

Salem Ebenezer Reformed Church

LORD'S DAY

September 20, 2026 10 a.m.

Rev. James Grossmann

Prelude Janice Dill

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 125 (Pg. 550)

***Hymn 12** "Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim"

*Salutation and Invocation

Hymn 131 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

We Confess Our Christian Faith – Canons of Dort

5th Head of Doctrine: (The Perseverance of the Saints)

Article 8 (see insert)

Congregational Prayer

***Hymn 533** "What a Friend We have in Jesus"

Scripture Reading & Text: Genesis 3 (Pg. 4)

Sermon title: **"The Fall, Curse, and Hope"**

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

Hymn 174 "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

(Tithes and Offerings Collected)

*Benediction

*Doxology (Pg. xvi)

(*congregation stands if possible)

Church Calendar

Sunday	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Monday	Sept. 21	5:30 p.m.	Ladies Evening Bible Study
Wednesday	Sept. 23	4:00 p.m.	Catechism Class

We welcome all **visitors** who are worshipping 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.

Continue to **keep in prayer David, Rashel, Emma** and family.

Pray for Dan Pankratz, Pat Pankratz's brother, who is now in hospice. May Pat and family look to God for comfort during this time of trial.

Website – Pastor has been working on a "new" web page/site. You can preview it at **salemebenezer.grok.me**.

Friday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. – campfire, game night, or possibly a movie. Held either at the Grossmann's or church depending on the weather. All are welcome.

Happy birthday on Thursday to Judy Luckow, on Friday to Adalyn Shillcox, and on Saturday to Shane Burton.

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

Canons of Dort Fifth Head of Doctrine: Article 8

"The Perseverance of the Saints"

Article 8 - It is the Free Mercy of God that Man does not Totally Fall away and Perish

(over)

Thus it is not in consequence of their own merits or strength, but of God's free mercy, that they neither totally fall from faith and grace nor continue and perish finally in their backslidings; which, with respect to themselves is not only possible, but would undoubtedly happen; but with respect to God, it is utterly impossible, since His counsel cannot be changed nor His promise fail; neither can the call according to His purpose be revoked, nor the merit, intercession, and preservation of Christ be rendered ineffectual, nor the sealing of the Holy Spirit be frustrated or obliterated.

Rev. James Grossmann
“The Fall, Curse, and Hope”
Genesis 3

Theme: We Chose to Ally Ourselves with Satan, God Stops that Alliance and Promises Purpose and Salvation.

- I. We Trusted Satan More than God! – vv. 1-13
 - A. The Temptation and Fall – vv. 1-6
 - B. Adam and Eve's First Response is to Hide – vv. 7-13

- II. God's Curse on Sin Focuses Forward to Future Service – vv. 14-19
 - A. God's Curse of Satan includes the Promise of Christ – vv. 14-15
 - B. God's Curse on the Woman Promises Future Generations – v. 16
 - C. God's Curse on Adam Promises Future Work – vv. 17-19

- III. God Removes Adam and Eve from the Garden to Prepare for the Savior – vv. 20-24
 - A. Adam's Response to God's Curse is to Accept it Looking Forward – v. 20
 - B. God's Provision for Adam and Eve's Nakedness Assumes a Blood Sacrifice – v. 21
 - C. God Ejecting Adam and Eve from the Garden was for Our Good – vv. 22-24