



# Salem Lutheran Church

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

*for those  
with hearing and seeing  
challenges*

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# Welcome

**TODAY WE'VE TAKEN SALEM ON THE ROAD** as we worship with Grace Lutheran, 150 Chapel Street in Stratford, at our normal time of 9:30. This will not only help build relationships between members of our congregation, but will help them during their pastoral vacancy and is one way we can show our appreciation for the way they have opened up their building to us for our monthly breakfast and for our upcoming Seafarer's packing party.

**Next Sunday we return to indoor worship at 3160 Park Avenue**, and now that we are worshipping indoors we hope all Salem members and friends will join us – both those who have loved worshipping in the grove and those for whom indoor worship is more manageable.

**As we move to indoor worship, we remind everyone that masks are now optional**, and that we encourage people to do be good stewards of their own health as well as good neighbors who look out for the health of others. Although the pandemic is not yet over, the risks have been greatly mitigated – and for that we give God thanks and praise!

**You are invited to gather with us for prayer** on zoom Wednesdays at 12:00 noon at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82882777326?pwd=VCtObFRPOGI3cTR3eli2ZmtiZEpadz09> and for Bible Study 6:30-7:25 as we pick up in our study of Acts with 16:-40 at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119212353?pwd=WFdhU3ZaL1BUb2syZmdzREdTVpsdz09> If you cannot access zoom just let us know and you can join one of us via speakerphone. And if anyone would like Holy Communion we offer that at 7:25 each week.

**“Faith Leaders for Racial Justice”**, the inaugural lecture for Fairfield University's Quick Center for the Arts' Mission and Ministry series will be on **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm. The speaker will be Wilton Cardinal Gregory. Cardinal Gregory is the seventh Archbishop of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., and the first African American Cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church. Cardinal Gregory grew up in Chicago, where he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 9, 1973, and three years after his ordination, began graduate studies at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute (Sant' Anselmo) in Rome. There, he earned his doctorate in sacred liturgy in 1980. Cardinal Gregory has served in many leading roles in the Catholic Church including as President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) from 2001 to 2004. Cardinal Gregory has written extensively on church issues, including pastoral statements on the death penalty, social justice, euthanasia/physician-assisted suicide, and interreligious and ecumenical affairs.

**NEXT Choir rehearsals will resume after worship on Sunday October 16<sup>h</sup>** and continue on 10/16, 10/23, and 10/30. as we prepare to sing on Reformation Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and All Saints Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. After a break on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, they will resume on 11/20 as we prepare for Christmas Eve.

# Gathering

## GATHERING SONG

## Open The Eyes Of My Heart

### *Chorus*

**Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You  
I want to see You**

### *Verse*

**To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy**

### *Bridge*

**Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You**

*CCLI Song # 2298355*

*by Paul Baloche*

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*Performance by the composer and artist, Paul Baloche*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViBNqNukgzE> [9:21]*

*Performance by Worship Pastor Todd Galberth, 06/09/20*

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and bring you closer to Him.*

*as found at this link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcf\\_iz3GK8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gcf_iz3GK8) [6:22]*

*Performance recorded on "Take a Breath" CD by A Bunch of Guys,*

*produced by David Piper and Knute Ogren.*

*John Christianson – vocals, guitar; David Piper – harmony vocals, guitar*

*Recorded October 2002-February 2003 at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hartford, Signature Sounds,  
the Top Floor, and First Congregational Church of Christ, UCC in Cheshire.*

*Engineered by David Piper*

*Mixed by Mark Thayer and David Piper at Signature Sounds.*

*Mastered by Scott Metcalfe at Mind's Ear. [3:29]*

***Please note that here we go live on Facebook.***

## WELCOME

Welcome in the name of the God who created the beautiful,  
in the name of Jesus who redeems the broken,  
and in the name of the Spirit who empowers us to love this broken and beautiful world!

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 am Pastor Marjo Anderson of Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT in the US.

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).

**It is our joy to be worshipping here at Grace Lutheran Church in Stratford, CT today.**

We thank God for our partnership in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ,  
and pray that the Spirit would move powerfully here in our worship this day.

**On Wednesdays we invite you to Salem's zoom events:**

**our noon Prayer Gathering, and our 6:30 Bible Study** on Acts, chapter 16,  
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at Fairfield University's Quick Center.

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at 150 Chapel Street in Stratford.

The day will begin with breakfast,

& will feature a country café, crafts, a tag sale, book nook, bake shop, & gift basket raffle

**Next Sunday Salem choir rehearsals will begin after worship.**

**And at noon on Sunday there will be a Human Trafficking Awareness Walk**

at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Fairfield.

**For more details on these announcements or to hear about upcoming events such as**

The Children's Business Fair in Stratford,

The New England Women of the ELCA' Biennial Convention and Gathering,

a screening of the documentary Defining US,

FaithActs for Education's pre-election work,

and a Christmas collection for Seafarers,

please see our worship bulletin at [SalemBridgeport.org/Live](http://SalemBridgeport.org/Live).

Any other announcements?

Then, I invite you to pray with me as we begin our worship.

O God, you make all things new and you are trustworthy and true!

You have given us our lives and our dreams and the freedom to pursue them!

You have called us according to your purpose,

you have plans for each and every one of us,

and you delight in giving each of us the desires of our hearts.

Take away all the fears and anxieties that keep us from living with trust and faith,

move us out of our familiar environments that we might embark on new adventures,

and push us out of our comfortable nests so that we might yet learn to fly like eagles.

Work in our hearts and minds this day, God, that we might leave here today

with brighter vision, sharper hearing, and bolder hearts.

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

## OPENING SONG

## Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 612)*

***You may stand if you so desire.***

*Refrain:* **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**1 You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.**

*Refrain:* **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**2 In the pain and joy beholding how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love.**

*Refrain:* **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**3 Give us strength to love each other, ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.**

*Refrain:* **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

**4 You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.**

*Refrain:* **Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.**

*Text: based on Jeremiah 17.14, Romans 8.26-27, by Marty Haugen, b. 1950;  
Meter 8 8 9 & Refrain*

*Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL by Marty Haugen;*

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*Performance by Assembly Mennonite Church, 03/13/21*

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# Word

*Please be seated.*

## **A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy". When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes & said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look & see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean". But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel".

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

## **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 111**

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are your works, O God, pondered by all who delight in them.**

Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

**You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

**You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

**They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;

holy and awesome is your name.

**The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding.**

God's praise endures forever.

Word of God! Word of Life! **Thanks be to God!**

## **A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;  
if we endure, we will also reign with him;  
if we deny him, he will also deny us;  
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—  
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of God! Word of Life!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Luke 17:11-19 *You may stand if you so desire.***

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests”. And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

Word of God! Word of Life!  
**Thanks be to God!**



*You may stand if you so desire.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*(We thank the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport  
for introducing us to this affirmation at its annual meeting last month.  
It is from The United Congregational Church of Southern Africa & from Indonesia  
and speaks especially to the ideals to which this country has always aspired:  
the freedom, equality, and truth that lead to a new earth where justice and peace prevail.)*

And now, as people of the household of God, in faith, and love, and with goodwill to all,  
let us in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ  
give ourselves afresh to him and to one another in joyous covenant,  
promising to walk together with God and one another.

**We believe in God, who is love and who has given the earth to all people.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us,  
and to free us from all forms of oppression.**

**We believe in the Spirit of God, who works in & through all who are turned toward the truth.**

**We believe in the community of faith, which is called to be at the service of all people.**

**We do not believe in the right of the strongest, nor in the power of oppression.**

**We believe in human rights, in the solidarity of all people.**

**We denounce, stand, and work against racism,  
in the power that comes from wealth and privilege,  
or in any established order that enslaves.**

**We believe that all people are equally human,  
that order based on violence and injustice is not order.**

**We do not believe that hunger and poverty are inevitable and peace unattainable.**

**We dare to believe, always and in spite of everything,  
in God's power to transform and transfigure,  
fulfilling the promise of a new heaven & a new earth where justice & peace will flourish.**

## **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**

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

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

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

Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons.

Inspire leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds,

that your saving faith may be known to all.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport.

We pray for the members of Salem and Grace and their families.

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

Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest.

Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation.

Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation.

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

Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace.

Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion.

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

Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need.

Restore to community those who are stigmatized, feel rejected, or who live in isolation.

Send healing to all who suffer, especially Barbara, Barry, Bernedette, Bill, Pastor Bill, Cliffy, Dave, Dave, Dennis, Dick, Dolores, Dorothy, Ed, Frank, Grace, Georgina, Iris, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Jocelyn, Joe, Joey, Jonathan, Linda, Luc, Marija, Melvyn, Natalie, Ruth, Sara Jean, Steve, VL, and all we name in our hearts.

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

Faithful God, we give you thanks for parish nurses and the healing ministries of congregations.

Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick.

Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts.

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

Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us to your glory.

Renew our trust in your eternal promises of mercy, redemption, and new life.

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

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

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

# Thanksgiving

## 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.



## OFFERTORY SONG

### Open Our Eyes

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s worship books,  
This Far by Faith # 612 and Worship & Praise # 113)*

*You may stand if you so desire.*

### *Introduction*

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus;  
to reach out and touch him and say that we love him.**

**Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.**

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus. [Interlude]**

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus;  
to reach out and touch him and say that we love him.**

**Open our ears, Lord; and help us to listen.**

**Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus. [Repeat line]]**

*Text: based on Matthew 17:8, Luke 24:31, Ephesians 1:17-18 by Robert Cull, b. 1949*

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*Performance by Jeanette Harris, accompanied by Marjo Anderson, 08/15/20*

# Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THANK YOU

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 with me,  
you can reach me through Salem's website or Facebook page.

## BLESSING

As we say good-bye to our online worshippers,

I'd like to offer to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and in cyberspace  
this blessing based on our reading today from the second letter to Timothy 2:11-12:

Be assured of this:

If you are ashamed of Christ, Christ will be ashamed of you.

But if you die with Christ, you will live with him,

and if you endure, you will reign with him.

This is the word of our Lord! Amen!

*Here ends our Facebook live stream.*

# Meal & Dismissal

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*You may stand if you so desire and make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known & from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**We live unaware of the hurt and pain we have caused by personal and societal actions.**

**Set us back on the path of life, save us from our sin, & free us to love our neighbors. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for all people, and for Christ's sake God forgives all who truly repent of their sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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 and 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 SONG

## I Am Thanking Jesus

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
This Far by Faith # 286)*

*You may stand if you so desire.*

**I am thanking Jesus, I am thanking Jesus,  
I am thanking Jesus from my heart.  
I am thanking Jesus, I am thanking Jesus,  
I am thanking Jesus from my heart.**

*I am praising Jesus....*

*I am loving Jesus....*

*I am thanking Jesus....*

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*Music: TANDI TANGA YESUS, African traditional, arr. This Far by Faith*

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***OR if using video...***

**I thank you, thank you, Jesus, I thank you, thank you, Jesus,  
I thank you, thank you, Jesus in my heart.  
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, I thank you, thank you, Jesus,  
I thank you, thank you, Jesus in my heart.**

**I can't live without you, yes, I can't live without you,  
I can't live without you in my heart.  
I can't live without you, yes, I can't live without you,  
I can't live without you in my heart.**

**I love you, love you, Jesus, I love you, love you, Jesus,  
I love you, love you, Jesus, in my heart.  
I love you, love you, Jesus, I love you, love you, Jesus,  
I love you, love you, Jesus, in my heart.**

*Words (Swahili) and music: traditional song, East Africa*

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*as found at this link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPeFv\\_BY9rA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPeFv_BY9rA) [1:28]*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Give thanks for all your blessings!

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE MUSIC

### Now Thank We All Our God

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 840)*

- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.**
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

*Text: based on 2 Timothy 1:5,  
by Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878;  
Meter 6 7 6 7 6 6 6 6*

*Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (isometric) by Johann Crüger, 1598-1662  
Text and Tune are in the Public Domain.*

*Performance by First-Plymouth Church Lincoln Nebraska, 09/23/18  
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmJtef10DWw> [3:32]*

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# Announcements

**The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Fall Event** will be at the Sacred Heart University Discovery Science Center and Planetarium on **November 17<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8pm. Come meet the staff, learn about the Council's programs, and take a tour of the newly remodeled Discovery Science Center. We look forward for you to join us for this wonderful event. More information will be posted in the Council's upcoming newsletters and mailings.

**Salem's Food Assistance Fund** - While we may not have our own food pantry anymore, some of those people are still in need of food and Pastor distributes \$25 stop and shop cards as needed from that fund which only has \$45 in it at present. Also a number of Salem members support the food pantry at PT Barnum with their time, and we'd also like to support it financially. We encourage you to donate to Salem's food assistance fund. You can give using the envelopes found in your quarterly envelope packet or you can put a check in the donation box marked "food assistance." In addition, you may send check to office or drop it in church mailbox or give it or cash to Pastor. You can also give to the fund online by **clicking on this link**. or go to our website, SalemBridgeport.org, click on Donate, and then fill in your amount under "Food Pantry Donation".

**Let's stay connected!** Much of Pastor Marjo's and Salem's Office Manager, Karl's work can be done from their homes, but generally Karl is here on Thursdays to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely, and Pastor Marjo is happy to meet with you in-person here should you so desire. 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 or send an email to SalemSec123@sbcglobal.net. **Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441 or email her at marjoanderson@aol.com. She would be MORE THAN HAPPY to hear from you!**

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996**

**Monday, October 10, 2022**

A native of Chicago,

Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America.

Ordained in 1958, he served in various positions,

including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.

**Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582**

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14.

Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.



# *The Country Store*



## *Fair and Tag Sale*

**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

**9am to 3pm**

Featuring: Huge Tag Sale, Book Nook,  
Bake Shop with homemade goodies,  
Gift Basket Raffle, Crafts & Country Café  
serving a delicious menu.

**Grace Lutheran Church 150 Chapel Street Stratford**

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE RAIN OR SHINE EVERYONE WELCOME

[gracelutheranstratford.org](http://gracelutheranstratford.org)

Young Entrepreneurs Showcase Their Business Ventures

Sponsored Vendor: KM Glass



Photo by Roger Sells Photography

Featured Vendor: Luciana's Drawings & Paintings



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Stratford's 2nd Annual Children's Business Fair

*Experiences young entrepreneurs marketing & selling their products while having a wonderful time.*

Stratford's Paradise Green  
121 Huntington Road  
Stratford, CT  
Sat. Oct. 22, 2022  
10:00am-1:00pm  
*Rain date 10/29*



Special Guest: Up & Coming Designer  
King Plant



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No admission fee



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Charlie & Mommy's Candles  
& Lemonade

PARTNERED WITH

*Sterling House*

COMMUNITY CENTER

There will also be crafts, games,  
& free gifts for kids.

Party time & music performed  
by starvelles Gina Simpson

# 40.3

# Human Trafficking Awareness Walk



## Be the Ripple of Awareness!

Come join us on October 23rd at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Fairfield at 12:00 pm for a 40.3 minute walk to create awareness of the estimated 40.3 million people enslaved globally today.

**Knowledge is power and awareness is key!**

Together, by spreading awareness about this crisis, we can

**CREATE a TIDAL WAVE**

and

**SAVE LIVES!**

160 Hill Farm Road, Fairfield, CT 203.255.0545

**New England Women of the ELCA will host its Biennial Convention and Gathering – “We love because he first loved us [1 John 4:19]” – October 27-29 at Camp Calumet.** Come with your stories, or come to listen to the stories of others. Come share the Love and/or come to be loved, give love or Just Love, and leave to share the love and tell the stories. For more info, contact Ade Monareh at 603–866–6556 or [ade234@msn.com](mailto:ade234@msn.com) .

**DEFINING US – Children at the Crossroads of Change – Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm (doors open at 5) at Sacred Heart University Community Theatre,** 1420 Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06825. Join Connect with Kids (CWK) Network and the community of Fairfield for a special film screening and panel discussion featuring Stacey DeWitt (Defining US Director), Dr. Yolanda Sealey-Ruiz (cast member and Professor, Teachers College, Columbia University) and friends. Students and teachers inside the nation’s largest school systems share the untold story of why we need to acknowledge, discuss, and validate concerns about race and other vital issues that define our humanity. Click here to register (free): <https://shucommunitytheatre.showare.com/default.asp?searchdate=11/4/2022>

**FaithActs for Education** is a campaign to get the faith community in Bridgeport involved in voter education and voter turnout in order get all children the education they deserve. Believing that every child deserves the opportunity to graduate from college, take care of their family, and fulfill their God-given potential, FaithActs builds relationships, builds leaders, and builds power through community organizing and civic engagement across Connecticut. In 2019 Bridgeport Public Schools met FaithActs’ demand to publish how much it spends per child, per school – information that has never been made public before. Last year, in the middle of a pandemic, FaithActs secured an additional \$160 million in education for Black, Brown, and low income students of all races, and activated over 5,000 voters across the state. Guided by faith, FaithActs continues to Serve the Children, Build Bridges, Take Ownership, and Drive toward Impact. If you want to change the life of a child, become a part of FaithActs by going to [www.faithacts.org](http://www.faithacts.org) , emailing [hello@faithacts.org](mailto:hello@faithacts.org), or calling 203–868–0443. If you have questions about voting, contact Civic Engagement Manager, Toni, at 203–7 51–7256 or [Toni@Faithacts.org](mailto:Toni@Faithacts.org)

### **Christmas at Sea**

Collection Dates: September 11 – December 4

Gift Suggestions: woolen caps, sweatshirts (L-XL), thermal or white socks, colored T-shirts (L), chocolates, canned nuts, hard candy, Christmas Cards, money

Please place items in the marked box in the narthex.

If questions, contact Carol Lansing at 203-520-3752

**The Council of Churches’ advocacy has translated into a huge win!** We at CCGB joined a letter signed by over 100 other organizations calling for USDA to set aside a portion of relief funding for one-to-one business technical assistance. We are thrilled to report that our voices have been heard. **Last week, USDA announced \$400 million in funding to support the creation of at least six Regional Food Business Centers** through USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service. The purpose of the Centers **is to provide technical assistance, coordination, and capacity-building to small and mid-sized farm and food businesses in order to increase the resilience of local and regional food systems.**