Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sundays at Salem

~ Sunday School ~ ~ 8:55 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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A Service of Thanksgiving
~ November 22, 2026 ~ 10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor: O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Psalm 100 *Please read responsively*

1 Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Song: ***"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"*** *ELW #693*

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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!

The Gift of Light

Song: ***"This Little Light of Mine"*** *ELW #677*

Vs. 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Vs. 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goina'a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Vs. 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'a let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

The Gift of Freedom

Song: ***"O Beautiful For Spacious Skies"*** *ELW #888*

Vs. 1 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Vs. 2 O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.

Vs. 3 O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

The Gift of the Field

Song: ***"Sing To the Lord of Harvest"*** *ELW #694*

Vs. 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices your hallelujahs raise;
by him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

Vs. 2 God makes the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase,
and crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace.

Vs. 3 Bring to this sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

The Gift of Beauty

Song: ***"For the Beauty of the Earth"*** *ELW #879*

Vs. 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Vs. 2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:

Vs. 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:

Refrain

Vs. 4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: ***Refrain***

Vs. 5 For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: ***Refrain***

The Gift of Pastor

The Gift of Our Lay Ministers

The Gift of Missions

Song: ***"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"*** *ELW #538*

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
to make of all the earth a better place to live.
The angels are not sent into our world of pain
to do what we were meant to do in Jesus' name;
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
Help us, O Lord, we pray to do your will today.

Offering Prayer

The Gift of Family

The Gift of Our Youth

Noisy Offering

The Gift of Our Love for Others

Song: "Take My Life" *ELW #685*

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

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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.

Vs. 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.

The Gift of Fellowship

The Gift of the Bible

Song: ***"Ancient Words"***

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, Oh, let the Ancient words impart.
Words of Life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
In this world, where e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus: Ancient words ever true, changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, Oh let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Come to us through sacrifice; Oh heed the faithful words of Christ;
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart; Oh let the ancient words impart. (***Chorus 2x)***

Oh let the ancient words impart.

The Gift of the Cross

Song: ***"You are My King"***

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well. Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.
Amazing love, how can it be that You, my king, would die for me?

Amazing love. I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.
In all I do I honor You. You are my King. You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. In all I do I honor You.

The Gift of Sacraments

* **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 Distribution Songs

"Let Us Break Bread Together" *ELW #471*

Vs. 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Vs. 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. ***Refrain***

Vs. 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain:
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

"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 be-
lieve 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 for-
ever, 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***

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***

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Announcements

* **Benediction**

* **Song:** ***"He Has Made Me Glad"***

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart
I will enter His courts with praise
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made
I will rejoice for He has made me glad
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad
He has made me glad
He has made me glad
I will rejoice for He has made me glad

* **Dismissal**

L: Go in peace to give thanks 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.*

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.

Thank you to Sunday School, the Sunday School Leadership Team, Music Leaders and the Tech Team for leading our Thanksgiving Worship Service this morning.

Join us following worship this morning to Trim the Tree and decorate the sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas Season!

The quilters will not be meeting on Wednesday, November 25th.

Salem's Christmas Family

We will be adopting a family for Christmas again this year. There will be a Christmas tree with gift tags in the narthex if you are interested in donating. Please return unwrapped gifts to the box in the narthex or the church office by December 11th. Contact Sara Borndal 218-213-7774 or Laura Lilyquist 218-391-1812 with any questions. Thanks!

This Week a Salem

TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Sunday School…….. 9:00 am
Worship …… 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship & Trim the Tree…… 11:00 am
Cub Scouts…… 4:00 pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2026

Day Care…… 6:00 am

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2026

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2026

Thanksgiving
Church Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2026

Church Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026

First Sunday in Advent

Worship …… 10:00 am
Coffee Fellowship…….. 11:00 am