things that we need

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray,
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame
Until your justice burns brightly again
Until the nations learn of your ways
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise

God of the poor, friend of the weak,
Give us compassion we pray,
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

“As a Fire is Meant for Burning”

As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God’s name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of
care,
we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle loving actions, we would show that Christ is light.
in a humble, listening spirit, we would live to God’s delight.

As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness mid earth’s peoples many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance of God’s new and glorious
dawn.

PRAYER

WOV Pg. 41

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your 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

* **BLESSING**

WOV Pg. 41

* **SENDING SONG “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”**

ELW #536

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a better place to live.

The angels are not sent into our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Jesus’ name; that falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will today.

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

** Please stand if you are able*

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WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome those of you visiting with us today. Communion is open to all who believe. ***If you need gluten-free bread or prefer grape juice, please let the servers know.*** As you receive

the bread for Communion, please hold your hands out. *Notify the usher if you want to be served in the pew.*

Please fill out a communion card located in the pew rack so we can get to know you better. If you have any other questions, please ask the pastor or any other members.

A special thank you to Dave Johnson for the message this morning.

Coffee servers this morning: Dale & Nancy Berntsen

Coffee servers and Ushers are needed! Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex! Thank you!

This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

Global Mission Sunday

Sunday School.....	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 am
Worship Planning Team.....	11:00 am
Prison Ministry	12:00 pm
Cub Scouts	4-5 pm

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

Day Care	6:00 am
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

Day Care	6:00 am
Quilters.....	9:30 am
Trillium Works! The Collective	3:00-4:30 pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024

Day Care	6:00 am
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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

Virtual Synod Assembly	7:30 am
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NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

Sunday School.....	9:00 am
Worship	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 am
Confirmation	11:00 am
Cub Scouts	4-5 pm

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Sundays at Salem

Sunday School – 9:00 am

Worship – 10:00 am

Coffee Fellowship – 11:00 am

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