

# Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church



## **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.”***

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

## **Gathering**

### **WELCOME**

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** ***"The Church's One Foundation"*** Hymn #654

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up:  
"How long?"  
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

\* **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**

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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 5:1-7** <sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Word of God, word of life.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 80:7-15**

*Please read responsively*

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

<sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

**<sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

<sup>11</sup>You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

**<sup>12</sup>Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

<sup>13</sup>The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**<sup>14</sup>Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

<sup>15</sup>behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

**SECOND LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14** [Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:

<sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

***Thanks be to God.***

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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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 21:33-46**

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

\* **GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46**

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of our Lord.

***Praise to you, O Christ.***

**SERMON**

## SERMON SONG “My Life Flows On in Endless Song” Hymn#763

1 My life flows on in endless song;  
above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

**Refrain:** No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? **[Refrain]**

3 What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. **[Refrain]**

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? **[Refrain]**

### \* 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: Hear Us O God

**C: *Your Mercy is Great***

\* **THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: *And also with you.***

\* **OFFERING “Take My Life, That I May Be” Vs.1,4,6 Hymn #685**

1 Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

4 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry power as thou shalt choose.

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 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.***

\* **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**

***“AROUND YOU, O LORD JESUS”***

*Hymn #468*

- 1) *Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still  
To share the feast, you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
You say to us so lovingly, “Take eat! This is my body!  
Take drink! this is my blood!”*
- 2) *We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord your call;  
Your word of consolation is spoken here to all.  
It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing,  
Which never will depart.*
- 3) *We are your own forever; until our final breath  
We will be true and never—in joy, in grief, in death—  
Depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling,  
As you have said you will*

***“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”***

*Hymn #777*

*1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.*

*If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."*

***Refrain:***

***Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.***

***In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.***

*2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest.*

*Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." Refrain*

*3 "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.*

*Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face."*

***Refrain***

**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.

**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 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” Hymn#547**

Vs. 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls  
reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Vs. 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face-  
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanks giving  
give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

\* **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**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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## This Week a Salem

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### **TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026**

|                        |          |
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| Youth Education.....   | 9:00 am  |
| Worship.....           | 10:00 am |
| Coffee Fellowship..... | 11:00 am |

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026**

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| Day Care..... | 6:00 am |
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### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026**

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| Day Care.....              | 6:00 am |
| Thrive! Support Group..... | 6:00 pm |

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026**

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

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026**

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| Day Care..... | 6:00 am |
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### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026**

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| Day Care..... | 6:00 am |
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### **NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026**

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| Youth Education.....   | 9:00 am  |
| Worship .....          | 10:00 am |
| Coffee Fellowship..... | 11:00 am |
| Cub Scouts.....        | 4:00 pm  |