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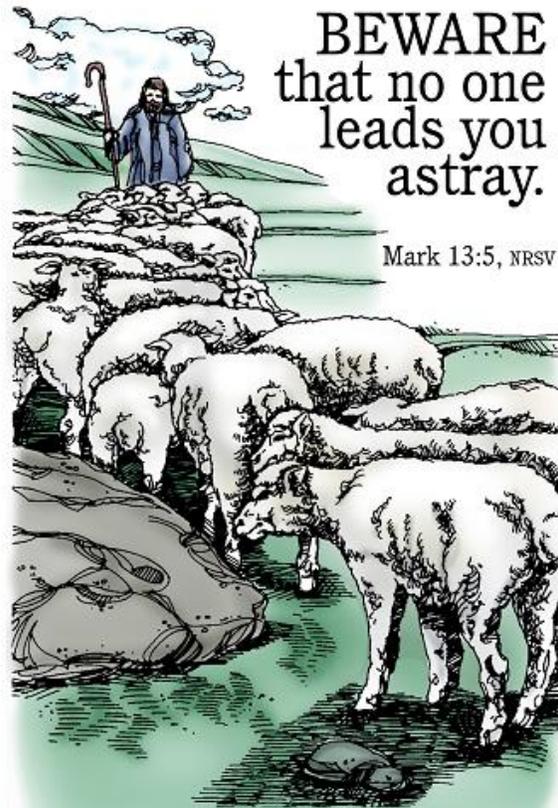
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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*for those with
hearing challenges*

25th Sunday
after
Pentecost

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2021
9:30 AM



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Gathering

Welcome!

Council has decided to move worship back indoors as the weather is growing cooler. It was also decided that if you are fully vaccinated, a mask is recommended but not mandatory inside. If you are immune-compromised and fully vaccinated, a mask is strongly recommended inside. If you are not fully vaccinated, a mask must be worn inside. **Although Council voted to not require masks, Pastor Marjo asks that you please wear one.** **Despite the fact that she was vaccinated just 6 months ago, is younger than most of the congregation, in excellent health, and is pretty cautious about wearing her mask, she ended up with a breakthrough infection and was sick for 12 days. Although the vaccine kept her from being seriously ill, she could have easily transmitted the virus to someone who was not vaccinated and that person could have ended up being hospitalized or even dying. Thank God that did not happen. Soft singing of hymns will be permitted BUT PLEASE SING ONLY IF YOU ARE WEARING A MASK.** While we know not everyone will be happy with this decision, please understand that whether it's about indoors vs. outdoors, masks vs. no masks, singing vs. no singing, there is simply no way we can please everyone. As Christians, however, it is our call to put aside our own preferences and focus not on our own desires, but on what God asks of us – which is to provide a place where even the most vulnerable in our midst feel safe. We have too many attendees with comorbidities and too many who are in contact with unvaccinated grandchildren to be less than cautious. Thank you for your understanding and your support.

Flowers this morning are given by Cindy Roberts in honor of the birthday of her son Nick, Judy and Dave Albers' anniversary, and Jon and Brooke Albers' anniversary.

Give thanks with a grateful heart – This past year has been full of challenges for each of us personally and for Salem as a congregation. But God has been with us through all of it. Over the next several weeks, let's reflect on the things for which we are thankful. In your bulletin is a slip of paper; please fill that out and deposit it in the offering box. We will collect these thoughts, post them on a board, and include them in the next week's prayers. (Those who are not worshipping in person can participate by emailing your thankful thoughts to salemsec123@sbcglobal.net so we can include them.)

You won't want to miss the next Inner-View Chat'n'Chew on Thankfulness as we have some inspiring speakers scheduled to appear! So please add this zoom meeting at 11:00 am Saturday **November 20th** to your calendar. Link will be on the calendar on our website at Salembridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

A memorial service for Steven Pasqua will be held Saturday, **November 20th**, at 1:30 at the church. Steven was the son of long time member Hazel Pasqua. He died January 1, 2021, at the age of 62. The congregation is invited to attend.

GATHERING MUSIC **When Peace like a River / It Is Well with My Soul**
(as found in the ELCA worship book Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 785)

As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul,) it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, tho trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

*Text: based on Isaiah 34:4, 43:2, 48:18, 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 1 Thessalonians 4:16,
3 John 1:2, 2, Revelation 6:14, by Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888, Meter 1 1 8 1 1 9*

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, IT IS WELL, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

Text & Music are in the Public Domain.

Performance # 1 was initiated by Austin Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, 12/05/20

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APfVnll05-c> [5:10]

*The virtual choir consists of 3 Asian Churches in Austin: Rock Chinese Church of Austin,
Austin Chinese Church, and Austin Taiwanese Presbyterian Church
along with friends from several other churches.*

*The song is to pass on the comfort and assurance that we keep receiving from God,
even in midst of challenges from the self-seeking societies, environments,
and our own deprived spiritual lives.*

May the lyrics, the music & the performance show God's grace in us and give us peace.

Thanks be to God.

Performance # 2 by Oasis Chorale & Minerva Community Choir, 11/18/13,

*This is a piece arranged by Lloyd Kauffman from "Shout for Joy - A Choral Festival",
which culminated the 10th anniversary reunion of Oasis Chorale.*

The festival was held at Bethany Mennonite Church in Hartville, Ohio on August 11, 2013.

Download our recording of this song here: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/whe...>

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=przQqYVxvCk> [4:50]

*Performance # 2 by the Wartburg Choir with Lee Nelson, Conductor & Tom Trenney, Organist,
at First Plymouth Church, Lincoln NE, 04/24/16,*

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tyPEohF6qq8> [5:27]

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of God,
the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,
the One who delivers us from darkness, death, and the power of the devil,
and raises us up to new and abundant life!

It is so good to be here!

Thank you for joining us today! Thank you, those of you who are here in person with us!
And thank you, those of you out there in cyber space, wherever – and whenever! – you are!

For those of you who don't know me,
I'm Pastor Marjo Anderson of Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT,

To find out more about our ministry or to contact us,
you can go to our website SalemBridgeport.org, to our Facebook page, SalemBridgeport,
and to our YouTube channel, Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport CT.

Links to our donate page and worship bulletin –
which has both the order of worship and announcements – as well as other resources
are included on our website at SalemBridgeport.org/Live.

**On Wednesday, I pray you will join us for our weekly Prayer Gathering at noon
and for our weekly Bible Study at 6:30,
followed by a brief service of Holy Communion at 7:15.**

Zoom links are on the calendar on our website at Salembridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

Also on Saturday at 11:00 you are invited to a special InnerView Chat'n'Chew,
at which some special guests will be sharing some amazing stories
about why they are grateful.

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

God, you are our beginning and our end, and our companion on the journey.
You call of out of our darkness, deliver us from our demons, and raise us from death.
You fill us with light and life and love.
You comfort us in our grief, wipe away our tears, and heal our hurting hearts.
You free us from our fears that we might follow you in faith.
We offer you our thanks for all that you do, and our praise for all that you are.
Open our hearts and minds and spirits and transform our lives this day,
filling us with hope and peace and joy.
We pray all this in the Name of Jesus and by the Power of the Spirit. Amen

OPENING SONG

My Lord, What a Morning

*(as found in the ELCA worship books,
With One Voice # 627, This Far by Faith # 40, and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 438)*

As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

**You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

**You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

**You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.**

**My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.**

*Text: based on Isaiah 64:1-8, Matthew 24:29-44, Mark 13:24-37, Luke 21:25-36,
1 Corinthians 15:50-57, Revelation 6:12-13, African American spiritual;
Meter 6 8 7 7 and refrain*

*Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual
Text and Music are in the Public Domain*

Word

1 Samuel 1:4-20

⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; ⁵but to [his wife] Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶Her rival used to provoke her severely...because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year by year.... Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?”

⁹After they had eaten..., Hannah...presented herself before YHWH. Now Eli the priest was sitting...beside the doorpost of the temple.... ¹⁰Hannah was deeply distressed and prayed...and wept bitterly. ¹¹She made this vow: “O God of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and...give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death....

¹²As she continued praying..., Eli observed her mouth. ¹³...only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” ¹⁵But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before YHWH. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” ¹⁷Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made....” ¹⁸And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped...; then they went back to their house.... Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and YHWH remembered her. ²⁰In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel [meaning “God has heard”] for she said, “I have asked him of YHWH.”

1 Samuel 2:1-10

¹ My heart delights in YHWH; my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.

² **There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.**

³ Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth;

for YHWH knows far more than you and weighs your every deed.

⁴ **The bows of the mighty are broken, while those who stumble gain renewed strength.**

⁵ Those who had their fill now have nothing, while those who were hungry are satisfied.

Barren women give birth to the perfect number, while mothers of many are forsaken.

⁶ It is YHWH who deals out both life & death; it is YHWH who casts down to death & raises up to life.

⁷ **It is YHWH who makes both the poor and the rich; it is YHWH who both humbles and exalts.**

⁸ YHWH lifts the weak from the refuse dump and raises the poor from the cesspool,

to place them among the mighty and promote them to seats of honor.

The foundations of the earth belong to YHWH, and YHWH sets the world upon them.

⁹ YHWH lights the way of the just and delivers the evildoer to darkness.

It is not by strength that the just prevail: ¹⁰ it is YHWH who shatters foes.

The Most High thunders against them in the skies; YHWH judges the ends of the earth.

Now YHWH will endow the ruler with strength and exalt the head of the anointed one.”

Hebrews 10:11-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet”. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds”, he also adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more”. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Mark 13:1-8

As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together.

**I believe it is a matter of faith
to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.**

**I believe it is a matter of faith
to recognize the equality of all members of God's human family,
to offer thanks and praise for God's beautiful gift of diversity,
and to love people
of every race, culture, creed, class, age, ability,
gender, sexual orientation & marital status.**

**I believe Jesus Christ came to us
to free all people from sin and to make disciples –
people willing to live Christ's discipline of love and justice for all.**

**I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us
that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it,
even to die for it, as Jesus died.**

**I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death,
the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name.**

**Glory be to God, the Three-in-One and One-in-Three:
Life Giver, Pain Bearer and Sustaining Power of Love. Amen**

PURPOSE STATEMENT

As members and friends of Salem Church, let us remind ourselves who we are:

**We are a community of Christian disciples called by the Holy Spirit.
In response to God's transforming love, we share our joy through praise and service.**

May it be so! Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

You may stand 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *You may stand if you so desire.*

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world.
Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

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

God our creator, you show us the path of life.
Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion
to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces.
Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love.
We pray for our mission partners, especially today for GROUP Workcamps
and for Salem members and families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:
Christoph Dow, Carter Gulyas, and Jaxon Gulyas.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end.
As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate.
Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our healer, care for all who long for healing in any way,
especially Barbara, Dolores, Eron, Frank, Grace, Steve, Sue, and all we name in our hearts.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts.
Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion.
Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters.
Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires.
Bless the first responders who support them:
calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine.
Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion.
Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions.
Unite people of diverse viewpoints by the love of Christ.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky.
We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy.
Assure us of your resurrection promise.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our provider, we thank you for the Bible and books filled with wisdom, for our Salem family,
for baseball, hiking, good friends, guitars, and Maine.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

The pastor concludes:

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray.
Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen**

Thanksgiving

OFFERING PRAYER & DEDICATION OF ANNUAL PLEDGES

Leader: Let us pray. (a brief silence)

Gracious God, all we have comes from you.

There is nothing we can offer that you haven't already given us.

Help us to put our trust not in earthly power or wealth but in the One who reigns over all.

Help us trust your promise that if we love you above all else,

and commit to you our tithes and offerings,

you will keep us as the apple of your eye and hide us in the shadow of your wings.

Accept these gifts and pledges as signs of our gratitude and trust

as we seek to be open channels, generously sharing your love and blessings with all the world.

Amen

OFFERING PRAYER

You may stand 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 a member of another congregation,

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.

SONG

Canticle of the Turning

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,
Worship & Praise # 26 and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 723)*

As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.**

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.**

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.**

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.**

*Text: based on the Magnificat in Luke 1:46-55, and also Revelation 21:4,
by Rory Cooney, b. 1952; Meter Irregular*

Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

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Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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and for our weekly Bible Study at 6:30,
followed by a brief service of Holy Communion at 7:15.**

Zoom links are on the calendar on our website at Salembridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.
Also on Saturday at 11:00 you are invited to a special InnerView Chat'n'Chew,
at which some special guests will be sharing some amazing stories
about why they are grateful.

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 conclude our Facebook Live portion of our service

let me offer all who are worshipping with us this blessing:

“May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”

(Psalm 20:4, NIV)

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Meal & Dismissal

COMMUNION

Please be seated.

God be with you!

And also with you!

Open your hearts!

We open them to God and one another!

Let us give thanks to the God of all!

It is right to give God thanks & 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.

***During communion, you may take your communion elements during worship
or hold on to your kit until you get home.***

***If you take the elements inside the church,
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 HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 624)*

As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.

- 1 Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
and, although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless;
guide us by your hand to the promised land.**
- 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near,
let no faithless fears o'ertake us, let not faith and hope forsake us;
safely past the foe to our home we go.**
- 3 When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,
when temptations come alluring make us patient and enduring;
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.**
- 4 Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;
heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us,
till we safely stand in the promised land.**

*Text: based on Job 7:1-7, Psalm 31:3, Zephaniah 3:14-20, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 4:9,
by Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.; Meter 5 5 8 8 5 5
Music: SELENBRÄUTIGAM by Adam Drese, 1620-1701 Text and Tune are in the Public Domain*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God has raised you from death to life and unbound you from every fear.
Live in faith and hope and joy! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book, ELW # 721)

As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.**

*Text: based on 1 Cor 15:57 from An African Prayer Book selected by Desmond Tutu Meter 8 6 7 6 4 4 5
Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER by John L. Bell, b. 1949*

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*Performance by Halifax Lutheran Church, 03/30/21 (525/655 in our hymn series)
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uVypu0a9Wc> [1:22]*

Announcements

Wednesday at 12:00 noon we meet on zoom for prayer. You can pray out loud if you want, or you can simply ask others to pray for you or for the concerns on your mind or heart.

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

Wednesday evenings we gather on zoom from 6:30-7:15 for Bible study, followed by a brief service of Holy Communion. The upcoming schedule is as follows:

November 17 and December 1 & 8 – we'll spend one week reviewing each of the gospels.

(No class 11/24 – Thanksgiving break)

December 15 – we'll spend a week looking at the Christmas story in the gospels.

(No class 12/22 & 29 – Christmas break)

January – we'll begin our study of the book of Acts, a time when the church and the world were in some ways quite similar to the church and the world today.

Link will be on the calendar on our website at Salembridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

The next Salem and Friends Breakfast & Faith Discussion, sponsored by the Salem Men but open to ALL, will be held Saturday **December 11th** at 8:00 am. Please join us...and invite a friend! Volunteers to help prepare breakfast welcome to come at 7:00 am. Thx!

Salem's Annual Seafarers Collection. Our annual collection will begin starting on Nov. 1 and run until Dec. 5. We are collecting Woolen Caps, Sweatshirts (L-XL), Thermal or White Socks, T-Shirts (L), Chocolate, Canned Nuts, and Hard Candy. Please place your contribution in the marked box in the Narthex. Also, Cash contributions can be sent to **Ruth Setaro, 33 Valley Brook Lane, North Haven, CT 06473** with a note specifying that it is for the Seafarers and include your name and address. Pastor Ruth Setaro will send you a thank you card for your records.

UniteCT - Emergency Rental Assistance for Connecticut's Economy - The UniteCT Program is administered by the Department of Housing on behalf of the US Treasury. UniteCT provides up to \$15,000 rental and electricity payment assistance on behalf of Connecticut households financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. UniteCT is stabilizing CT's rental housing market by financially supporting those households up to 80% of HUD's Area Median Income (AMI) - Select [here](#) for an interactive AMI map. Tenants and landlords use the UniteCT Rent Relief software to submit their own sections of the application creating a unique case file for decision making evaluation. UniteCT will provide continued rental and electric utility assistance to eligible households until all funding has been committed. There is no current end date of the program. *For more info, go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT> You must first register to get an email invitation to start your application. Paper applications will not be accepted. Do you qualify for UniteCT funding? If you need to share your eligibility status with a new landlord or court, check your eligibility by taking this survey at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT---Survey> and print the results for your records.*

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. She would be MORE THAN HAPPY to hear from you!**

If you would like to call, or send a card or note to one of our shut-ins, please contact our Parish Nurse, Carol Lansing. She 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 her know.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**Elizabeth of Hungary,
renewer of society,
died 1231**

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Born in Hungary,
Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia,
and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle.
Ten years later they were married.
She was very generous to the poor,
and after her husband's death
she lived in cruel hardship
until her own death at age twenty-four.

Pack 103

Thanksgiving

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**Helping Families In Need In Our
Community**

Drop-Off Location:

Salem Lutheran Church
3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Open For Donation:

Monday and Thursday 6:30-8 PM
Through out November

Collecting canned and boxed items

For More Information Contact:
Angela Arboleda - 2035433056

