

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY
~ MAY 24, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP “Refiner’s Fire”**

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold, pure gold
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within
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* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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 forgives 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 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**

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, you have created us, and we are yours; hear the prayer of your children.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, atonement for our sins, you have risen from the dead; come and stay among us.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Holy Spirit, Comforter, you are the true source of joy; open our

hearts to give you our thanks.

C: Lord, have mercy.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”**

**Refrain: Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Ev’ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.**

Vs. 1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
Out His mouth came fire and smoke. **Refrain**

Vs. 2 All around me looked so fine,
Asked my Lord if all was mine. **Refrain**

Vs. 3 Jordan river chilly and cold,
Chills the body but not the soul. **Refrain**

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God,

C: on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy

Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Please read responsively

²⁴O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

^{3b}No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of

healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. ¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”**
Hymn #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it all the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

* **GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**
P: The holy gospel according to John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**
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." The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON SONG “Shine, Jesus, Shine” *Hymn #671*

**Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

Vs. 1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me: **(refrain)**

Vs. 2 As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me; **(refrain)**

* **NICENE CREED** *Page 104*

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.

* **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.

* **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, 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.

"Behold the Lamb"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Light the Fire"

I stand to praise you but I fall on my knees
My spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak
So light the fire - in my soul
Fan the flame - make me whole
Lord you know - where I've been
So light the fire in my heart again

I feel your arms around me
as the power of your healing begins
Your spirit moves through me like a mighty rushing wind.

So light the fire - in my soul
Fan the flame - make me whole
Lord you know - where I've been
So light the fire in my heart again

"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.

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 “*Blessed be Your Name*”**

Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

***Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
when the darkness closes in Lord still I will say:***

blessed be the name of the Lord

blessed be Your name

blessed be the name of the Lord

blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining down on me
when the world's "all as it should be"
blessed be your name
Blessed be your name
on the road marked with suffering
though there's pain in the offering
blessed be your name

blessed be the name of the Lord

blessed be Your name

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blessed be Your glorious name

you give and take away
you give and take away
my heart will chose to say:
Lord, blessed be your name **2x**

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* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

** 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. As you receive the bread for Communion, please hold your hands out.

On this Memorial Day weekend, we would like to remember those Veterans from Salem who have passed away:

Jim Burud, Ken Carlson, Joe Economy, Alrick Engquist, Larry Girard, Jim Hanson, Lyle Hudson, Russell Ide, Bob Jahr, Armand Johnson, Pastor Don Johnson, John Larson, Andy Larrivy, Ed Lund, John MacDougall, Hollis Nicholson, Dale Nordwall, Willfred Pehl, Roy Peterson, Willard Peterson, John Riggio, Don Rothe, Carl Ruhanen, Bob Schramm, Emray Siensen, Ken Suominen, John Wisiewski

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.**

From the Church Office

As a reminder, if you or a family member would like a visit from Pastor John, please contact the church office (218-727-1357) or Pastor John's cell phone (952-261-5593) as unless requested, facilities (hospitals, nursing homes, etc) no longer contact the church office or Pastor for visits. Thank you.

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Pentecost

Sundays at Salem

~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~

~ Coffee Fellowship ~

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Cub Scouts 4:00 pm

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026

Memorial Day

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

Day Care..... 6:00 am
Quilters..... 9:30 am
Trillium Works! The Collective3:00-4:30 pm
The Chosen..... 6:30 pm

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026

Day Care..... 6:00 am
Keene's Creek Condo Association Board Meeting 7:00 pm

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

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