

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
~ MAY 25, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP “*This Is My Song*”** *Hymn #887*

Vs. 1 This is my song O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes my dreams my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Vs. 2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song Thou God of all nations
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

Vs. 3 This is my prayer O God of all earth's kingdoms,
Your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all nations;
Myself I give you; let your will be done.

* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** *Page 94*

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**

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** *Page 203*

Vs. 1 Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Vs. 2 Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Vs. 3 Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r, create in us new hearts!

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** Page 204

Vs. 1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Vs. 2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Vs. 3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Bountiful God,

C: you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the

world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalms 67

Please read responsively

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

* **GOSPEL: John 14:23-29**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **John 14:23-29**

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON SONG "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Hymn #614

**Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

Vs. 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. **Refrain**

Vs. 2 If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

Refrain

Vs. 3 Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend. **Refrain**
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* **APOSTLES' CREED** Page 105

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 bur
ied; 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.

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

* **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 "Take My Life, That I May Be" Vs. 1, 4, 6** Hymn #685

Vs. 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless
praise.

Vs. 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;

take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Vs. 6 Take my Love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

* **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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Vs. 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of the all the world away;
You suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now, we
pray.

Vs. 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

You set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now, we pray.

Vs. 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
Eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Hymn #471

Vs. 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Vs. 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. ***Refrain***

Vs. 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. ***Refrain***

“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am” 3x

Hymn #814

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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 “*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*”** *Hymn #890*

Vs. 1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.

***Refrain: Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.***

Vs. 2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. ***Refrain***

Vs. 3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. ***Refrain***

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

** 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.***

Thank you to David Hagemann for leading worship this morning while Pastor John is on vacation.

On this Memorial Day weekend we would like to remember those Veterans from Salem who have passed away:

Jim Burud, Ken Carlson, Joe Economy, Alrick Engquist, Larry Girard, Jim Hanson, Lyle Hudson, Russell Ide, Bob Jahr, Armand Johnson, Pastor Don Johnson, John Larson, Ed Lund, John MacDougall, Willfred Pehl, Roy Peterson, Willard Peterson, John Riggio, Don Rothe, Carl Ruhanen, Bob Schramm, Emray Siemsen, Ken Suominen, John Wisniewski

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

Worship 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

Church Office Closed

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

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

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

Day Care..... 6:00 am

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

Day Care 6:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

Worship w/Holy Baptism 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am

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Sundays at Salem

~ Youth Education ~~ 9:00 am ~

~ Worship ~~ 10:00 am ~

~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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