

Salem Ebenezer Reformed Church

LORD'S DAY

August 31, 2025 10 a.m.

Rev. James Grossmann

Prelude Deb Bruckschen

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 90 (Pg. 529)

***Hymn 26** "Our God Our Help in Ages Past (Tune 1)"

*Salutation and Invocation

Hymn 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

We Confess Our Christian Faith – Lord's Day 33
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A # 88-91 (Pg. 680)

Congregational Prayer

***Hymn 448** "Jehovah's Perfect Law Restores the Soul"

Scripture Reading & Text: James 3:13-4:10 (Pg. 1074)

Sermon title: "**Draw Near to God**"

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

Hymn 574 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
(Tithes and Offerings Collected)

*Benediction

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

Church Calendar

Sunday	Today	After worship	Fellowship Time
Sunday	Sept. 7	6:00 p.m.	Family Bible Study
Monday	Sept. 8	5:30 p.m.	Ladies Eve. Bible Study
Thursday	Sept. 11	5:30 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.

The **Ladies Evening Bible Study** will resume on Monday, Sept. 8, on Lesson 10 in the book of Joseph and Judah. Pizza/salad or snacks at church at 5:30 p.m., with the lesson to follow close to 6 p.m. Please invite others to join. If you have any questions, or need a book, please let Elaine Bruckschen know.

Pray for the installation service for Carl Gobelman, new pastor at the RCUS church in Napoleon, Ohio, on Sept. 4. Pastor Grossmann will preach as part of that service.

The **Ladies Aid** is sponsoring a drive for the Salvation Army during the month of September. Items needed include flour, sugar, cooking oil, rice, dry pasta, canned tomatoes and vegetables, spices and seasonings.

An **anniversary dinner** is being planned for Roger and Peggy Borgwardt and Jeff and Dianne Nelson, celebrating 55 years of marriage. It will be held at City Limits, Sept. 11, arrive at 5:30 p.m. with meal at 6 p.m.

Happy birthday on Wednesday to Elaine Bruckschen, and on Thursday to Kathy Warwick.

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

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“Draw Near to God”
James 3:13-4:10

Theme: Faith Causes God’s People to Meekly Draw Near to Him
and Away from the Earthly Desires that Easily Entrap Us.

- I. True Faith Produces Meekness and Peace, not Demonic Envy – vv. 13-18
 - A. Faith is Shown by Works of Meekness and Wisdom – vv. 13
 - B. Admitting to Myself that My Envy is Demonic – vv. 14-16
 - C. True Wisdom is Peaceable – vv. 17-18

- II. God Demands the Worship He Deserves and that We Easily Give to Earthly Things – vv. 1-5
 - A. Serving Earthly Pleasures vv. 1-3
 - B. God is Jealous for His Deserved Worship – vv. 4-5

- III. Humbly Draw Near to God and He will Draw Near to You – vv. 6-10
 - A. God Resists the Proud, but Gives Grace to the Humble – vv. 6-8
 - B. Humble Yourselves in the Lord’s Sight and He will Lift you Up – vv. 9-10