

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sundays at Salem

~Youth Education~ 9:00 am~

~ 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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4715 Hermantown Rd., Hermantown, MN 55811
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST
~ AUGUST 30, 2026 ~ 10:00 am
Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP “*For the Beauty of the Earth*”**

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

**Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: **[Refrain]**

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: **[Refrain]**

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: **[Refrain]**

5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: **[Refrain]**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from 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: 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.

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**

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Refrain: *Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.*

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor, that we may live out truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

* **HYMN OF PRAISE**

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Glory to God in the highest, the highest 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 in the highest, the highest 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 in the highest, the highest 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. Amen. Amen.

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

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Almighty and eternal God,

***C: the strength of those who believe and the hope of those
who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever. Amen.***

Word

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring
down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance
do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words
became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called
by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the
company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of
your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to
be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like
waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn
back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you
utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall
serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who
will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified
wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not

prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless. Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalms 26:1-8

Please read responsively

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

²Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for

evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 16: 21-28**

L: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28**

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what

will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
Though none go with me, still I will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
The world behind me, the cross before me;
No turning back, no turning back.

Take the whole world, but give me Jesus;
Take the whole world, but give me Jesus;
Take the whole world, but give me Jesus;
I'll follow him, I'll follow him.

*** 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**

L: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we
pray for the church, those in need and all of God's
creation...

L: Merciful God,

C: *receive our prayer.*

L: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you
have promised. All this we ask in the name of your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: *Amen.***

* **PEACE**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.*

OFFERING COLLECTION

L: We will accept our offering at this time.

* **OFFERING "*Give Thanks*"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy
One;

Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Repeat

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;"

Let the poor say, "I am rich," because of what the Lord has
done for us. **Repeat**

Give thanks! Give thanks!

* 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.

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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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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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 “I’ll Fly Away”**

Some glad morning when this life is o'er I'll fly away.

To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away.

Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away.

To a land where joy shall never end, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, oh glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve in love!

C: Thanks be to God.

** Please stand if you are able*

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WELCOME

Please fill out a communion card located in the pew rack so we can get to know you better. If you have any other questions, please ask the pastor or any other members.

This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 2026

Day Care.....	6:00 am
Thrive! Support Group.....	6:00 pm
Generosity Team.....	6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Day Care.....	6:00 am
Quilters.....	9:30 am
Trillium Works! The Collective	3:00-4:30 pm

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

Day Care.....	6:00 am
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NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Worship	10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship.....	11:00 am
Prison Ministry.....	1:00 pm