

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church
4715 Hermantown Rd., Hermantown, MN 55811
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 16, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

Gathering

WELCOME

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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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**

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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** *Page 204*

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 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—
⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 67 *Please read responsively*

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.
²Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.
⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
⁶The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.
⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a

member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. 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 15:10-28**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28**

¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not

defile."

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly. The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

SERMON SONG "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymn #773

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me 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 "We Give Thee but Thine Own" Vs. 1, 2** Hymn #686

1 We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
2 May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

* **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

“I Love to Tell the Story” *Hymn #661*

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. [Refrain]
3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” *Hymn #623*

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; cleanse me from guilt and pow'r.
2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.
3 Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

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 “How Great Thou Art”** *Hymn #856*

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [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.***

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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.”

Cub Scouts..... 4:00 pm

This Week a Salem	
<u>TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026</u>	
Youth Education	9:00 am
Worship.	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 am
Prison Ministry	12:00 pm
Cub Scouts	4:00 pm
<u>MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026</u>	
Day Care	6:00 am
<u>TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2025</u>	
Day Care	6:00 am
Ruth Circle @ Valentini’s	11:30 am
Thrive! Support Group	6:00 pm
<u>WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026</u>	
Day Care.....	6:00 am
Quilters.....	9:30 am
Trillium Works! The Collective	3:00-4:30 pm
The Chosen.....	6:30 pm
<u>THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026</u>	
<i>Church Office Closed</i>	
Day Care.....	6:00 am
<u>FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026</u>	
Day Care.....	6:00 am
<u>NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026</u>	
Youth Education	9:00 am
Worship.	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 am