

# Salem Ebenezer Reformed Church

## LORD'S DAY

September 1, 2024 10 a.m.

Rev. James Grossmann

Prelude . . . . . Janice Dill

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 25

**\*Hymn 15** "Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord"

\*Salutation and Invocation

**Hymn 583** "Lord, I Lift My Soul to Thee"

The Belgic Confession #22 (see insert in the bulletin)

Congregational Prayer

**\*Hymn 421** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Scripture Reading and Text: 2 Kings 17

Sermon: "Israel Sent Into Captivity"

\*Prayer of Application (concluded with Lord's Prayer in unison)

**Hymn 96** "'tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"  
(Tithes and Offerings Collected)

\*Benediction

\*Doxology (Pg. xvi) (\*congregation stands if possible)

## Church Calendar

Sunday	Tonight	6 p.m.	Family Bible Study
Sunday	Sept. 8	6 p.m.	Young People's Mtg.
Monday	Sept. 9	5:30 p.m.	Ladies Evening Bible Study
Thursday	Sept. 12	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid

We welcome all **visitors** who are worshiping with us today. Please sign the Guest Register in the Fellowship Hall and join us again soon!

## Announcements

Those wishing to **contact Rev. Grossmann** for spiritual or other needs can call him on his cell phone at 1-605-228-6508. The home phone number is 920-726-4464.

We will be conducting a **food drive for the Salvation Army** in coming weeks. Needed are canned fruit, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, condiments for salads, pickles, olives, crackers, fruit juices and soups. Canned vegetables or white rice are not needed. Place items in the kitchen. See Carolyn for more information.

**It has been suggested**, and decided by the consistory to again resume ushering the congregation out after the service.

**Happy Birthday** on Tuesday to Elaine Bruckschen, Wednesday to Kathy Warwick and Friday to Christopher Sorensen.

Our Sunday worship services are available on live stream at <http://tinysa.com/live/salem>

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“Israel Sent Into Captivity”  
2 Kings 17

Theme: God’s Longsuffering with Israel, His Judgment, and Their Captivity Prefigures the Coming Final Day of Judgment.

- I. Hoshea Trusts Egypt Rather than God and Brings God’s Judgment on Israel – vv. 1-6
  - A. Hoshea becomes King of Israel and a Vassal of Assyria – vv. 1-3
  - B. Hoshea’s Conspiracy Uncovered and Israel Carried Captive – vv. 4-6
- II. God’s Judicial Case Demonstrates His Grace and Judgment in His Dealings with Israel – vv. 7-23
  - A. Israel Followed and Worshiped the gods of the Nations – vv. 7-12
  - B. God’s Calls to Repent Rebuffed by Israel and Judah – vv. 13-15
  - C. Israel and Judah Worshiped Anything But God – vv. 16-17
  - D. God in His Just Judgment Rejected Israel, Afflicted Them, Delivered Them into the Hand of Plunderers, and Cast Them from His Sight – vv. 18-23
- III. Those Who Replaced the Israelites Combine God’s Worship with Idol Worship – vv. 24-41
  - A. The Samaritans (Those sent to replace Israel) Were Mauled by Lions for Not Worshiping God – vv. 24-26
  - B. One of the Priests of Israel Sent Back to Teach the Samaritans How to Worship God – vv. 27-28
  - C. The Samaritans Feared the Lord Alongside of Their False Deities – vv. 29-33
  - D. These Samaritans Didn’t Truly Understand Being the Lord’s Special People with His Commandments – vv. 34-39
  - E. Instead, They Served Carved Images from Generation to Generation – vv. 40-41