



# Salem Lutheran Church

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

*for those with  
hearing challenges*

*Reign of Christ  
Sunday*

*November 21,  
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 Nancy Headford in memory of those not at our Thanksgiving Day feast.

**We wish each and every one of you a HAPPY THANKSGIVING this week!**

**Pastor Marjo will be on vacation 11/24-11/29.** She and her husband, Mark, and the Wilkins will be joining son Conner on a trip to visit his wife, Hannah, in Barbados where she is in med school. If you have need of emergency pastoral care while she is away, please call the church office or Pastor Ryan Mills at 203-903-8352.

**Next Sunday (November 28<sup>th</sup>) we join the New England Synod online for a special Thanksgiving worship.** The pre-recorded service will be set to premiere at 9:30 on both FaceBook and YouTube. If you cannot access worship online or prefer to watch it on the TV screen at church, you may do so.

**There will be no official Prayer Gathering at noon on Wednesday this week** as both Pastor Marjo and Jeanette Harris will be away. Please feel free, however, to gather online using the zoom link on the calendar.

**There will be NO Bible Study this Wednesday evening due to the Thanksgiving holiday.** We gather again on zoom December 1 & 8 to look at the gospels of Luke and John, and on December 15<sup>th</sup> to look at the Christmas Story in the various gospels. Bible study begins at 6:30, followed by a brief service of Holy Communion at 7:15. After a break for the holidays, we'll resume in January to begin our study of the book of Acts, written during 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](http://Salembridgeport.org) under the Resources Tab.

## GATHERING SONG

## He Is Exalted

(as found in the ELCA worship book Worship & Praise # 55)

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

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;  
I will praise him!  
He is exalted, forever exalted,  
and I will praise his name!  
Jesus is Lord!  
Forever his truth shall reign!  
Heaven and earth, rejoice in his holy name!  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.**

*(Repeat as desired.)*

*Text: based on 1 Chronicles 29:11, Psalm 33, Philippians 2:9-11, Revelation 7:9-12, 19:6-7  
by Twila Paris; Meter P M*

*Music: HE IS EXALTED by Twila Paris*

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*Performance # 1 by NACTV New Apostolic Church, 11/08/21*

*Tenor: Fabian Messina; Pianist: Leigh Hannies; Organist: Carl Johnson  
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5hoohkp4a8> [2:46]*

*Performance # 2 Saint Kateri Music Virtual Choir, 05/24/20*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUR6rf12tRM> [2:19]*

*Performance # 3 He Is Exalted // I Exalt Thee (Medley) by Sounds Like Reign, 05/29/20  
from our ongoing Endless Praise project: a fresh take on hymns and worship songs.*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pM3DCuDvafY> [5:20]*

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***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 was, who is, and who is to come,

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](http://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](http://SalemBridgeport.org/Live).

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

God, you created us to live in perfect relationship with you, but we broke that relationship.  
You gave us the Law to bring us back, and we disobeyed it.

You sent prophets to call us back, and we refused to listen.

And so you sent Jesus to show us what it means  
to love you with all our heart and mind and soul and body,  
and to see every other one of your children as your gift to us.

Teach us that when we allow Jesus to be lord of our lives, we will know the joy of your kingdom.  
We pray all this in the Name of Jesus and by the Power of the Spirit. Amen

**OPENING SONG**

**Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending**

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 435)*

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

*You may stand if you desire.*

**Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Ev'ry eye shall now behold him robed in glorious majesty;  
those who set at nought before him, pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall their true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his Passion still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers.  
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, amen, let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, claim the kingdom as thine own.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!**

*Text: based on Daniel 7:13-14, Zechariah 12:10, Matthew 24:29-31, Mark 13:26-27,  
Luke 21:25-28, John 19:37, 1 Thessalonians 4:17, Revelation 1:7,  
by Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.; Meter 8 7 8 7 12 7*

*Music: HELMSLEY by Thomas Olivers, 1725–1799*

*Text & Music are in the Public Domain.*

# Word

**Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*Please be seated.*

<sup>9</sup> As I watched, thrones were set in place, and the one who sat there was the Ancient of Days, whose clothing was snow white, with a head of hair as white as wool; whose throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire.

<sup>10</sup> A stream of fire surged forth, flowing from the Ancient One's presence, with tens of thousands ministering, and hundreds of thousands standing in attendance.

The court was convened, and the books were opened....

<sup>13</sup> I gazed into the visions of the night once again, and I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one who looked human, but somehow more than human.

This One came to the Ancient One and was led into the divine Presence.

<sup>14</sup> Thus was conferred sovereignty, glory and dominion, and all peoples, nations and languages became this One's subjects.

This sovereignty is an eternal Sovereignty which will never pass away, nor will this dominion ever be destroyed.

**Psalm 93**

<sup>1</sup> YHWH reigns, robed in splendor!  
**You are robed, YHWH, and armed with strength.**

The world stands firm and cannot be moved;  
<sup>2</sup> **your throne stands firm from ages past; from eternity you exist.**

<sup>3</sup> The seas are shouting, YHWH –  
**the seas raise their voices; the seas shout with pounding waves,**

<sup>4</sup> stronger than the thunder of the great waters,  
**mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightiest of all is YHWH!**

<sup>5</sup> Your reign was made known from of old;  
**the holy ones praise you in your temple, YHWH, for days without end.**

## Revelation 1:4-8

<sup>4</sup> From John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from the One who was, who is, and who is to come, from the seven spirits before the throne <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, sovereign of the rulers of the earth.

To Christ – who loves us, and who has freed us from our sins by the shedding of blood, <sup>6</sup>and who has made us to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God and Creator – to Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! Christ is coming on the clouds, for every eye to see, even those who pierced Jesus, and all the peoples of the earth will mourn over Christ. So be it! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega”, says our God, “who was, who is, and who is to come, the Almighty”.

## John 18:33-38

*You may stand if you desire.*

<sup>33</sup> So Pilate re-entered the Praetorium and summoned Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or have others told you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, “Am I Jewish? It is your own people and the chief priests who hand you over to me. What have you done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My realm is not of this world; if it belonged to this world, my people would have fought to keep me out of the hands of the Temple authorities. No, my realm is not of this world.”

<sup>37</sup> Pilate said, “So you’re a King?”

Jesus replied, “You say I’m a King. I was born and came into the world for one purpose – to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who seeks the truth hears my voice”

<sup>38</sup> “Truth? What is truth?” asked Pilate.

With that, Pilate went outside and spoke to the people. “I find no guilt in him”, he said.

## SERMON

*Please be seated.*



**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, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth.  
We pray for pastors, priests, and prophets, for preachers, missionaries, and evangelists,  
and all who carry your forgiveness and love to the world.  
Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine.  
We pray for our mission partners,  
especially today for Kids Empowered with Your Support, and the New Paradigm Theatre,  
and for Salem members and families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:  
Dot Dewalt and Justin Claus.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation.  
We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish,  
from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects.  
Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace.  
Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future.  
Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you.  
We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community  
like the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport & the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.  
Renew them in their work.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places.  
We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person  
and for all who are sick and suffering,  
especially Barbara, Dolores, Eron, Frank, Grace, Steve, Sue, and all we name in our hearts.  
Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending.  
We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse  
of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, we are thankful for mobility in many forms, for Salem church, for pets,  
and for eating with family and friends.

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



# Thanksgiving

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

### Jesus Shall Reign

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 434)*

*As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.  
You may stand if you desire.*

- 1 **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
- 2 **To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.**
- 3 **People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.**
- 4 **Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**
- 5 **Let ev'ry creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

*Text: based on Psalm 8:2, 72:8, 17, Isaiah 61:1, Matthew 11:28, 21:15-16, Luke 4:18-19,  
Ephesians 5:2, by Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.; Meter L M*

*Music: DUKE STREET attr. John Hatton, d. 1793; Text & Music are in the Public Domain*

## Sending

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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:

The One who rules over all things for all time, the One we know as Christ Jesus,

loves you so much that he has freed you from all your sins!

Go now in peace, and let Christ rule in your hearts through faith.

*Here ends our Facebook live stream.*

## **Meal & Dismissal**

### **NICENE CREED**

*You may stand if you so desire.*

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

### **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**

**Lead On, O King Eternal!**

*(as found in the ELCA worship book Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 805)*

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

*You may stand if you so desire.*

- 1 Lead on, O King eternal!**  
The day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.
- 2 Lead on, O King eternal,**  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing,  
nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy  
the heav'nly kingdom comes.
- 3 Lead on, O King eternal:**  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us;  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might!

*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: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM by Adam Drese, 1620-1701*

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.  
Live in the freedom of the kingdom of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

### All to Jesus I Surrender

*(as found in the ELCA worship book This Far by Faith # 235)*

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

**All to Jesus I surrender; All to him I freely give.  
I will ever love and trust him, In his presence daily live.  
I surrender all, I surrender all, All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender; Humbly at his feet I bow;  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me, Jesus, take me now.  
I surrender all, I surrender all, All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender; Make me, Saviour, wholly thine;  
Let me feel thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that thou art mine.  
I surrender all, I surrender all, All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee;  
Fill me with thy love and power, Let thy blessing fall on me.  
I surrender all, I surrender all, All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

*CCLI Song # 4836083*

*Text: Judson W. Van de Venter (1855-1939); Meter 8 7 8 7 with refrain*

*Music: Winfield Scott Weedon (1847-1908)*

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# Announcements

**Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!** We have an amazing God who provides for us and our congregation in so many ways. We are thankful for guidance and peace of mind, our family and friends, our health and homes, and the Rocky Mountains. You should have received your pledge card by now but, if not, we have extras available. Remember God is good so “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”.

**Salem's Annual Seafarers Collection.** Our annual collection will **run until December 5<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

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

**You won't want to miss the next Inner-View Chat'n'Chew on** zoom at 11:00 am Saturday **December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Link will be on the calendar on our website at Salembridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

**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**

**Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100** **Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

Clement was the third bishop of Rome.

He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them.

As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

**Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927** **Tuesday, November 23, 2021**

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy.

He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless.

Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

**Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894;**  
**pastors in North America**

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021**

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent.

Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia

which led to the formation there of the 1<sup>st</sup> African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's).

William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities

and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

**Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748** **Thursday, November 25, 2021**

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language,

Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time.

He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.



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