

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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

~ OCTOBER 11, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP “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]***

* **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

LESSON ACTS 2:41-47

⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^[a] to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^[b] and ate their food with glad and generous^[c] hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SERMON

*** SERMON SONG “*Sweet Hour of Prayer*”**

- 1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.
- 2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!

With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
your wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

*United Methodist Hymnal, 1989

* **APOSTLE'S CREED**

WOV pg. 33

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: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer
our prayers, confident that God hears us.

L: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great

L: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

* **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 Songs

"I Am the Bread of Life"

ELW #485

Vs. 1 "I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain: "And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day."

Vs. 2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever." ***Refrain***

Vs. 3 "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his

blood, you shall not have life within you.” **Refrain**

**Refrain: “And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”**

Vs. 4 “I am the resurrection,
I am the life. If you be-
lieve in me, even though you
die, you shall live forever. **Refrain**

Vs. 5 Yes, Lord, we believe that
you are the Christ, the
Son of God, who have
come into the world. **Refrain**

“Blest Be the Ties That Bind”

Hymn #656

*1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.*

*2 Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.*

*3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.*

*4 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.*

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 “*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*”**

Hymn #774

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain: Leaning, leaning,
 safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.**

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. **[Refrain]**

**Refrain: Leaning, leaning,
 safe and secure from all alarms;
 leaning, leaning,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.**

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms. **[Refrain]**

* **DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

** 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. Notify the usher if you wish to be served in the pew.***