

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
~ APRIL 26, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

Gathering

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *“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
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* **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.
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 “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”**

Vs. 1 Sing with all the saints in glory, Sing the resurrection song! Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong. All around the clouds are breaking,
Soon the storms of time shall cease; In God's likeness, we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace.

Vs. 2 O what glory, far exceeding All that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading, Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, There on high our welcome waits;
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Vs. 3 Life eternal! heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages, Saints all longing for their heav'n,
Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, All await the glory giv'n.

Vs. 4 Life eternal! O what wonders Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amidst earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!
Oh to enter that bright portal, See that glowing firmament,
Know, with you, O God immortal, Jesus Christ whom you have sent!

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God our shepherd,

C: you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 READING: Acts 2:42-47

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

Please read responsively

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been

called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. 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 I burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

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

* **GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

Jesus said: ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me

will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Carol Moen

SERMON SONG "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Hymn #502

Vs. 1 The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Vs. 2 Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

Vs. 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Vs. 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

* **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.

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

* **THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

* **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 all creation, all you have made is good, and your love

endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE 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 SONGS

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

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***

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymn #773

Vs. 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

Vs. 2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

Vs. 3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING SONG “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” Hymn #536**

Vs. 1 God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide,
uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet
again.

**Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet, till we
meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we
meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

Vs. 2 God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide
you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet
again. **Refrain**

Vs. 3 God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick
confound you, put unfailing arms around you; God be with you
till we meet again. **Refrain**

* **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

** Please stand if you are able*

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WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome those of you visiting with us, for we know that you have been brought by God. So in God's name we are honored to welcome you. The Lord's Supper is offered to all. If you are hungry for God, come. ***If you need gluten-free bread, please come to the rail for communion.*** As you receive the bread for Communion, hold your hands out to receive the Body of Christ. If you prefer grape juice, please tell the server as you receive the Blood of Christ. *Notify the usher if you want to be served in the pew.*

Thank you to Rev. Carol Moen for leading worship this morning while Pastor John is at Synod Assembly. Thank you also to Ken Ahlberg for playing this morning while Lisa has the weekend off.

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Sundays at Salem

~ Youth Education ~ 9:00 am~

~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~

Coffee Fellowship ~ 11:00 am ~

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