

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
~ AUGUST 2, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

#### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP “Open My Eyes, Lord”**

Vs. 1 Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Vs. 2 Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Vs. 3 Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

Vs. 4 I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.  
I live within you. Rest now in me.

#### **\* 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 “Shout to the Lord”**

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.  
All of my days, I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength,  
Let every breath, all that I am,  
Never cease to worship You.

**Chorus**

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing.  
Power and majesty praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You. (repeat chorus)

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Glorious God,  
**C: your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

*Please read*

*responsively*

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**<sup>9</sup>LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over<sup>l</sup> all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**<sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**<sup>17</sup>You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

**<sup>19</sup>You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

<sup>20</sup>You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

**<sup>21</sup>My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

**SECOND LESSON: Romans 9:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing

anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

\* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Thy Word”**

***Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path***

Vs. 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end (Refrain)

\* **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

\* **Matthew 14:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to

sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, O 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**

**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)**

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.

\* **JOYS, SORROWS & CONCERNS**

\* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

P: Merciful God,  
**C: receive 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 “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.**

**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.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION SONGS**

***“Seek Ye First”***

1. Seek ye first, the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Al-le-lu,  
Allelujah.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you seek and ye shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Al-le-lu,  
Allelujah.
3. We do not live by bread alone But by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Al-le-lu, Allelujah.

***“You are the Light of the World”***

You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the light of the world

You are a city on a hill  
You are a city on a hill  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a city on a hill

You are a candle in the dark  
You are a candle in the dark  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are a candle in the dark

You are the light of the world  
You are the light of the world  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the light of the world

**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.***

**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 “*Blessed be Your Name*”**

Blessed be your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

***Chorus***

***Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
when the darkness closes in Lord still I will say:***

***blessed be the name of the Lord***

***blessed be Your name***

***blessed be the name of the Lord***

***blessed be Your glorious name***

Blessed be your name  
when the sun's shining down on me  
when the world's "all as it should be"  
blessed be your name  
Blessed be your name  
on the road marked with suffering  
though there's pain in the offering  
blessed be your name     ***Chorus***

***blessed be the name of the Lord***

***blessed be Your name***

***blessed be the name of the Lord  
blessed be Your glorious name***

you give and take away  
you give and take away  
my heart will chose to say:  
Lord, blessed be your name (2x)

***Chorus***

***blessed be the name of the Lord***

***blessed be Your name***

***blessed be the name of the Lord***

***blessed be Your glorious name***

\* **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.***

| This Week a Salem                       |              |  |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026           |              |  |
| Worship. ....                           | 10:00 am     |  |
| Coffee Fellowship .....                 | 11:00 am     |  |
| Visitation for Chris Carlson.....       | 1:00 pm      |  |
| Funeral Service for Chris Carlson ..... | 2:00 pm      |  |
| MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026                  |              |  |
| Day Care .....                          | 6:00 am      |  |
| TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026                 |              |  |
| Day Care .....                          | 6:00 am      |  |
| Thrive! Support Group .....             | 6:00 pm      |  |
| WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026               |              |  |
| Day Care.....                           | 6:00 am      |  |
| Quilters.....                           | 9:30 am      |  |
| Trillium Works! The Collective .....    | 3:00-4:30 pm |  |
| THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026                |              |  |
| Day Care.....                           | 6:00 am      |  |
| FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026                  |              |  |
| Day Care.....                           | 6:00 am      |  |
| NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026             |              |  |
| Worship. ....                           | 10:00 am     |  |
| Coffee Fellowship .....                 | 11:00 am     |  |
| Cub Scouts .....                        | 4:00 pm      |  |

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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.”*