

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
~ JUNE 28, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* CALL TO WORSHIP “*All Are Welcome*”

*Chorus: All are welcome, friend and stranger at the banquet
of the Savior*

All are welcome. All are welcome here.

From the woman who comes crying, leaving tears at Jesus feet,
To the man who knows the right way, but cannot see. **(Chorus)**

From the ones who feel forgotten, those who sense their place is
gone,

To the ones who live in hunger, here you belong. **(Chorus)**

Go into the streets and cities, to the farms and families,
Tell about the splendid table, God’s mercy. **(Chorus)**

* 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 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

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 “Living Hope”**

Vs. 1 How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Vs. 2 Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

**Chorus: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope. (repeat chorus)**

Vs. 3 Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
declared the grave has no claim on me. (repeat verse)
Jesus, Yours is the victory! **Chorus 2x**

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God,

C: you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.” Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Please read responsively

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

²I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

³You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to my servant David:

4“I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations.”

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;

16they exult in your name all day long and extol your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.

18For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what fruit did you then gain from the things of

which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia”**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **Matthew 10:40-42**

⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.” The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON SONG “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Vs. 1 Amazing grace!— how sweet the sound— that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Vs. 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Vs. 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I

have already come; 'tis grace has brought me
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

Vs. 4 The Lord has promised good to me; his
word my hope secures; he will my shield and
portion be as long as life endures.

Vs. 5 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright
shining as the sun, we've no less days to
sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

* **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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. Amen.

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: God of grace,

C: *hear our prayer.*

* **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.

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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 “Sent Fort by God’s Blessing”**

Vs. 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls
reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Vs. 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face-
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanks giving
give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

** 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.*

Newsletter Mailing

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 a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026

Thrive! Support Group	6:00 pm
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

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

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*The church office will be closed this week June 28 – July 3.
Thank you.*

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Sundays at Salem

~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~
Coffee Fellowship ~ 11:00 am ~

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