

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sundays at Salem

~ Sunday School ~ ~ 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
MN ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE CHOIR WORSHIP SERVICE
OCTOBER 18, 2026

PRELUDE “Rejoice” MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir

WELCOME

*** CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

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

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: 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**

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.

**SONG “God I’m Just Grateful” MN Adult & Teen Challenge
Choir**

* **COLOSSIANS 3:14-17**

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.¹⁷

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him

Word of God, word of life.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD

* **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

* **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 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.

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME OF MN ADULT & TEEN

CHALLENGE CHOIR

“Changed”

“Broken Vessels”

“What an Awesome God”

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great

* 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.

Communion Songs

“Behold the Lamb”

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us - and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“Behold the Lamb”

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Torn for you – eat
and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love. Around the table of the King.
The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you - drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace. Around the table of the King.
And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, - and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come
again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the
King.

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

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **BENEDICTION**

* **SENDING 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***

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:

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resurrection, And He's coming back again!
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We believe in the resurrection, And He's coming back,
He's coming back again!
He's coming back again!
We believe, we believe!***

*** DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

** Please stand if you are able*

Thank you to MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir for sharing their story during worship this morning. Following worship, please join them in the Family Room for Fellowship and Treats.