



# Salem Lutheran Church

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**A Reconciling in Christ (Open and Affirming) congregation  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**June 21, 2020**

**9:30 AM**

*Those who find their life will  
lose it, and those who lose their  
life for my sake will find it.*



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**Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport CT**

# Gathering

## WELCOME

The Rev. Marjo Anderson, Pastor, Salem Lutheran Church

The Rev. James Hazelwood, Bishop, New England Synod, ELCA

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*(a brief silence)*

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.

In your mercy, set us free from the chains that bind us,

and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## OPENING SONG

### Beach Spring Stomp

*Handbell Choir, Emanuel Lutheran Church, Hartford, CT,*

*Jonathan Reuning-Scherer, Music Director*

*You are invited to simply listen, or if you prefer to reflect on these words so often sung to this tune.*

### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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| <p>1 Lord, whose love in humble service<br/>bore the weight of human need,<br/>who upon the cross, forsaken,<br/>worked your mercy's perfect deed:<br/>we, your servants, bring the worship<br/>not of voice alone, but heart;<br/>consecrating to your purpose<br/>ev'ry gift which you impart.</p> <p>2 Still your children wander homeless;<br/>still the hungry cry for bread;<br/>still the captives long for freedom;<br/>still in grief we mourn our dead.<br/>As you, Lord, in deep compassion<br/>healed the sick and freed the soul,<br/>by your Spirit send your power<br/>to our world to make it whole.</p> | <p>3 As we worship, grant us vision,<br/>till your love's revealing light<br/>in its height and depth and greatness<br/>dawns upon our quickened sight,<br/>making known the needs and burdens<br/>your compassion bids us bear,<br/>stirring us to ardent service,<br/>your abundant life to share.</p> <p>4 Called by worship to your service,<br/>forth in your dear name we go,<br/>to the child, the youth, the aged,<br/>love in living deeds to show;<br/>hope and health, good will and comfort,<br/>counsel, aid and peace we give,<br/>that your servants, Lord, in freedom<br/>may your mercy know and live.</p> |
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# Word

## GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

[And Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of Our Lord!

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON

**Bishop James Hazelwood**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      **“How Can I Keep From Singing”**      **American Folk Song, Arr. Andy Beck**

*The Virtual Choir of Emanuel Church and South Church, Hartford, CT*

**My life goes on in endless song  
above earth’s lamentations,  
I hear the real though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.**

**No storm can shake my inmost calm  
I hear the music ringing  
It sounds an echo in my soul  
how can I keep from singing?**

**While though the tempest ‘round me roars,  
I know the truth, it liveth.**

**What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night it giveth.**

**No storm can shake my inmost calm  
I hear the music ringing  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth  
how can I keep from singing?**

**How can I keep from singing?  
How can I keep from singing?  
How can I keep from singing?**

# Thanksgiving & Sending

## OFFERING

*In response to God's grace, it is our joy to return to God our tithes and offerings. Although our building at 3160 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, CT is closed at present, our financial obligations continue and we are dependent upon your generosity.*

*If you are watching and are part of another faith community, we encourage you to give your tithes to your own church first, and, if in addition to that, you would like to support our work here at Salem, we would be most grateful.*

*Simply go to the menu on our website at [SalemBridgeport.org](http://SalemBridgeport.org) and click "donate" or scan the QR code here in our Sunday worship program with a QR reader on your smart phone which will take you to that page.*

*You are invited also to give to the New England Synod's Annual Appeal which helps support work with congregations, forward leadership program, candidacy process, plus other ministries in the synod and around the world. Just go to: [www.NELutherans.org/donate](http://www.NELutherans.org/donate). Thank you!*



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world.

In your mercy, set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## SENDING SONG

### You Are Holy

*The Reuning Scherer family, including Pastor Julie and Jonathan Reuning-Scherer*

**You are holy, you are whole.**

**You are always ever more  
than we ever understand.**

**You are always at hand.**

**Blessed are you coming near.**

**Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread,  
raised from soil, raised from dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness,  
you are present.**

**Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!**

**Sing hosanna in the highest!**

**Sing hosanna!**

**Sing hosanna to our God!**

*Original Swedish:*

*Du är helig, du är hel.  
Du är alltid mycket mer  
än vi nånsin kan förstå,  
du är nära ändå.*

*Välsignad vare du  
som kommer hit just nu,  
välsignade vår jord,  
blir till bröd på vår jord.*

*Du är helig, du är helhet,  
du är närhet hela kosmos lovar dig!*

*Hosianna, hosianna, hosianna,  
hosianna vår Gud.*

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## BLESSING

As you go out into the world to love and to serve on this Sunday, fear not, for the vulnerable and sometimes even uncomfortable God, both challenges us and blesses us, calls us to serve one another, but promises to walk with us every single moment of life. God bless you in your day and your week. **Amen**

# Announcements

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic,  
our building at 3160 Park Avenue has been closed until further notice  
and in-person worship and meetings cancelled.*

*Even though the church building is closed, if we can help in any way,  
please know that you can still call the church office at 203-330-3300 and leave a message  
and your message will be picked up remotely and your call returned.  
Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441.*

*Pastor Marjo and our Office Manager, Karl, will be working primarily from their homes.  
Pastor Marjo plans to come in on Sundays to stream worship  
and Karl plans to come in once a week  
to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely.*

## **TENTATIVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:**

***6/21 – Worship with the New England Synod with sermon by Bishop Hazelwood.  
6/28 – Drive-In Worship at 9:30am & Semi-Annual Meeting at 10:30am  
July and August will be drive in or outdoor, weather permitting.***

***When we are not having a drive-in service,  
worship is streamed from the sanctuary via FacebookLive and YouTube  
at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.  
Please join us!***

***If you can't watch at 9:30 Sundays,  
video worship services will be saved to Facebook and YouTube  
so you can watch them later.***

***You can enable closed captioning in Facebook  
by going to Settings / Accessibility / Subtitles & Captioning on your device.***

***You can enable closed captioning in YouTube  
by clicking on the 3 dots in the upper right corner and going to Captions.  
Links to this worship bulletin, to the sermon, to our donate page,  
and to other resources are included on our website and FB page.***

*Coffee Hour, Bible Study, meetings and other events  
are being held online via Zoom.*

*Just go to our website at [SalemBridgeport.org](http://SalemBridgeport.org),  
click on the Resources tab,  
then on Calendar.*

*On the calendar just find the day and click on the event  
and a zoom invitation will appear.*

*Sometimes you may have to click on “(+2 more)”  
in order to see additional events that don’t fit in the calendar square.*

*If your Salem committee or group would like to meet via Zoom, please contact Karl  
by emailing him at [salemsec123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salemsec123@sbcglobal.net)  
or by leaving a message on the church phone, 203-336-3300.*

*Please email announcements, prayer requests, thanksgivings and God-sightings  
to the Church Office at [salemsec123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salemsec123@sbcglobal.net)  
so they can be distributed to the congregation.*

*Even though the building is closed,  
our ministry continues with online worship, Bible study, and outreach programs.*

*We encourage you to continue to support Salem as generously as you can.*

*Also, in order to protect our staff and volunteers  
from having to spend time in the building, handling cash and checks,  
we strongly urge you to make your donations online.*

*Just click on the donate tab at [SalemBridgeport.org](http://SalemBridgeport.org), and follow the instructions.  
It takes less than 5 minutes the first time  
and you can set it up for automatic payments if you want.*

*If you need help accessing Facebook or our website or donating online,  
please call Karl so we can get you the help you need.*

*And if you need pastoral care – even just to talk –  
please don’t hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441.*