

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
~ MAY 11, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

* **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**

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, you have created us, and we are yours; hear the prayer of your children.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, atonement for our sins, you have risen from the dead; come and stay among us.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Holy Spirit, Comforter, you are the true source of joy; open our hearts to give you our thanks.

C: Lord, have mercy.

* **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: O God of peace,

C: you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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 SERMON

NOISY OFFERING

WORD

Psalm 23

Please read responsively

The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need.

² He gives me rest in green pastures. He leads me to calm water.

³ He gives me new strength. For the good of his name, he leads me on paths that are right.

⁴ Even if I walk through a very dark valley, I will not be afraid because you are with me. Your rod and your shepherd's staff comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a meal for me in front of my enemies. You pour oil of

blessing on my head. You give me more than I can hold.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will be with me all my life. And I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹Then I looked, and there was a great number of people. There were so many people that no one could count them. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language of the earth. They were all standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and had palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They were shouting in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹The elders and the four living things were there. All the angels were standing around them and the throne. The angels bowed down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God. ¹²They were saying, "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength belong to our God forever and ever. Amen!"

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, "Who are these people in white robes? Where did they come from?" ¹⁴I answered, "You know who they are, sir." And the elder said, "These are the people who have come out of the great suffering. They have washed their robes with the blood of the Lamb. Now they are clean and white. ¹⁵And they are before the throne of God. They worship God day and night in his temple. And the One who sits on the throne will protect them.

¹⁶Those people will never be hungry again. They will never be thirsty again. The sun will not hurt them. No heat will burn them. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of water that give life. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*"**

Hymn #172

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hal-
lujah. Halle, halle, halle-

lujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

* **GOSPEL: John 10:22-30**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **John 10:22-30**

²²The time came for the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. This was during the winter. ²³Jesus was walking in the Temple in Solomon's Porch. ²⁴The Jews gathered around him and said, "How long will you make us wonder about you? If you are the Christ, then tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered, "I told you already, but you did not believe. I do miracles in my Father's name. Those miracles show who I am. ²⁶But you don't believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never die. And no person can steal them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father gave my sheep to me. He is greater than all, and no person can steal my sheep out of my Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one." The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON SONG "Jesus loves me"

Vs. 1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

Vs. 2 Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.

Refrain

Vs. 3 Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;

When at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

* **NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

P: Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church into our fellowship in the Gospel.

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ; In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P: Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

R: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

P: If so, please respond, I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, though water and the Spirit you have made these men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness on life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, you Son, or Lord.

C: 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 "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, our 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

“Amazing Grace”

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.

“Grace Flows Down”

Amazing Grace How sweet the sound
Amazing love Now flowing down
From hands and feet
That were nailed to the tree
As Grace flows down and covers me (2x)

Chorus

It covers me

It covers me

It covers me

And covers me

Amazing Grace How sweet the sound
Amazing love Now flowing down
From hands and feet
That were nailed to the tree
As Grace flows down and covers me

Chorus

It covers me

It covers me

It covers me

And covers 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

Notify the usher if you want to be served in the pew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING SONG “This Little Light of Mine”**

Vs. 1, 2 & 3 Sunday School

Hold it high so all can see

I’m gonna let it shine

Hold it high so all can see

I’m gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine it around Salem

I’m gonna let it shine

Shine it around Salem

I’m gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little Light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine

This little Light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine

This little Light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

* **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.

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Sundays at Salem

~ Youth Education ~ 9:00 am ~

~ Worship ~~ 10:00 am ~

~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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