



# Salem Lutheran Church

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

*for those with  
hearing challenges*

*All Saints'  
Sunday*

*November 7,  
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 should be worn inside.** The reason for this is that the combination of the vaccine's waning efficacy and the continuing emergence of new variants, have resulted in more and more breakthrough cases among the fully vaccinated, especially among those 65 and older. Although treatments continue to improve, many of these cases have been quite serious, requiring hospitalization. We are told the numbers are expected to rise with another peak is expected in January. ***If you are 65 or older and/or have comorbidities you are urged to get your booster as soon as possible.*** Council also decided **soft singing of hymns will be permitted.** 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 Dolores Kuczo in honor of the birthday of her son Steve and grandson Jeffrey.

**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.)

**The next Salem and Friends Breakfast & Faith Discussion**, sponsored by the Salem Men but open to ALL, will be held Saturday **November 13<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!

**The baptism of McKenzie Marie Kemp, daughter of Paul Baronavski and Amy Kemp**, will be held **November 13<sup>th</sup>**. We rejoice in the opportunity to receive this new sister in Christ.

**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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## PRELUDE

## Behold the Host Arrayed in White

(as found in the ELCA worship book *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* # 425)

- 1 Behold the host arrayed in white  
like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,  
that stands with palms and sings its psalms before the throne of light!  
These are the saints who kept God's word;  
they are the honored of the Lord.  
He is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, restored.  
They now serve God both day and night;  
they sing their songs in endless light.  
Their anthems ring when they all sing with angels shining bright.
- 2 On earth their work was not thought wise,  
but see them now in heaven's eyes;  
before God's throne of precious stone they shout their vict'ry cries.  
On earth they wept through bitter years;  
now God has wiped away their tears,  
transformed their strife to heav'nly life, and freed them from their fears.  
For now they have the best at last;  
they keep their sweet eternal feast.  
At God's right hand our Lord commands; he is both host and guest.
- 3 O blessed saints, now take your rest;  
a thousand times shall you be blest  
for keeping faith firm unto death and scorning worldly trust.  
For now you live at home with God  
and harvest seeds once cast abroad  
in tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pattern in the seed.  
The myriad angels raise their song.  
O saints, sing with that happy throng;  
lift up one voice; let heav'n rejoice in our redeemer's song!

*Text: based on Revelation 7:11-14,*

*by Hans A. Brorson, 1694–1764; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, alt.; Meter P M*

*Music: DEN STORE HVIDE FLOK, GREAT WHITE HOST, Norwegian folk tune, 17th cent.;*

*arr. Edvard H. Grieg, 1843–1907*

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*Performance # 1 by Adam & Emily Warnke, trumpet and piano, 04/15/20*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzCLZ2OzLiU> [2:04]*

*Performance # 2 by Bethany Johnson, harp, 07/24/13*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4ODgc83gV8> [1:56]*

*Performance # 3 by The Jubilate Handbell Choir, Hope Lutheran, Friendswood, TX, 01/05/20*

*This arrangement is by John Behnke, published by Concordia Publishing House (#97-7634)*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AgMgBCoQLwA> [5:13]*

***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 live lives of liberty, love and light.

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 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 fill us with hope and peace and joy.  
We pray all this in the Name of Jesus and by the Power of the Spirit. Amen

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
Lutheran Book of Worship # 174)*

*As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.*

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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*vss 1-4 as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkaocGFsA6k> [2:53]*

# Word

## Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain YHWH Omnipotent will prepare for all peoples  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
food rich and succulent, and fine, aged wines.

On this mountain God will remove  
the mourning veil covering all peoples,  
the shroud covering all nations,  
destroying all death forever.

God will wipe away the tears from every cheek,  
and will take away the shame of God's people on earth, wherever they live.  
YHWH has spoken.

On that Day it will be said,  
"This is our God;  
this is the One for whose liberation we waited.  
YHWH is the One in whom we had hoped!  
We rejoice exultantly in our deliverance...."

## Psalm 24

The earth and everything on it –  
**the world and all who live in it – belong to YHWH**  
YWH built it on the deep waters,  
**laying its foundations in the ocean depths.**

Who has the right to ascend YHWH's mountain?  
**Who is allowed to enter YHWH's holy place?**  
Those whose hands are clean and whose hearts are pure,  
**who do not worship idols or make false promises.**

YHWH will bless them;  
**God their savior will declare them innocent.**

Such are the people who seek YHWH,  
**who seek your face, God of our ancestors.**

Fling wide the gates,  
**open the ancient doors,**  
and the Glorious Liberator will come in!

**Who is this "Glorious Liberator"?**

YHWH, strong and mighty!

**YHWH, victorious in battle!**

Fling wide the gates,  
**open the ancient doors,**  
and the Glorious Liberator will come in!

**Who is this "Glorious Liberator"?**

YHWH Sabaoth is our Glorious Liberator!

## **Revelation 21:1-7**

I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day.

And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, “Look! God’s Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God’s people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen.”

The One who sat on the throne said, “Look! I’m making everything new!” and added, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

And that One continued, “It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life. This is the rightful inheritance of the overcomers. I will be their God and they will be my daughters and sons.

## **John 11:32-45**

When Mary got to Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.

“Where have you laid him?” Jesus asked.

“Come and see”, they said. And Jesus wept.

The people in the crowd began to remark, “See how much he loved him!” Others said, “He made the blind person see; why couldn’t he have done something to prevent Lazarus’ death?” Jesus was again deeply moved. They approached the tomb, which was a cave with a stone in front of it. “Take away the stone”, Jesus directed.

Martha said, “Rabbi, it has been four days now. By this time there will be a stench.”

Jesus replied, “Didn’t I assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took the stone away. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Abba, thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, that they might believe that you sent me!”

Then Jesus called out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

And Lazarus came out of the tomb, still bound hand and foot with linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus told the crowd, “Untie him and let him go free.”

Many of those who had come to console Martha and Mary, and saw what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

## **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**

**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.*

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries  
who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away.  
Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope.  
We pray for our mission partners, especially today for Genesis Gospel Café,  
Christ Presbyterian Church Fairfield, New Direction Ministries,  
and for CHURCH – Christ Home of Unity, Restoration, Charity and Hope,  
and for Salem members and families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Nick Roberts.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation.  
Create communities of care for your earth  
so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace  
that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence.  
Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers  
who labor around the clock to answer cries for help.  
Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder,  
anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way,  
especially Barbara, Dolores, Eron, Frank, Grace, Steve, Sue, and all we name in our hearts.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries  
and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship.  
Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, and meal ministry coordinators.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation  
who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us.  
Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example  
until we feast together on your holy mountain.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, we are thankful for our homes and loving families, for our health and fitness,  
and for your guidance and peace of mind.  
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:***

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

## REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.  
You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints.  
We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited  
in hope for the redemption you promised,  
and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world.  
Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you.  
Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living,  
exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion.

We remember today especially:

### *Marjorie Shapleigh*

*I lift my eyes to the hills, from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)*

### *Frances Zold*

*Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me.  
When I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself,  
that where I am you may be also." (John 14:1, 3)*

### *Pauline Boyum*

*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)*

*All those other loved ones whom we mourn this day*

Christ says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
**and you will find rest for your souls.**

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
**and you will find rest for your souls.**  
**Amen**

### *The pastor concludes:*

Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God,  
as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

# Thanksgiving

## 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**

## 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

## Blest Are They

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,  
With One Voice # 764, and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 728)*

*As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.*

- 1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the Kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.**

*Refrain* **Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the Kingdom of God!**

- 2 Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (Refrain)**

- 3 Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God! (Refrain)**

*Text: based on Matthew 5:3-12 by David Haas, b. 1957; Meter Irregular*

*Music: BLEST ARE THEY by David Haas, b.1957;*

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# Sending

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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:

God is the One in whom we hope! Rejoice exultantly in your deliverance!

***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 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.

***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!**

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
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*As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.*

- 5 **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6 **The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7 **But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 8 **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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## 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

### When the Saints Go Marching In

**O when the Saints go marching in, when the Saints go marching in,**

**O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Saints go marching in.**

**I'm just a weary pilgrim going through this world of sin  
getting ready for the city when the saints go marching in**

*Text: based on Revelation 7, African American spiritual; Meter 8 8 10 7*

*Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual*

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*Performance by Sisters of Grace Melodies, 06/16/16*

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*Support them if you are touched by their presentation.*

# Announcements

**There is NO weekly prayer Wednesday at noon this week** due to Bishop's Convocation.

**You are also invited to weekly Bible Study Wednesday 6:30-7:15, followed by a brief service of Holy Communion.** The upcoming schedule is as follows:

November 3, 10, 24, and December 1 – we'll spend one week reviewing each of the gospels.

(No class 11/17 – Thanksgiving break)

December 8 & 15 – we'll spend 2 weeks 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](http://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.*

**In case you have not heard, Pastor Bryan “Bud” Myers, former pastor at Salem, died,** and his memorial service was held on October 8<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Marjo presiding. The recording of the service can be watched right on Salem's own Facebook page. Donations in memory of Bud may be made to Tabor Lutheran Church and mailed to 45 Tabor Drive, Branford, CT 06604. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Judy, at 45 Farm River Road, Branford, CT 06604. Please keep Pastor Myers' family, friends, and the people of Tabor in your prayers.

**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**

**John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873;  
Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719;  
Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries**

**Sunday, November 7, 2021**

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans.

After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary  
he was assigned to the Andhra region of India.

A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India,

Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities  
who favored a different missionary style.

He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person.

Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary.

Working among the Batak people,

he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

**Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397**

**Thursday, November 11, 2021**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army.

Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man,  
whom he later understood as representing Christ.

He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead.

After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

**Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855**

**Thursday, November 11, 2021**

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian

whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism.

He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day,

as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.