

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

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
~ SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\* CALL TO WORSHIP “Jesus Like a Shepherd Lead Us” Hymn #789

Vs. 1 Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.

Vs. 2 We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;

keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

Vs. 3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;

you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Vs. 4 Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;

blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

\* 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

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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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.

our 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

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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: Exodus 32:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you  
brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have  
been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have  
cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and  
sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you  
up out of the land of Egypt!' " <sup>9</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this  
people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath  
may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will  
make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your  
wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of

Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the  
Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them  
in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn  
from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on  
your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants,  
how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply  
your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have  
promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'  
" <sup>14</sup> And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to  
bring on his people. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 51:1-10**

*Please read responsively*

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my  
sin.**

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> **Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> **You desire truth in the inward being;<sup>[a]</sup>  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup> **Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right<sup>[b]</sup> spirit within me.

**SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup> even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me<sup>[a]</sup> with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible,<sup>[b]</sup> the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever.<sup>[c]</sup> Amen. · Word of God, word of life.

***Thanks be to God.***

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Page 205*

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: Luke 15:1-10**  
P: The holy gospel according to Luke.  
**C: *Glory to you, O Lord.***

**\* Luke 15:1-10**  
<sup>15</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”  
<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> “Or what

woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, Christ.***

**SERMON**

**SERMON SONG “JUST AS I AM”** HYMN #592

VS. 1 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA,  
BUT THAT THY BLOOD WAS SHED FOR ME,  
AND THAT THOU BIDD’ST ME COME TO THEE,  
O LAMB OF GOD, I COME, I COME.  
VS. 2 JUST AS I AM, THOUGH TOSSED ABOUT  
WITH MANY A CONFLICT, MANY A DOUBT,  
FIGHTINGS AND FEARS WITHIN, WITHOUT,  
O LAMB OF GOD, I COME, I COME.  
VS.3 JUST AS I AM, THOU WILT RECEIVE,  
WILT WELCOME, PARDON, CLEANSE, RELIEVE;  
BECAUSE THY PROMISE I BELIEVE,  
O LAMB OF GOD, I COME, I COME.  
VS. 4 JUST AS I AM, THY LOVE UNKNOWN  
HAS BROKEN EV’RY BARRIER DOWN;  
NOW TO BE THINE, YEA, THINE ALONE,  
O LAMB OF GOD, I COME, I COME.

**\* 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 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.

\* **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.

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**Amazing Grace**

*Hymn #779*

Vs. 1 Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound—that  
saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
now am 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!

Vs. 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I  
have already come; 'tis grace has brought me  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Vs. 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

*Vs. 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.*

### **When We All Get To Heaven**

Vs.1 SING THE WONDROUS LOVE OF JESUS,  
SING HIS MERCY AND HIS GRACE;  
IN THE MANSIONS BRIGHT AND BLESSED  
HE'LL PREPARE FOR US A PLACE.

#### **REFRAIN:**

**WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN,  
WHAT A DAY OF REJOICING THAT WILL BE!  
WHEN WE ALL SEE JESUS,WE'LL SING AND SHOUT THE VICTORY!**

Vs 2 WHILE WE WALK THE PILGRIM PATHWAY  
CLOUDS WILL OVERSPREAD THE SKY;  
BUT WHEN TRAV'LING DAYS ARE OVER  
NOT A SHADOW, NOT A SIGH. **REFRAIN**

Vs. 3 LET US THEN BE TRUE AND FAITHFUL,  
TRUSTING, SERVING EV'RY DAY;  
JUST ONE GLIMPSE OF HIM IN GLORY  
WILL THE TOILS OF LIFE REPAY. **REFRAIN**

Vs. 4 ONWARD TO THE PRIZE BEFORE US!  
SOON HIS BEAUTY WE'LL BEHOLD;  
SOON THE PEARLY GATES WILL OPEN—  
WE SHALL TREAD THE STREETS OF GOLD. **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**

#### **\* BENEDICTION**

#### **\* SENDING SONG “Softly & Tenderly”**

*Hymn #608*

*Vs.1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me. See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.*

#### **Refrain:**

**"Come home, come home!  
You who are weary, come home."  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, "O sinner, come home!"**

Vs. 2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for

you and for me? Why should we linger and heed not his

mercies, mercies for you and for me? **Refrain**

Vs. 3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for

you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. **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.*

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### THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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#### TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Day Care .....	6:00 am
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#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

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

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

##### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

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

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Day Care .....	6:00 am
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#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

Day Care .....	6:00 am
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#### NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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

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## Sundays at Salem

~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~  
~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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