

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~ JULY 19, 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.

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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**

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: Faithful God,
**C: most merciful judge, you care for your children with
firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in
your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the
LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is

no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and
set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to
come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my
witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I
know not one. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 86:11-17

Please read responsively

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me
an undivided heart to revere your name.

**¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify
your name forevermore.**

¹³For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the
pit of death.

**¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent
people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to
anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your
servant, and save the child of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see
it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and
comforted me.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to
live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh,
you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the
body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are
children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall
back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we
cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our
spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs

of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Page 205*

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 13:24-30, 36-43**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.
C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves

said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!" The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

SERMON SONG “Come Ye Thankful People, Come” Hymn #693

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take the harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

* **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

“Just As I Am, without One Plea” *Hymn #592*

Vs. 1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was
shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Vs. 2 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict,
many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Vs. 3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon,
cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Vs. 4 Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry
barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

“Blessed Assurance” *Hymn #638*

Vs. 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of
glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit,
washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:

this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Vs. 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now
burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy,
whispers of love. ***Refrain***

Vs. 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy
and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his
goodness, lost in his love. ***Refrain***

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 “*Jesus Loves Me!*” *Hymn #595*

Vs. 1 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.

**Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

Vs. 2 Jesus loves me! He who died heaven’s gates to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. **Refrain**

Vs. 3 Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
When at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.
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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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.***

Salem Evangelical

Lutheran Church



Sundays at Salem

~ Youth Education ~ 9:00 am~

~ 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.”

This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

Youth Education	9:00 am
Worship.	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 am
Prison Ministry	12:00 pm
Cub Scouts	4:00 pm

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

Day Care	6:00 am
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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2025

Day Care	6:00 am
Ruth Circle @ Valentini’s	11:30 am
Thrive! Support Group	6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 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 7, 2026

Church Office Closed

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

Youth Education	9:00 am
Worship.	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 am
Cub Scouts	4:00 pm