

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
~ APRIL 12, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP “*Lord of the Dance*”

Vs. 1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I
danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

***Refrain: Dance, then, wherever you may be,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.***

Vs. 2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. ***Refrain***

Vs. 3 I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame.
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,
and they left me there on a Cross to die. ***Refrain***

Vs. 4 I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the Dance, and I still go on. ***Refrain***

Vs. 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high;
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you If you'll live in me -
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. ***Refrain***

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* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: 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.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been

saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

* **GREETING** Page 184

L: 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 184

**Refrain: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of
all;

for this holy house for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

**Refrain: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and
the poor,

that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and
family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and
the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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Glory to God in the highest, the highest and
peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you
for your glory. Glory to God in the highest,
the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the
right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest and
peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest and peace to God's
people on earth. Glory to God in the highest,
the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Almighty and eternal God,

**C: the strength of those who believe and the hope of those
who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and
receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Word

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence. ²⁹Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Please read responsively

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles

multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names up on my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome

of your faith, the salvation of your souls. Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

* **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

L: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have

you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "His Mercy Is More"

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness

New every morn'

Our sins they are many

His mercy is more

What love could remember

No wrongs we have done

Omniscient all-knowing

He counts not their sum

Thrown into a sea

Without bottom or shore

Our sins they are many

His mercy is more

Praise the Lord

His mercy is more

Stronger than darkness

New every morn'

Our sins they are many

His mercy is more

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam
What Father so tender
Is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest
The vilest the poor
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more
Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more
What riches of kindness
He lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt
We could never afford
Our sins they are many
His mercy is more
Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness
New every morn'
Our sins they are many
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Our sins they are many
His mercy is more

* **NICENE CREED**

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We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to
come. Amen.

* **JOYS, SORROWS & CONCERNS**

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem
our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Lord, listen to your children praying,

*Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

L: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

* **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.

THANKSGIVING

* **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

L: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

L: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

L: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

L: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

* **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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

* **SENDING SONG "Man of Sorrows"**

Man of sorrows Lamb of God
By His own betrayed
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid

Silent as He stood accused
Beaten mocked and scorned
Bowing to the Father's will
He took a crown of thorns

**Chorus: Oh that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out Hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee**

Sent of heaven God's own Son
To purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree

**Chorus: Oh that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out Hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee**

BRIDGE (2x)

Now my debt is paid

It is paid in full

By the precious blood

That my Jesus spilled

Now the curse of sin

Has no hold on me

Whom the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

**Chorus: Oh that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out Hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee**

See the stone is rolled away

Behold the empty tomb

Hallelujah God be praised

He's risen from the grave

**Chorus: Oh that rugged cross, my salvation
Where Your love poured out over me
Now my soul cries out Hallelujah
Praise and honour unto Thee**

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* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve in love!

C: Thanks be to God.

** Please stand if you are able*

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WELCOME

Please fill out a communion card located in the pew rack so we can get to know you better. If you have any other questions, please ask the pastor or any other members.

Thank you to Chris, Lee, Carol, the music team and tech team for leading worship this morning while Pastor John is on vacation.

Ladies Night!

Thursday, April 16th, 6:00 pm

Movie Night and Sweet Treats

Join us for a fun evening!

SALEM HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAM COMMUNITY SERIES

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* 4715 Hermantown Road * Hermantown, MN 55811

Start time: 6pm (each session will last about 90 minutes)

COMMUNITY EVENT ONE: Tuesday April 21, 2026

Flourishing Beyond the Struggle: Finding Peace in an Anxious World

COMMUNITY EVENT TWO: Tuesday April 28, 2026

Life Review: Making Sense and Meaning of Our Lives

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Sundays at Salem

~Youth Education~ 9:00 am~

~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~

~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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“Our Mission is to pass on the faith by involving all members of our community in Christ’s ministry.”

This Week a Salem

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Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am
Cub Scouts 4:00 pm

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

Day Care 6:00 am

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

Day Care 6:00 am
Thrive! Support Group 6:00 pm
Generosity Team 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

May Newsletter Articles Due!

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

Day Care..... 6:00 am
Ladies Night 6:00 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

Day Care 6:00 am

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

Men's Group 10:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

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