

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~ JUNE 21, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

Gathering

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *“Children of the Heavenly Father”* Hymn #781

Vs. 1 Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

Vs. 2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they
flourish.
From all evil powers he spares them, in his mighty arms he
bears them.

Vs. 3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children
sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he
knoweth.

Vs. 4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er
forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** *Page 94*

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** *Page 203*

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**

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- Vs. 1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and
praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs
we raise.
- Vs. 2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n
above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right
hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we
stand.
- Vs. 3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to
all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor
bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Teach us, good Lord God,

***C: to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the
cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to
seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of
knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord. Amen.***

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have

overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a
laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸For whenever I
speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For
the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision
all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in
his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut
up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰For I
hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us
denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and
take our revenge on him." ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread
warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not
prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their
eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. ¹²O LORD of hosts, you test
the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your
retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³Sing
to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the
needy from the hands of evildoers Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18

Please read responsively

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has
covered my face.

**⁸I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my
mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn
you has fallen upon me.

**¹⁰I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my
reproach.**

¹⁶Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great
compassion, turn to me.

¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. 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: Matthew 10:24-39**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴"A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

SERMON SONG "How Firm a Foundation"

Hymn #796

Vs. 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!

What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Vs. 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

Vs. 3 "When through fi'ry trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

Vs. 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

* **APOSTLES' CREED**

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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**

L: God of grace,

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

“Be Still My Soul”

Vs. 1 Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'nly friend
Thru' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Vs. 2 Be still, my soul! your God does undertake
To guide the future as he has the past;
Your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he lived below.

Vs. 3 Be still, my soul! when dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul! your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Vs. 4 Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul! when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am” (2x)

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Take, oh, take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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. ***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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING SONG “Lift High the Cross”**

Hymn #660

**Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till
all the world adore his sacred name.**

Vs. 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Vs. 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. **Refrain**

Vs. 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. **Refrain**

Vs. 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! **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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Sundays at Salem

~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~

Coffee Fellowship ~ 11:00 am ~

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“Our Mission is to pass on the faith by involving all members of our community in Christ’s ministry.”

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 let the server know. Notify the usher if you want 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

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.**

*The church office will be closed this week June 22 – 26.
Thank you.*

This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

Father's Day

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

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

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

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP!

Weather permitting, Salem will be holding outdoor worship service next Sunday July 26. Join us to worship in God's beautiful creation!