

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
~ SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG “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

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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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GATHERING SONG “Open My Eyes, Lord”

Vs. 1 Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Vs. 2 Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Vs. 3 Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

Vs. 4 I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.

I live within you. Rest now in me.

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP “Here I Am to Worship”**

Vs 1 Light of the world

You stepped down into darkness

Opened my eyes, let me see

Beauty that made this heart adore You

Hope of a life spent with You

Here I am to worship

Here I am to bow down

Here I am to say that You're my God

You're altogether lovely

Altogether worthy

Altogether wonderful to me

Vs 2 King of all days

Oh so highly exalted

Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (2x)

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

* **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 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 "The River"**

Vs. 1 To the river, I am going
Bringing sins I cannot bear;
Come and cleanse me, come forgive me;
Lord I need to meet You there.

Vs. 2 In these waters, healing mercy
Flows with freedom from despair;
I am going to that river;
Lord I need to meet You there.

**Chorus: Precious Jesus, I am ready
To surrender ev'ry care;**

*Take my hand now, lead me closer;
Lord I need to meet You there.*

Repeat Verse 1 & 2

Repeat Chorus

Vs. 3 Come and join us in the river;
Come find life beyond compare;
He is calling, He is waiting;
Jesus longs to meet you there;
He is calling, He is waiting;
Jesus longs to meet you there.

**Chorus: Precious Jesus, I am ready
To surrender every care;
Take my hand now, lead me closer;
Lord I need to meet You there.
Take my hand now, lead me closer;
Lord I need to meet You there.**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE “Come All You People”**

Vs. 1 Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come now and worship the Lord.

Vs. 2 Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior,
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior,
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior,
Come now and worship the Lord.

Vs. 3 Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit,
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit,
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit,
Come now and worship the Lord.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Gracious God,

C: throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 146

¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

SECOND LESSON: James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their

bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia"**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* **GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

* **GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they

proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, Christ.***

SERMON

SERMON "Song Be Still"

Be still and know that He is God
Be still and know that He is holy
Be still oh restless soul of mine
Bow before the prince of Peace
Let the noise and clamor cease
Be still and know that He is God
Be still and know that He is faithful
Consider all that He has done
Stand in awe and be amazed
And know that He will never change
Be still
Be still and know that He is God
Be still and know that He is God
Be still and know that He is God
Be still
Be speechless
Be still and know that He is God
Be still and know He is our Father
Come rest your head upon His breast
Listen to the rhythm of
His unfailing heart of love
Beating for His little ones
Calling each of us to come
Be still

* **APOSTLES' CREED**

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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: 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 "Give Thanks"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)

Give thanks! Give thanks!

* 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.

"Behold the Lamb"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice

As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

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

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

"Be Still My Soul, In You I Rest"

Vs. 1 Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide.
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, thy best, thy heav'nly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Vs. 2 Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake.

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice, who ruled them while He dwelt below.

***Chorus: In You I rest; in You I found my hope.
In You I trust; You never let me go.
I place my life within Your hands alone.
Be still, my soul.***

Vs 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past;
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Chorus (2x)

Be still, my soul.
Be still, my soul.

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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING SONG "We Believe"**

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, We believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe, We believe

Chorus:

***We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered
death
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back again
We believe***

So, let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, We believe!

Chorus:

***We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ
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Bridge:

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised;
In the here and now, let love invade.
Let the church live loud! Our God, we'll say,
We believe! We believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail,
For the power of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail.
We believe! We believe!

Final Chorus:

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He's coming back again!
He's coming back again!
We believe, we believe!***

* **DISMISSAL**

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

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

** Please stand if you are able*

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.*

***Thank you to the Prison Ministry Team for hosting Coffee
Fellowship this morning!***

Next Sunday, September 15th is Confirmation Sunday!

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Sundays at Salem

~ Worship ~~ 10:00 am ~

~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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This Week a Salem

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All within a faith context that speaks to the depths of despair and promises of hope.

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