

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

**MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**OCTOBER 20, 2024**

PRELUDE *“I’ve Decided”* MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir

**WELCOME**

\* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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**

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.***

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you,  
let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory;  
redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

*Led by MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir*

Vs. 1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like  
me!

I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind but now I see.

Vs. 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears  
relieved.

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

**Chorus: *My chains are gone I've been set free! My God, my  
Savior, has ransomed me;  
And like a flood, His mercy reigns, unending love  
amazing grace.***

Vs. 3 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

**Chorus (2x)**

Vs. 4 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to  
shine.

But God who called me here below, will be forever mine.  
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

**Psalm 91:9-16**

*Please read responsively*

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

\* **GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-7**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

\* **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

***C: And also with you.***

\* **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 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.***

**INTRODUCTION & WELCOME OF MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR**

***"Thank you, Lord"***

***"Changed"***

***"When I think About the Lord"***

\* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.***

\* **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.***

\* **WORD'S 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 SONGS**

***"Behold the Lamb"***

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you - eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you - drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice

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

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond, - and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.

***"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***

***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***

**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:***

***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 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,***

***He's coming back again!***

***He's coming back again!***

***We believe, we believe!***

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER**

**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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **SENDING SONG: “*All the People Said Amen*”**

You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only  
We are all the same in need of mercy  
To be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on  
But thank God it's all you need  
And all the people said Amen, whoa oh  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said Amen  
If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter  
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after  
We're all broken but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
And He so loved the world He sent His son to save us all  
And all the people said Amen, whoa oh  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
And all the people said Amen  
Blessed are  
The poor in spirit who are torn apart  
Blessed are

The persecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are  
The people hungry for another start  
For this is the Kingdom  
The Kingdom of God

And all the people said Amen, whoa oh  
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Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends  
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\* **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Thank you to MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir for sharing their story during worship this morning. Following worship, please join them for pot luck in the family room.**

**SALEM'S APPLE FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAIR**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 9:00-3:00**

Our annual Apple Festival is Saturday 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. The signup sheet is in the narthex, or you can contact the Apple Festival committee at [apples@slecduluth.org](mailto:apples@slecduluth.org).

**You're invited to Celebrate a Century of Grace  
At Salem Lutheran Church**

November 2 & 3, 2024

**Banquet and Program**

Saturday, November 2, 6:00 pm

\$15.00/Person (Two meat classic buffet)

**Tickets are still available!** (following worship Sunday mornings or in the church office) or until sold out (limit 130 people)

**Celebratory Sunday Worship**

Sunday, November 3, 10:00 am

Worship led by Bishop Amy Odgren

Coffee Fellowship Following

**CLARA'S SNACK DRIVE FOR LAURA MACARTHUR**

Clara is collecting snacks and money through November 24 to purchase snacks for the students at Laura MacArthur. Her goal is 2,500 snacks and she has almost 650 so far! There is a basket in the narthex if you want to bring in boxes of snacks (they do not need to be individually wrapped items). She also has an Amazon Wish List so you can order and send snacks directly to her—talk to her mom, Lisa, to get the link. The link is also posted on Salem's Facebook page. Finally, Clara will be serving warm apple crisp for fellowship on October 27 and lots of goodies (with help from the Worship Planning Team) for fellowship on November 24 in combination with decorating our sanctuary for Christmas. Salem will be matching all money donated for this project. Thank you to all who have contributed so far!

**This Week a Salem**

**TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024**

Sunday School & Faith Exploration.....	9:00 am
Worship w/MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir .....	10:00 am
Pot Luck.....	11:00 am
Prison Ministry .....	12:00 pm
Cub Scouts .....	4:00 pm

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024**

Day Care .....	6:00 am
Laugh & Learn Staff Meeting .....	6:00 pm

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024**

*Church Office Closed*

Day Care .....	6:00 am
Thrive! Support Group .....	6:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024**

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

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024**

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024**

Day Care .....	6:00 am
Apple Festival Set Up .....	3-5 pm

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024**

Apple Festival .....	9:00-3:00
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**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**Reformation Sunday**

Sunday School & Faith Exploration.....	9:00 am
Worship .....	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship .....	11:00 am
Cub Scouts .....	4:00 pm

***Pastor John is on vacation October 23-29. In case of an emergency, please contact the church office!***

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## Sundays at Salem

- ~Sunday School~~ 9:00 am~
- ~ Worship ~~ 10:00 am ~
- ~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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***“Our Mission is to pass on the faith by involving all members of our community in Christ’s ministry.”***