

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

ELEVETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
~ AUGUST 9, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP “*In The Garden*”**

1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses.
Refrain:
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.
3. I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.

*** 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 “Because He Lives”**

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Chorus

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because he lives.

Chorus

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because he lives.

And then one day, I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns.

Chorus

Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because he lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because he lives.

* **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: 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,] [Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind;

and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13 *Please read responsively*

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"**

Hymn #697

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. [Refrain]
Refrain:
Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]
- 3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. [Refrain]

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **Matthew 14:22-33**

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.

²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and

said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Old Rugged Cross"

- Vs. 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

**Chorus: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross...
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross...
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

- Vs. 2 Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. **(Chorus)**
- Vs. 3 In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died
To pardon and sanctify me. **(Chorus)**
- Vs. 4 To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;

Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. **(Chorus)**

Chorus: ***So I'll cherish the old rugged cross...
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross...
And exchange it some day for a crown.***

* **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: God of grace,
C: *hear 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 “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 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.

“Are You Washed In The Blood?”

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Chorus:

**Are you washed (are you washed) in the blood (in the blood),
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?**

Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Are you walking daily by the Savior’s side?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Chorus:

**Are you washed (are you washed) in the blood (in the blood),
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?**

Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb;
There’s a fountain flowing for the soul unclean,
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb!

Chorus:

**Are you washed (are you washed) in the blood (in the blood),
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb?**

Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS

“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.

“When We All Get To Heaven”

Vs.1 Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed
He’ll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

**When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we’ll sing and shout the victory!**

Vs 2 While we walk the pilgrim pathway
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when trav’ling days are over
Not a shadow, not a sigh. **Refrain**

Vs. 3 Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay. **Refrain**

Refrain:

**When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!**

Vs. 4 Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open—
We shall tread the streets of gold. **Refrain**

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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING SONG “I Saw the Light”**

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

**Chorus I saw the light, I saw the light,
No more in darkness, no more in night.
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight,
Praise the Lord, I saw the light.**

Just like a blind man I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light **Chorus**

I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow is the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. **Chorus**

* **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.*

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Sundays at Salem

~ Worship ~ 10:00 am ~

Coffee Fellowship ~ 11:00 am ~

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members of our community in Christ’s ministry.”***