

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

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM  
~ MAY 17, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

\* **PROCESSIONAL SONG “*Borning Cry*”**

*Hymn #732*

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in,  
and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.  
I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

**WELCOME**

\* **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** Page 184

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** 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**

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**

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God of glory,

**C: your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

<sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen. 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 17:1-11**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

\* **John 17:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority

over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, Christ.**

**SERMON**

**SERMON SONG "We Believe"**

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe, We believe  
In this broken generation  
When all is dark, You help us see  
There is only one salvation  
We believe, We believe

**Chorus:**

**We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life**

***We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death***

***We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back again***

We believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems

Greater than the songs we sing

And in our weakness and temptations

We believe, We believe!

***Chorus:***

***We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life***

***We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that***

***He conquered death***

***We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back again***

***Bridge:***

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised;

In the here and now, let love invade.

Let the church live loud! Our God, we'll say,

We believe! We believe!

And the gates of hell will not prevail,

For the power of God has torn the veil.

Now we know Your love will never fail.

We believe! We believe!

***Final Chorus:***

***We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life***

***We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death***

***We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back again!***

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***We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life***

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***We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back,***

***He's coming back again!***

***He's coming back again!***

***We believe, we believe!***

## ***Affirmation of Baptism***

### **Presentation**

I present \_\_\_\_\_, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all who you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

### **Profession of Faith**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

***Confirmands: I renounce them.***

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

***Confirmands: I renounce them.***

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

***Confirmands: I renounce them.***

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.**

#### **Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly**

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 the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support d these brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O god, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Stir up in \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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, both now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

#### \* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

#### \* SHARING OF 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.***

***"Lamb of God"***

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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, Lamb of God.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

***"Pass It On"***

Vs. 1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its  
glowing.  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've  
experienced it,  
You spread His love to everyone, you want  
to pass it on.

Vs. 2 What a wondrous time is spring when all the  
trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their

blooming.

That's how it is with God's love, once you've  
experienced it:

You want to sing, it's fresh like spring; you  
want to pass it on.

Vs. 3 I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that  
I've found.

You can depend on Him, it matters not  
where you're bound.

I'll shout it from the mountain top; I want my  
world to know

The Lord of love has come to me; I want to  
pass it on.

***"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"***

I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
Though none go with me, still I will follow;  
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me;  
No turning back, no turning back.

Take the whole world, but give me Jesus;  
Take the whole world, but give me Jesus;  
Take the whole world, but give me Jesus;  
I'll follow him, I'll follow him.

**“You Are Mine”**

Hymn #581

Vs. 1 I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice  
I claim you as my choice. Be  
still, and know I am near. **Refrain**

Vs. 2 I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see. In the  
shadows of the night, I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me.

**Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each  
by  
name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I  
love you and you are mine.**

Vs. 3 I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
all will know my name. **Refrain**

Vs. 4 I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I  
am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand  
up, now walk and live! **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.**

**PRAYER FOR THE SENDING OF COMMUNION**

P: Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him,  
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with  
those who are sick/homebound/or imprisoned. May these gifts be  
signs of our love and prayers that through the sharing of the body  
and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* **BLESSING**

\* **SENDING SONG “The Church Song”**

**Chorus: We are the church  
The body of our Lord  
We are all God’s children  
And we have been restored! (repeat)**

The church is not a building  
Where people go to pray  
It’s not made out of sticks and stones  
It’s not made out of clay

**Chorus: We are the church  
The body of our Lord  
We are all God’s children  
And we have been restored!**

You can go to worship  
But you can not go to church  
You can’t find a building that’s alive  
No matter how you search **(Chorus)**

The church is not a business  
A committee or a board  
It’s not a corporation

For the business of the Lord (*Chorus*)

**Chorus: We are the church  
The body of our Lord  
We are all God's children  
And we have been restored!**

The church it is the people  
Living out their lives  
Called, Enlightened, Sanctified  
For the work of Jesus Christ (**Chorus (x2)**)

\* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve in love!  
**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 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.*

## **AFFIRMING THEIR BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

### **TODAY ARE**

**BRODY ROGER HAHN**

son of Patrick & Amy Hahn

**NOLAN NATHAN WARFIELD**

son of Nathan & Ginny Warfield

# **Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church**



## **Sundays at Salem**

~ 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**

**TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

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Prison Ministry.....	1:00 pm
Cub Scouts.....	4:00 pm

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026**

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**

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**FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026**

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Acts 1:6-14
Psalm <del>68:1-10,32-35</del>
1 Peter 4:12-14;5:6-11
John 17:1-11
Unity and prayer
<b>Affirmation of Baptism</b>
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We Believe
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Without LL
Setting 8
Pass It On
I Have Decided To Follow Jesus
The Church Song

