

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP “How Great Thou Art”** *Hymn #856*

Vs. 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider
all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the
mighty
thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Vs. 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear
the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty
mountain
grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

Vs. 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly
bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

Vs. 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take
me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in
humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **Refrain**

* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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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 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**

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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** Page 203

Vs. 1 Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Vs. 2 Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Vs. 3 Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r, create in us new hearts!

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** Page 204

Vs. 1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Vs. 2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Vs. 3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God our strength,

C: without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

Please read responsively

¹O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

³who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SECOND LESSON: SECOND LESSON: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

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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: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

* **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Kristin Garey

SERMON SONG "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

Hymn #774

Vs. 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain: *Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

Vs. 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

**Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Vs. 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. **Refrain**

* **APOSTLES' CREED** Page 105

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.

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

* **THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING COLLECTION

P: We will accept our offering at this time.

* **OFFERING "Take My Life, That I May Be" Vs. 1, 4, 6** Hymn #685

Vs. 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Vs. 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Vs. 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

* **OFFERING PRAYER**

C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, or redeemer 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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Vs. 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now, we
pray.

Vs. 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
You set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now, we
pray.

Vs. 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace, we
pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Hymn #502

Vs. 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness
faileth never; I nothing lack if
I am his and he is mine forever.

Vs. 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed
soul he leadeth and, where the verdant
pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Vs. 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in
love he sought me, and on his shoulder
gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Vs. 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear
Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my
comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

Vs. 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction
grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport
of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

Vs. 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness

faileth never. Good Shepherd,
may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Hymn #471

Vs. 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

**When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Vs. 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. **Refrain**

Vs. 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. **Refrain**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to
your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the
body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the
world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE SENDING OF COMMUNION

P: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with
those who are sick/homebound/or imprisoned. May these gifts be
signs of our love and prayers that through the sharing of the body
and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BENEDICTION

* SENDING SONG “*Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*” *Hymn #547*

Vs. 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls
Reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
To work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Vs. 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our ev’ry-day life we will face –
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God’s children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
Lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

* DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

** Please stand if you are able*

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Thank you to Rev. Kristin Garey for leading worship this morning while Pastor John is on vacation.

Pastor John is on vacation through Wednesday, September 4.

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Sundays at Salem

~ Worship ~~ 10:00 am ~

~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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Labor Day

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