

# Salem Ebenezer Reformed Church

## LORD'S DAY

July 20, 2025 10 a.m.  
Rev. James Grossmann

Prelude . . . . . Janice Dill

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 76 (Pg. 520)

\***Hymn 63** "God is Known Among His People"

\*Salutation and Invocation

**Hymn 636** "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

We Confess Our Christian Faith – Lord's Day 27  
Heidelberg Catechism Q & A # 72-74 (Pg. 677)

Congregational Prayer

\***Hymn 552** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Scripture Reading and Text: James 1:12-20 (Pg. 1072)

Sermon title: "**Trials are Among God's Good Gifts**"

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

**Hymn 481** "Am I a Soldier of the Cross"  
(Tithes and Offerings Collected)

\*Benediction

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

## Church Calendar

Sunday	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	July 27	After Service	Fellowship Time

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.

**Happy Birthday** - Monday to Ralph Lutze, on Tuesday to Bennett Borgwardt, on Thursday to Ron Mittelstaedt, and on Saturday to Bonnie Lutze and Barb Seidler.

**Happy Anniversary** – Yesterday to Pastor and his wife. (With apologies for missing it in the bulletin last week - Ron)

We will have a **fellowship meal** following service next Sunday. All are welcome.

**Remember in Prayer:** Our Church Leaders: Pastor, Elders, Deacons. Our Government Leaders: President Trump, Senators & Congressmen; Governor, State Legislators and Judges, Local Leaders and Officers. Ministries of Our Church: New Outreach Opportunities, Our Sunday School and Catechism Students, Visitors and New Families, Sermonaudio, Philippine Students. Missions of the RCUS: Congo, Kenya, Philippines; Dickinson, ND, Casper, WY, Omaha, NE, Manhattan, MT, Valle de Gracia (Shafter, CA), Stockton, CA, Pella, IA

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

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**“Trials are Among God’s Good Gifts”**  
James 1:12-20

Theme: God’s People Realize that Trials are Good Gifts from the God Who Saves Them, but that Temptations Come from Uncontrolled Desires.

- I. God Sends Trials, but He is Not Tempting Us – vv. 12-13
  - A. Enduring Temptation Focusing on the Crown of Life – v. 12
  - B. God Tries Us, He Does Not Tempt Us – v. 13
  
- II. Temptation Comes from Us Not Controlling Our Desires – vv. 14-15
  - A. Temptation Comes from Uncontrolled Desires – v. 14
  - B. Those Desires, when Uncontrolled, Lead to Sin and Death – v. 15
  
- III. Trusting the God Who Saves us When He Sends Testing – vv. 16-20
  - A. Every Gift God Gives is Good, Even When It is a Trial – vv. 16-17
  - B. We are Saved at God’s Gracious Choice – v. 18
  - C. ^^Trust Him!^^ Rather than Being Angry in Trials and Sins – vv. 19-20