



# Salem Lutheran Church

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*for those with  
hearing challenges*

*10th Sunday  
After  
Pentecost*

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# Gathering

## GATHERING SONG

## The Heart of Worship

When the music fades all is stripped away And I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song For a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within Through the way things appear You're looking into my heart

I'm coming back to the heart of worship And it's all about You all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it When it's all about You all about You Jesus

King of endless worth no one could express How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours Ev'ry single breath

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as found at this link: [https://youtu.be/-hC1a\\_ZTuJ0](https://youtu.be/-hC1a_ZTuJ0) [4:23]*

## WELCOME

Welcome in the name of the God who by the power at work within us  
is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,

Thank you for joining us today....

For those of you who don't know me....

Links to our donate page and worship bulletin....

Before we begin our worship, a few announcements....

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In case of pastoral emergency you may call the Church Office or Pastor Chris Files.

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annual fund-raising appeal, Walk the Walk 2021....

Every Wednesday we have 2 zoom events – 12:00 noon prayer and 6:30 Bible study.....

Salem and Friends Breakfast & Faith Discussion will be THIS SATURDAY...

Now as we begin our worship, will you pray with me?

God, who created all things and from whom every family in heaven and on earth is formed,  
we come to worship you and give you praise and thanks

for every gift you've given us and for all that you've created us to be.

Help us to understand that we are works in progress,

that there is more you want to do in our hearts and minds and spirits,

in order to help us grow into the people you are still calling us to be.

Help us to know you and love you more and to desire you above all else.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Spirit. Amen

## OPENING SONG

## Spirit Song (a.k.a., Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You)

(as found in the ELCA worship books *Worship & Praise* # 130 and *This Far by Faith* # 105)

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or if you would like to sing softly, PLEASE wear a mask.  
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So please, exercise patience, understanding, and love for your neighbor. Thank you.*

### Verse 1

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,  
let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.**

**Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

### Chorus

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

### Verse 2

**Oh, come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,  
lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.**

**Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain,  
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.**

**Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

### CCLI Song # 27824

*Text: based on Isaiah 40.11, Luke 10.3, John 7.38, Acts 2, Ephesians 3.17 by John Wimber (1934-1997);  
Meter 9 7 11 D and refrain*

*Music: SPIRIT SONG by John Wimber (1934-1997)*

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*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWMkVuVosQs> [2:28]*

*The song encourages us to have a close, trusting relationship with Jesus;*

*if we "let him have the things" that have taken hold of us, his Spirit will descend on us and make us whole.*

*Performed by Bailey Slice Parker, Jason Antley, and Jack Bernard*

*We give many many thanks to Jack Bernard, a high school member of our congregation,  
for accompanying us on piano.*

*He has talent and professionalism beyond his 15 years, and we are so proud of him!*

# Word

## READINGS

### John 6:1-21

*You may stand for the reading of the Gospel if you so desire.*

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

### Ephesians 3:1-21

*You may be seated.*

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. <sup>13</sup>I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen

## SERMON

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*You may stand for the Prayers if you so desire.*

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit,  
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*So they can be heard online, these petitions will be offered by the leaders at the microphones.*

You call your church to be the body of Christ.

Awaken all the baptized to the gifts you provide for carrying out the work of ministry.

Where the church is divided, knit us together and restore the unity of the faith.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for New Direction Ministries,  
Christ Presbyterian Church Fairfield, and Christ Home of Unity, Restoration, Charity and Hope,  
and for Salem members & families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:

Josephine Anderson, and Janice Lansing.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You command the clouds above and cause the wind to blow in the heavens.

Watch over deserts and wilderness places.

Regenerate rainforests, defend species at risk of extinction,  
and strengthen the work of conservation organizations.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You summon leaders to respond to the needs of your people.

Instill those who govern with patience when confronted with grievances

and perseverance in seeking what promotes the well-being of the community.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You draw near to those who cry out for help.

Feed those who are hungry, reassure those who are despairing,  
and accompany those who are imprisoned.

Rain down the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world.

Hear the cries of those who call to you for healing, especially

Sue, Justin, Barbara, Bud, Dolores, Eron, Grace, Hazel, Steve and all we name in our hearts.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You receive all who come seeking a sign of grace.

Make this congregation a place of hospitality for those accustomed to rejection.

To those who have felt excluded here or elsewhere,

prepare us to welcome them in the name of Christ.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You provide food that endures for eternal life.

Sustain us each day with the bread of life

until we are gathered with all the saints and feast together at your heavenly banquet.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*You are invited to offer your own prayer petition at this time, either silently or aloud.*

*The pastor concludes:*

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

# Thanksgiving

**LORD'S PRAYER**     *You may stand for the Lord's Prayer if you so desire.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**OFFERING PRAYER**     *You may stand for the Offering Prayer if you so desire.*

Jesus, you said, "Give and it will be given to you...  
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

**Give us the confidence to cheerfully give  
our tithes and offerings of time, talent and treasure to your work in this place,  
trusting that you will provide abundantly for all our needs.  
We pray this in the power of your Spirit. Amen**

**OFFERING INVITATION**     *Please be seated.*

In response to God's grace,  
it is our joy to return to God our tithes and offerings.  
We are grateful for your generosity,  
which not only is an exercise of and witness to your faith,  
but which funds our ministry together here at Salem.

If you are worshipping with us,  
we encourage you to give to your home congregation first,  
but invite you to contribute to our ministry also  
so that we can continue to take our worship online  
as a witness to the power and love of the amazing God we serve.



Simply go to the menu on our website at 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.

**OFFERTORY SONG**

**Change My Heart, Oh God**

*(as found in the ELCA worship books*

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 801 and Worship & Praise # 28;*

*also found in Group Praise & Worship Songbook)*

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*As Christians we are to put our love for God and others before our own desires,*

*So please, exercise patience, understanding, and love for your neighbor.*

*Thank you.*

*Chorus:*

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, oh God; may I be like you.**

*Verse:*

**You are the potter; I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

*(Repeat as desired.)*

*CCLI Song # 1565*

*Text: based on Psalm 51:10, Isaiah 64:8, Jeremiah 18:5-6, and Romans 9:21,*

*by Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953; Meter P M*

*Music: CHANGE MY HEART by Eddie Espinosa*

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*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQrs1qsGijY> [3:06]*

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# Sending

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by paying the \$25 registration fee and joining "TEAM God at the Center".  
Then just email me at [marjoanderson@aol.com](mailto:marjoanderson@aol.com)  
and let me know how many miles you have walked from 7/1-15.  
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but instead will be THIS SATURDAY due to vacation schedules.  
Please join us...and invite a friend!

## THANK YOU and BLESSING

Before we end the live-streamed portion of our worship,  
I want to especially thank those of you out there in cyberspace  
who have worshipped with us.  
I hope you will join us again.  
If you'd like to know more, or if you'd like to talk or pray together,  
you can reach me through our website or Facebook.

As we are in the middle of our sermon series on Ephesians,  
let me offer all who are worshipping with us this blessing  
from chapter 3, verses 20-21 of that book:

*Now to the One who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,  
according to the power at work within us,  
to that One be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus  
throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen*

***Here ends our Facebook live stream.***

# Meal & Dismissal

## CREED

*You may stand for the Creed if you so desire.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

God be with you!

Open your hearts!

Let us give thanks to the God of all!

**And also with you!**

**We open them to God and one another!**

**It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed.

**Blessed be God, who is our Bread; may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen**

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

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or hold on to your kit until you get home.*

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open the kit over the pew to prevent spilling on the carpet.*

*After the service, please dispose of your own kit  
either in a waste receptacle at church or at home.*

The body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you & keep you in divine grace! **Amen!**

## SENDING SONG

## We Are Called

*(as found in the ELCA worship books  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 720 and Worship & Praise # 147)*

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Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

*Text: David Haas, b. 1957; Meter irregular*

*Music: WE ARE CALLED; David Haas, b. 1957*

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*Performance by Saint Kateri's Music Ministry's Virtual Choir, 05/02/20*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eancn5COZ8k> [3:31]*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

And may Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, so you may be rooted & grounded in love

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

**We Are Called** [see above for text & copyright details]

*Arrangement: Garrett Taylor*

*Performance by The St. Paul In Spirit Young Adult Choir & Ensemble,*

*under the musical direction of Joey Chancey & produced at the Paulist House of Mission & Studies, 05/25/20,*

*as found at this link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsQ\\_kANdM6U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsQ_kANdM6U) [3:30]*

# Announcements

**Pastor Marjo will be at a continuing education event Thursday and Friday this week. In case of pastoral emergency you may call Pastor Chris Files at 203-767-4189.**

**You may have been vaccinated**, but please bear in mind that not everyone is able to receive the vaccine due to their health condition. The more cautious we are, the healthier those around us will be. As Christians Jesus calls us to love our neighbor, so, please, let's all do our part to end this pandemic. It's not about how safe WE feel, but about how safe we make OTHERS around us feel. Thank you for doing your part to help keep all at Salem as safe as possible!

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**Sunday Worship Services** – We are now doing in-person worship with live-streaming to Facebook. Although we will be indoors this Sunday due to the semi-annual meeting, *weather permitting, we will be worshipping outdoors as much as possible this summer, so please bring a lawn chair if you can, or you are welcome to sit at the picnic tables.*

**It's not too late to make your steps count!** If you walk, or run, or bike, **please join Calumet's Walk the Walk 2021. Here's how:**

1. "Walk the Walk 2021" began on July 1 - BUT....YOU CAN STILL JOIN AND REPORT THE MILES YOU ALREADY DID! It ends on August 31. Each registrant is \$25 (which is actually a donation from you to Calumet!).

2. To register go to: <https://www.calumet.org/giving/walkthewalk> When you register sign up for "TEAM God at the Center". Everyone gets an official Walk the Walk 2021 T Shirt. Dogs get an official Walk the Walk 2021 bandana!

3. Pastor Marjo is your Team Captain. Four times during the 62-Day walk, she will gather mileage from every TEAM member and report the total miles to Calumet. As you as you register email her your miles from July 1-15 at [marjoanderson@aol.com](mailto:marjoanderson@aol.com).

4. As of July 16th, over 50,000 miles have been walked. All together, Calumet hopes to reach 200,000 miles in the 62-Day period - July & August! If they reach 200,000 miles walked, another hunk of dollars (amount not yet known) will come to Calumet by a group of Angel Donors. During early August, each participant will have the chance - if they wish - to invite friends & family to support them with one-time gifts to Calumet in support of their "Walk the Walk 2021". If everything works perfectly, Calumet will raise at least \$106,250 from "Walk the Walk 2021." How cool is that!

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82882777326?pwd=VCtObFRPOGI3cTR3eII2ZmtiZEpadz09>

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The link is also on the calendar on our website at Salembridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

**Wednesday at 6:30 we meet on zoom to learn how God's Word deepens our life of faith.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85048710511?pwd=NWIxeTFwRkRUbXRmN3k1N2hvQWl6Zz09>

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**The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport ENCOURAGES ALL MEMBERS of our congregations to join in their Raising the BAR (Becoming Anti-Racist) 2021 Summer Series via ZOOM.** This summer we will join in facilitated conversations on Jemar Tisby's new book, How to Fight Racism. You are welcome to attend any or all of the 5-part series. every other Thursday. Each session is from 7:30-9:00 pm. **The remaining dates are: 8/12 & 26. Register here:** <https://ccgb.salsalabs.org/summerserie2021/index.html>

You will receive the Zoom link a week before the first session. The Zoom link will remain the same for all sessions. Check out the reviews for Tisby's book here:

[https://www.google.com/books/edition/How\\_to\\_Fight\\_Racism/G7bWDwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover](https://www.google.com/books/edition/How_to_Fight_Racism/G7bWDwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover)

**Let's stay connected!** Pastor Marjo and Salem's Office Manager, Karl, work primarily from their homes but generally come in once a week to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely. If we can help in any way, please know that you can call Salem's 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.** Please contact your Parish Nurse Carol if you would like to call, or send a card or note to one of our shut-ins. Carol will let you know if the person would prefer a call or a note. If you have extra cards that you do not need, please let Carol know.

**THANK YOU!!!** – Even though our staff works primarily from their homes, our ministries (and the expenses to fund those ministries) continue. We are grateful for everyone who continues to give their tithes and offerings to our work here at Salem. We are also grateful to those who have taken advantage of the opportunity to give online, especially to sign up for regular weekly or monthly donations. Every gift no matter how small is appreciated and will enable us to continue to do God's work in this place. If you'd like help signing up for online giving please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Marjo, Karl, Ray Anderson, Jean Larson, or Nancy Headford.