

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sundays at Salem

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

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

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THIRTEEN SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
~ AUGUST 23, 2026 ~ 10:00 am
GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP “We Are Called”

ELW #720

Vs 1 Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

Vs 2 Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more! **[Refrain]**

Vs 3 Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love! **[Refrain]**

*** CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

WOV pg.10

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 of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

* **GREETING** WOV pg.28

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** WOV pg. 28

P: Kyrie eleison:

C: *Lord, have mercy.*

P: Christe eleison:

C: *Christ, have mercy.*

P: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

WOV pg.29

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship
you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you
are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you
alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,
And peace to God's people on earth.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: God of compassion,

**C: you have opened the way for us and brought us to
yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that,
overflowing with joy, we may freely share the
blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the
good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the

LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 138

Please read responsively

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.
Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *WOV pg. 31*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He

said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

*** SERMON SONG “We Believe”**

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, We believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark, You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe, We believe

Chorus:

***We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion,
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back again***
We believe

So, let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, We believe!

Chorus:

***We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion,
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back again***

Bridge:

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised;
In the here and now, let love invade.
Let the church live loud! Our God, we'll say,
We believe! We believe!
And the gates of hell will not prevail,
For the power of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail.
We believe! We believe!

Final Chorus:

***We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion,
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back again!
We believe in God the Father, We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion,
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back,
He's coming back again!
He's coming back again!
We believe, we believe!***

*** APOSTLE'S CREED**

WOV pg. 31

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**

L: 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 “*Let the vineyards*”** *WOV pg. 35*

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

* **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, our 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.

"Lamb of God"

WOV pg. 39

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"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)**
Jesus, Yours is the victory! **Chorus 2x**
Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope.

“Jesus Messiah”

Vs. 1 He became sin Who knew no sin
That we might become His Righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing; Love so amazing

***Chorus: Jesus Messiah
Name above all names
Blessed Redeemer
Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners***

***The ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah
Lord of all***

Vs. 2 His body the bread
His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
And the veil was torn

Love so amazing; Love so amazing ***Chorus***

Vs. 3 All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God
The light of the world ***Chorus***

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.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING SONG “*The Church Song*”** ***Please see Insert***

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.