Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sundays at Salem

~Youth Education~ 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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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
~ NOVEMBER 8, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** ***"Open My Eyes, Lord"***

Vs 1 Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Vs 2 Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Vs 3 Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

Vs 4 I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *Page 94*

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***C: Amen.***

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

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

L: 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.

L: 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** *Page 184*

L: 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 184*

Refrain: Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Refrain***

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor, that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Refrain***

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Refrain***

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Refrain***

* **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Page 185*

Glory to God in the highest, the highest 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 in the highest, the highest 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 in the highest, the highest 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. Amen. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, the highest and peace to God's people on earth. Glory to God in the highest, the highest and peace to God's people on earth.

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Almighty and eternal God,

C: the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Page 188*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

* **GOSPEL**: **Matthew 19:23-30**

L: The holy gospel according to John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **GOSPEL: Matthew 19:23-30**

23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. **24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” **25** When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?” **26** Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” **27** Peter answered him, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?” **28** Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **29** And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. **30** But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

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

MESSAGE

SERMON SONG ***"Will You Come and Follow Me"*** *ELW #798*

(1) Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

(2) Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

(3) Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

(4) Will you love the you, you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

(5) Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*** 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.

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lord, listen to your children praying, WOV #775
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

L: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world and all of creation.

L: God in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

L: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. ***C: Amen.***

Lord, listen to your children praying, WOV #775
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

* **PEACE**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

OFFERING COLLECTION

L: We will accept our offering at this time.

* **OFFERING *"We Are an Offering"*** *Hymn #692*

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use

our lives, they are yours; we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering, we are an offering.

* **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.

THE 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" *Page 191*

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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

"We Fall Down"

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
Is the lamb

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of
Mercy and love

At the feet of Jesus
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
We cry holy, holy, holy
Is the lamb

"Refiner's Fire"

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold, pure gold
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

Refrain: Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You, my Master
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold, pure gold
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within **(Refrain)**

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy

Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord
I choose to be holy
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Ready to do Your will

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

* **SENDING SONG *"Humble Thyself/Awesome God"***

Our God, is an awesome God,
He reigns from Heaven above
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God (2x)

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
And He…Shall lift…you up.
Higher and higher.
And He…Shall lift…you up.

Our God, is an awesome God,
He reigns from Heaven above
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God (2x)

* **DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve in love! ***C: Thanks be to God.***

** Please stand if you are able*

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WELCOME

Please fill out a communion card located in the pew rack so we can get to know you better. If you have any other questions, please ask the pastor or any other members.

This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2026

Day Care…… 6:00 am

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 2026

Day Care…… 6:00 am
Thrive! Support Group…….. 6:00 pm
Generosity Team…….. 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

Day Care…… 6:00 am

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

Day Care……. 6:00 am

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Worship ……. 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship…….. 11:00 am
Prison Ministry…… 1:00 pm