

Salem Ebenezer Reformed Church

LORD'S DAY

February 9, 2025 10 a.m.

Rev. James Grossmann

Prelude Deb Bruckschen

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 55

***Hymn 50** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Salutation and Invocation

Hymn 78 "Under the Care of My God, the Almighty"

We Confess Our Christian Faith
Heidelberg Catechism # 12-15 (Pg. 668)

Congregational Prayer

***Hymn 174** "Praise the Savior, Now and Ever"

Scripture Reading and Text: Joshua 9

Sermon title: "**Always Seek God's Direction**"
*Prayer of Application (concluded with Lord's Prayer in unison)

Hymn 87 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"
(Tithes and Offerings Collected)

*Benediction

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

Church Calendar

Sunday	Tonight	6:00 p.m.	Young People's Mtg.
Monday	Feb. 10	5:30 p.m.	Ladies Evening Bible Study
Thursday	Feb. 13	1:00 p.m.	Ladies Aid
Sunday	Feb. 16	6:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	Feb. 23	After service	Chili dinner

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.

Copies of the **annual meeting** are on a table in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions about the meeting, please talk to one of the consistory members.

Updated address and phone listings are on a table in the fellowship hall.

Happy Birthday – Monday to Joan Vance and Donielle Beilby.

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

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“Always Seek God’s Direction”
Joshua 9

Theme: Israel Must Abide By Their Leaders’ Vow, Despite Vowing to a Cursed People, based on Appearances Rather than Reality.

- I. Two Different Reactions to God’s Giving Israel Victory – vv. 1-6
 - A. Frontal Assault – vv. 1-2
 - B. Deception – vv. 3-6
- II. Israel Deceived by a Surface-Level Perspective – vv. 7-21
 - A. Reality Concealed – vv. 7-13
 - B. Israel Makes a Covenant without Seeking God’s Direction! – vv. 14-16
 - C. The Covenant Made by the Elders of Israel is Binding on the People – vv. 16-21
- III. Gibeon Entrusts Themselves to Israel’s Vow – vv. 22-27
 - A. Despite God’s Curse on the Gibeonites, Israel Cannot Touch Them – vv. 22-23
 - B. The Gibeonites Rely on God Holding Israel to their Vow – vv. 24-27