

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
~ JULY 12, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Duluth Superior Harbormasters*

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP “Come to the Water”**

Vs. 1 You said you’d come and share all my sorrows.
You said you’d be there for all my tomorrows.
I came close to sending you away.
But just like you promised, you came in to stay. I just had to pray.

**Chorus: And Jesus said, Come to the water, stand by my side.
I know you are thirsty, you won’t be denied.
I felt every teardrop when in darkness you cried.
And I long to remind you that for those tears I died.**

Vs. 2 Your goodness is so great, I can’t understand;
But, dear Lord, I know now that all this was planned.
I know you are here now and always will be;
Your love burst my chains and in you I’m free.
But, Jesus, why me? **Chorus**

Vs. 3 Jesus, I give you my heart and my soul;
I know that without you, I’ll never be whole.
Savior, you opened all the right doors,
And I thank you and praise you from earth’s humble shores.
Take me, I’m yours. **Chorus**

* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

* **GREETING**

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L: 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**

L: Lord God, our heavenly Father, you have created us, and we are

yours; hear the prayer of your children.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Christ, have mercy.

L: Holy Spirit, Comforter, you are the true source of joy; open our hearts to give you our thanks.

C: Lord, have mercy.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God,

C: we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 65:9-13

Please read responsively

⁹You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of

God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰**You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.**

¹¹You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹²**The pastures of the wilderness overflow; the hills gird themselves with joy;**

¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and sing together for joy.

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia”**

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

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸“Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown

on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.” The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, Christ.***

SERMON

SERMON SONG “*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.

* **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.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING COLLECTION

P: We will accept our offering at this time.

* OFFERING *“We Are an Offering”*

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours; we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering, we are an offering.

* 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.

* THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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L: Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

L: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

L: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed

by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

L: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

* LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

* SENDING SONG *“We Want To See Jesus Lifted High”*

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
a banner that flies across this land,
that all men may see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven.

We want to see,
we want to see,
we want to see Jesus lifted high. (repeat)

Step by step we're moving forward,
little by little taking ground.
Ev'ry prayer a powerful weapon,
strongholds come tumbling down, and down, and down and down.
We want to see Jesus lifted high,
a banner that flies across this land,
that all men may see the truth and know
He is the way to heaven.

We're gonna see,
we're gonna see,
we're gonna see Jesus lifted high. (repeat)

* **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.*

30th. We'll meet at 6:00 PM at the rose garden. For those that are interested, we can enjoy a walk through Leif Erikson following the rose gardens, and/or on the boardwalk. Another option following the rose gardens and a short walk, is dining and music at Sir Ben's where they have live Celtic music starting at 7:00 p.m. If anyone needs a ride, I can meet you at church at 5:30.

Kim Settergren 341-3665

City on the Hill Music Festival is on August 7th and 8th at Bayfront Festival Park. Some of us are going on the evening of Saturday, August 8th. The whole Festival is awesome! Join us for the fun and inspirational music! Get your tickets online at The City on the Hill Music Festival site, Life 97.3, or at the gate.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

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

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

Day Care 6:00 am

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

Day Care 6:00 am
Salem Quilters 9:30 am

Funeral for Roger Halverson
Trillium Works! The Collective 3:00-4:30 pm
Private Baptism 6:00 pm

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

Day Care..... 6:00 am

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

Day Care 6:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 19, 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

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

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