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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4715 Hermantown Rd., Hermantown, MN 55811
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 15, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

Gathering

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** ***"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"*** *Hymn #693*

1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take the harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!

* **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS** *Page 94*

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 sings. 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** *Page 203*

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** *Page 204*

(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.

(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.

(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: Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish
the people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their
hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there. **15** That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, **16** a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.**18** Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 90:1-12 *Please read responsively*

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

2Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

3You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."

4For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night; So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

5you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass;

6in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7for we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

8Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

9When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

12So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,
you do not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you
yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. [3] When they say, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come
upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4] But you,
brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise
you like a thief; [5] for you are all children of light and children of the
day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall
asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, [7] for those
who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at
night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on
the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of
salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so that

whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.
Word of God, word of life. ***Thanks be to God.***

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Page 205*
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 25:14-30**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14]"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16]the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18]But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24]Then the one who had received the one talent also came

forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26]But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The Gospel of our Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

SERMON SONG “Praise and Thanksgiving” Hymn#689

(1) Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things Living, you have made good;
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the Orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

(2) God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

(3) Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom’s Guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, Rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

(4) Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land

* **APOSTLES' CREED** *Page 105*

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: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

* **OFFERING** ***"We Give Thee But Thine Own" Vs.1-2*** *Hymn #686*

1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first-fruits give.

* **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" *Page 208*

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

"FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION" *Hymn #679*

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

"TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE" *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.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

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.

5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

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.

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"*Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" H****ymn#545**

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

* **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.*

This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Worship ……. 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship……. 11:00 am
Prison Ministry…….. 12:00 pm
Cub Scouts…… 4:00 pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

Day Care…… 6:00 am
Church Council……. 6:00 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

Day Care…… 6:00 am

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026

Day Care……. 6:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Sunday School…….. 9:00 am
Worship(Thanksgiving Service)……. 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship…….. 11:00 am
Cub Scouts……4:00 pm