

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

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD  
~ FEBRUARY 2, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG “Arms of Love”**

I sing a simple song of love  
To my Savior, to my Jesus.  
I'm thankful for the things You've done,  
My loving Savior, my precious Jesus.

My heart is glad that You've called me Your own.  
Cuz There's no place I'd rather be than

*In Your arms of love,  
In Your arms of love.  
Holding me still, holding me near,  
In Your arms of love.*

**GATHERING SONG “10,000 Reasons”**

**Chorus:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

Vs. 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **(Chorus)**

Vs. 2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing:  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **(Chorus)**

Vs. 3 And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;

Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years, and then forever more! **(Chorus)**

**Chorus:** *Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name.*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name,  
Worship Your holy name,  
Worship Your holy name.

**GATHERING 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)

## 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 *“Refiner’s Fire”*

Purify my heart

Let me be as gold and precious silver

Purify my heart

Let me be as gold, pure gold  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within  
And make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin  
Deep within  
Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You, Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You, my Master  
Ready to do Your will  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold, pure gold  
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\* **HYMN OF PRAISE “*Humble Thyself/Awesome God*”**

Our God, is an awesome God,  
He reigns from Heaven above  
With wisdom, power and love,  
Our God is an awesome God (2x)

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord  
And He...Shall lift...you up.  
Higher and higher.  
And He...Shall lift...you up.

Our God, is an awesome God,  
He reigns from Heaven above  
With wisdom, power and love,  
Our God is an awesome God (2x)

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and ever-living God,

***C: your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple.  
May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same  
Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.***

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**WORD**

**FIRST LESSON: Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of

the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like washers’ soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 84

*Please read responsively*

<sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> **My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

<sup>6</sup> **As they go through the valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.**

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

<sup>9</sup> Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

<sup>10</sup> **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

<sup>12</sup> **O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

### SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 2:14-18

<sup>14</sup> Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and free those who all

their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. <sup>16</sup> For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia”

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

### \* GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

### \* Luke 2:22-40

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, <sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup> And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to

be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”

<sup>36</sup> There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup> At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom, and the favor of God was upon him.

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

#### **SERMON**

#### **SERMON Song “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

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.

#### \* **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 “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

#### ***"There Is a Redeemer"***

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son.  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

***Chorus: Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son;  
And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.***

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. **Chorus**

When I stand in glory I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. **Chorus**

### ***"You Are My King"***

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.

I'm alive and well. Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my king, would die for me?  
Amazing love. I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.

In all I do I honor You. You are my King. You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

### 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 “Agnus Dei”**

Alleluia, alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia, holy, holy

are You Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

You are holy, holy

are You Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Amen

Alleluia, alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia, holy, holy

are You Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

You are holy, holy

are You Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Amen

You are holy, holy

are You Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb

Amen

Alleluia

Amen

\* **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 prefer gluten-free bread or 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 Ashville, NC area which was devastated by Hurricane Helene.***

### **Ladies' Night in February – For God So Loved the World!**

Real-talk, God-breathed time to move in freedom and love and dig into the Word. Plus a special Valentine make and take activity. This is truly a time of togetherness that will renew your body, mind, and spirit.

Bring: Your Bible, a journal (if you already use one), wear comfy clothes that you can move in (all activities have modifications), a water bottle

Salem Lutheran Church - Family Room  
Wednesday February 12 at 6:00pm

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**This Week a Salem**

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**TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

Youth Education .....	9:00 am
Worship .....	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship .....	11:00 am
Prison Ministry .....	12:00 pm
Cub Scouts .....	4:00 pm

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

Day Care .....	6:00 am
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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

Day Care .....	6:00 am
Ruth Circle at Mary Larson's .....	1:00 pm
Thrive! Support Group .....	6:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025**

Day Care .....	6:00 am
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**NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

Youth Education .....	9:00 am
Worship .....	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship .....	11:00 am
Cub Scouts .....	4:00 pm

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## Sundays at Salem

~ Youth Education ~ 9:00 am ~  
~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~  
~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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