

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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
~ FEBRUARY 16, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

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.

GATHERING SONG “Word of God, Speak”

I'm finding myself at a loss for words,
And the funny thing is, it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard,
But to hear what You would say.

**Chorus: Word of God, speak.
Would you pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty,
To be still and know
That you're in this place?
Please let me stay and rest
In your holiness.
Word of God, speak.**

I'm finding myself in the midst of You,
Beyond the music, beyond the noise.

All that I need is to be with You,
And in the quiet, hear Your voice.

**Chorus: Word of God, speak.
Would you pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see
Your majesty,
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GATHERING SONG “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand
O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death
What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him
And we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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WELCOME

- * **CALL TO WORSHIP "Sanctuary"**
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living,

Sanctuary for You

- * **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 "Lord Have Mercy"**

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim

With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom
Forgive me for my unbelief
Renew the fire again

Chorus

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy on me (Repeat)

I have built an altar where I worship things of men
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing
Pardon my transgressions
Help me love You again **Repeat Chorus**

I have longed to know You and Your tender mercies
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end
I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence
Your grace forever shining
Like a beacon in the night **Repeat Chorus 4x**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE “Father I Adore You”**

Father, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Jesus, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Spirit I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Living God,

C: in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives

**make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

WORD

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

Please read responsively

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,
²**but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴**The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

⁶**for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of

you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

* **GOSPEL: Luke 6:17-26**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **Luke 6:17-26**

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on

that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON Song “We Want To See Jesus Lifted High”

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
a banner that flies across this land,
that all men may see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven.

We want to see,
we want to see,
we want to see Jesus lifted high. (repeat)

Step by step we're moving forward,
little by little taking ground.
Ev'ry prayer a powerful weapon,
strongholds come tumbling down, and down, and down and down.

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
a banner that flies across this land,
that all men may see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven.

We're gonna see,
we're gonna see,
we're gonna see Jesus lifted high. (repeat)

* **APOSTLES' CREED**

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: 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 “We Are an Offering”**

Hymn #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering, we are an offering.

* **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” vs. 1

Hymn #336

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“What a Beautiful Name”

Vs. 1 You were the Word at the beginning
 One with God the Lord Most High
 Your hidden glory in creation
 Now revealed in You our Christ

**Chorus 1 What a beautiful Name it is
 What a beautiful Name it is
 The Name of Jesus Christ my King**

***What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus***

Vs. 2 You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great Your love was greater
What could separate us now

***Chorus 2 What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus***

Bridge Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

***Chorus 3 What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King***

***What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus***

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"In Christ Alone "

Vs.1 In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

Vs.2 In Christ alone! who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied -
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Vs.3 There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Vs.4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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 “*Blessed be Your Name*”**

Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Chorus

***Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
when the darkness closes in Lord still I will say:***

blessed be the name of the Lord

blessed be Your name

blessed be the name of the Lord

blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining down on me
when the world's "all as it should be"
blessed be your name
Blessed be your name
on the road marked with suffering
though there's pain in the offering
blessed be your name ***Chorus***

blessed be the name of the Lord

blessed be Your name

blessed be the name of the Lord

blessed be Your glorious name

you give and take away
you give and take away
my heart will chose to say:
Lord, blessed be your name (2x)

Chorus

blessed be the name of the Lord

blessed be Your name

blessed be the name of the Lord

blessed be Your glorious name

* **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.*

Thank you to the Mission Team for hosting coffee fellowship this morning. The Mission Team is raising funds for their upcoming March trip to Black Mountain, NC which was devastated by Hurricane Helene. On March 16th, the Mission Team will be commissioned and serving their Annual Breakfast!

Koinonia: Hygge & Conversation

Join us for an informal gathering of ELCA Lutherans from around the Twin Ports, particularly those in the **young-midlife(ish) season of life (think GenX-Millennial)**. Craving community beyond your kids' activities? Your rainbow colored calendar? A break from the weariness of the world? Come and be a part...

We will gather from **6-8pm on Friday, Feb 28th in the Welcome Space at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Duluth.**

Imagine a fireplace, a space where the kids can play, yummy food, conversation, and capping the evening with Holden Evening Prayer. Please bring a tapas, hors d'oeuvres, or appetizer to share. We will provide non-alcoholic drinks and a hot cocoa bar. Questions? Contact Pastor Taryn Montgomery at taryn.montgomery@nemnsynod.org.

"Koinonia" translates to "community" in ancient Greek. Let us create it.

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Sundays at Salem

~ Youth Education ~ 9:00 am ~

~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~

~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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Prison Ministry	12:00 pm
Cub Scouts	4:00 pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

Day Care	6:00 am
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

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