

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

THE HOLY TRINITY
~ MAY 31, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP “*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*”**

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.
Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.
Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,

That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

* **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

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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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L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE

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

C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty god and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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.

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.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty Creator and ever-living God;

C: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it."

And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the

seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air

and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

Please read responsively

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. 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.

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

*** GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"

Hymn #413

Vs. 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Vs. 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Vs. 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Vs. 4 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*** NICENE CREED**

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We believe in one God, the Father 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 from 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;

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary

and became truly human.
for our sake he was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again with 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who 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 forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

L: God of grace,
C: *hear our prayer.*

* **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.
C: *And also with you.*

OFFERING

P: We will accept our offering at this time.

* **OFFERTORY “*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*”** *Hymn #182*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams
of all; unite them with prayers we offer now. Grace our table

with your presence, and give us foretaste of the feast to come.

* **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*”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Hymn #535

- Vs. 1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you. All on earth your scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore you. Infinite your vast domain, Everlasting is your reign.
- Vs. 2 Hark! the glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising, Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”
- Vs. 3 Lo, the apostolic train Join your sacred name to hallow; Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow; And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
- Vs. 4 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you, Though in essence only one; Undivided God we claim you And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sin”

Hymn #886

- Vs. 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!
- Vs. 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.
- Vs. 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
- Vs. 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead

receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Vs. 5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

Vs. 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

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 “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!”**

Hymn #835

- Vs.1 All creatures, worship God most high! Sound every voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia! Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright, sing, sister moon and stars of night: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- Vs. 2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and

grain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear sister water, useful,
clear, make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia, alle-
luia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong; drive far the shadows,
join the
throng: Alleluia! Alleluia! Dear mother earth, so rich in
care, praise God in colors bright and rare: Alleluia, alle-
luia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 4 All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow
grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ bears your burdens and your
fears; still make your song amid the tears: Alleluia, alle-
luia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 5 And you, most gentle sister death, waiting to hush our final
breath: Alleluia! Alleluia! Since Christ our light has pierced your
gloom, fair is the night that leads us home. Alleluia, alle-
luia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with
humble
heart: Alleluia! Alleluia! All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit Three in One: Alleluia, alle-
luia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, share the good news!

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. Notify the usher if you wish to be served in the pew.***

21st ANNUAL CHUM RHUBARB FESTIVAL

CHUM's Rhubarb Festival will be held at Asbury Methodist Church on Saturday, June 27 from 9:00-3:00. Check out CHUM's Facebook page or website for details on the day including shuttle bus transportation.

Salem is once again tasked with staffing the bake sale tent—the bake sale is consistently the highest grossing part of the Rhubarb Festival, so this is a **VERY** important job! If you are willing to help, please reach out to Lisa at 218-393-0869 (text or call). We would love it if volunteers could help for the full day (7:00-3:00, including set up), but partial day volunteers are also welcome!

If you have unwanted rhubarb (or know someone who is looking to get rid of theirs), please reach out to Lisa or Chris and they will quickly turn it into quarts of juice to be sold at the festival or used for Salem's rhubarb jelly donation next year.

Newsletter Mailing

With the cost of mail (including bulk mail) continuing to rise, there will be a change in how the newsletter will be distributed. Beginning with August Sunburst, the newsletter will be emailed out to members. **If you DO NOT have email or prefer a paper copy of the newsletter, please let the church office know before July 21st which is the mailing date for the August newsletter.**

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

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

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

Day Care 6:00 am

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026

Day Care..... 6:00 am

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026

Day Care 6:00 am
Dale Nordwall's Visitation 12:00 pm
Dale Nordwall's Memorial Service..... 1:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

Worship 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 am
Prison Ministry 12:00 pm
Cub Scouts 4:00 pm

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Sundays at Salem

~ Youth Education ~ 9:00 am ~

~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~

~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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