

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY  
~ OCTOBER 27, 2024 ~ 10:00 am

## Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** Hymn #504

Vs. 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;

he breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod, and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

Vs. 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom

God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God’s only Son adored. He holds the field victorious.

Vs. 3 Through hordes of devils fill the land all threat’ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they

cannot overpower us. Let this world’s tyrant rage; in battle we’ll engage! His might is doomed to fail, God’s judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

Vs. 4 God’s Word forever shall abide, not thanks to foes who fear it; For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child or spouse, through life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom’s ours forever!

\* **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**

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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**

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

**Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

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: Almighty God,

***C: gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow***

***on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.***  
***Amen.***

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**WORD**

**FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 46**

*Please*

*read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

***<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;***

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

**<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.** <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**<sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### **SECOND LESSON: Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God

through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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: John 8:31-36**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

**C: *Glory to you, O Lord.***

### \* **John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly

my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever.

<sup>36</sup>"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, Christ.***

**MESSAGE**

*Christy Jaros*

*and Lee Swenson*

**SERMON SONG "Here I Am Lord"**

*ELW #574*

Vs. 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

***Refrain: Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard you***

***you calling in the night. I will go Lord, if***

***lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

Vs. 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send? ***Refrain***

Vs. 31, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send?  
***Refrain***

**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: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

\* **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.***

***“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**

***“Change My Heart, O God”***

Hymn #801

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

***You are the potter; I am the clay.***

***Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.***

***Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.***

***Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. (2 times)***

***“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am”***

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

***“You Are Mine”***

*Hymn #581*

Vs. 1 I will come to you in the silence

I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as

my choice.

Be still, and know I am near

Vs. 2 I am hope for all who are hopeless,

I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night, I will be

your light

Come and rest in me.

***Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.***

***Come and follow me,***

***I will bring you home;***

***I love you and you are mine***

Vs. 3 I am strength for all the despairing,  
Healing for the ones who dwell in

shame.

All the blind will see, the lame will all

run free

And all will know my name. ***Refrain***

Vs. 4 I am the Word that leads all to  
freedom,

I am the peace the world cannot give.

I will call your name, embracing all your

pain.

Stand up, now walk and live! ***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.***

### **SENDING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **BLESSING**

\* **SENDING SONG “You Are Holy” (2x)**

*Hymn #525*

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

\* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve in love!

**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.*

***Thank you to Rev. Kristin Garey for leading worship this morning while Pastor John is on vacation. Thank you also to Christy Jaros and Lee Swenson for the message this morning.***

***Pastor John is on vacation through Tuesday. Please contact the church office in case of an emergency.***

***Thank you to Clara for serving Coffee Fellowship this morning! All funds raised will go toward her snack project for Laura MacArthur School!***

## **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) through October 30 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!

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024**

Day Care.....  
6:00 am

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024**

Day Care .....  
Day Care Trunk or Treat ..... 5:  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Set-up

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024**

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Decorating.....  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner & Program .....

**NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Worship & All Saints Sunday**

Sunday School & Faith Exploration.....  
Worship .....  
Coffee Fellowship.....  
Cub Scouts.....

**Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**This Week a Salem**

**TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**Reformation Sunday**

Sunday School & Faith Exploration.....  
Worship .....  
Coffee Fellowship.....  
Cub Scouts.....

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024**

Day Care .....

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024**

Day Care .....  
Thrive! Support Group .....

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024**

Day Care .....  
Quilters.....

..... 9:00 am Trillium Works! The

Collective.....

9:00 am  
10:00 am  
11:00 am  
4:00 pm

6:00 am

6:00 am  
6:00 pm

6:00 am

3-4:30 pm



## **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.”*