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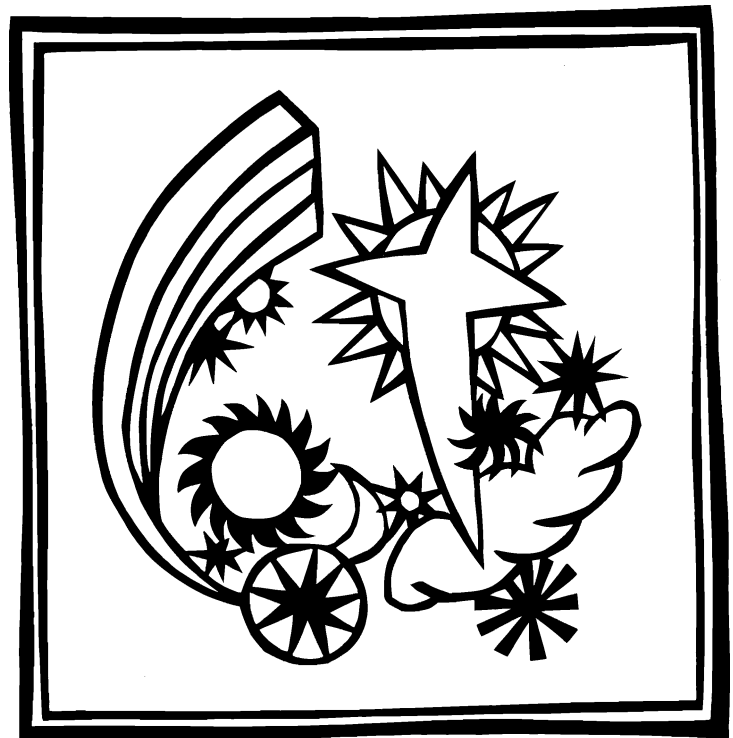
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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Welcome

WELCOME TO WORSHIP at 3160 Park Avenue! If you have concerns about being indoors, please note that we have 3 units of the best air cleaner on the market in the sanctuary. Also please know that you are more than welcome to wear a mask at worship if you'd like. We want everyone to feel as safe as possible.

This Sunday and next are the last 2 Sundays in the Church's liturgical year, as November 27th is the first Sunday in Advent. The readings for these last Sundays, and indeed on into Advent, focus on the end times. Some say that because of the state of the world, we must be in the end times now, but humans have been saying that for hundreds and thousands of years. No one except God – not even Jesus – knows when the last day will be, so it could be tomorrow or it could be thousands of years from now. What we do know is that our days as individuals are numbered. Our lives here on earth will end. Again, we don't know when that day will be. It could be today or decades from now. What we do know is that despite all the evil that surrounds us – climate change, war, violence, racism, pandemics, hunger, and poverty, to name just a few – God calls us to live with faith and hope and joy, as we are empowered by the Spirit to follow in the Way of Jesus – proclaiming the good news in word and deed. As the apostle Paul says, "Do not be weary in doing what is right".

Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Cindy Roberts in honor of Judy and Dave Albers' 55th anniversary and Nick Roberts' birthday

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Paula V. Mehmel this morning, as she preaches and presides at our worship while Pastor Marjo takes a vacation Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Paula V. Mehmel is a recently retired pastor who spent the majority of her ministry in North Dakota prior to serving as Senior Pastor at Emanuel Lutheran in Hartford. She is a graduate of the Lutheran School of Theology, where she earned her MDiv and a DMin in preaching. She has two sons who moved to New England before she did, and two step children and five grandchildren back in North Dakota. Our own Rich Kenyon will accompany worship!

You are invited to gather for prayer on zoom Wednesdays at 12:00 noon at this link:

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

and for Bible Study 6:30-7:25 as we pick up in our study of Acts with chapter 21-22 at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119212353?pwd=WFdhU3ZaL1BUb2syZmdzREdTZVpsdz09>

If you cannot access zoom just let us know and you can join one of us via speakerphone.

And for anyone not able to join us on Sundays, Holy Communion will be offered at 7:25.

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Fall Event will be at the Sacred Heart University Discovery Science Center and Planetarium on **November 17th** 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. If you have friends in the area whose congregations are not apart of the Council, please invite them to join you so that they can learn how CCGB is changing people's lives for the better!

On Saturday November 19th, please join **Jeanette Harris and Genesis Gospel Cafe** for the November Inner-View Chat'n'Chew from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm on zoom. The link is on the calendar on our website.

VETERANS' DAY OBSERVANCE WITH PRAYERS FOR PEACE

November 11th, Veterans' Day in the U.S., has its roots in Armistice Day, the commemoration of the end of World War I, and has come to be an occasion to remember those who have served in our armed forces. Today we also recognize those veterans among us here at Salem whose service has preserved the freedom of religion we enjoy in this country: Dave Albers, Joe Bales, Dick Bellows, Mike Caragol, Al DeWalt, Rich Kenyon, Steve Kuczo, Rich Lansing, Tom Larson, Jim McWain, Bob Reichelt, Nick Roberts & Bruce Tomasko.

Veterans' Day is also an appropriate occasion for prayer and reflection on peacemaking since those who have experienced war first-hand have much to teach about the real nature of war, as opposed to the images that predominate in films, television, and video games. History shows that in crises, military officers who have seen combat are less likely to recommend military action than politicians who do not have that experience. Veterans are often at the forefront of reconciliation efforts in war-torn regions.

November 11th is also the commemoration day of St. Martin of Tours, a 4th century Roman army officer who renounced violence when he became a "soldier for Christ".

St. Martin's Day also recalls the peacemaking witness of other Martin namesakes: Martin Luther, who was baptized on November 11th, and whose theology of the cross calls for radical repentance; Martin Luther King, Jr.; and Martin Niemoller (World War I veteran, German pastor, and non-violent opponent of the Nazis in World War II).

Lutheran Peace Fellowship invites Lutherans to observe November 11th as a day of prayer and fasting for peace. Since 1985, the Veterans' Day fast has drawn the support of growing numbers of Lutherans in the United States and around the world.

Observances of the day have included all-day prayer and meditation retreats, campus prayer services, vigils at military installations, and Sunday "break-fast" communion services in Lutheran congregations. Here at Salem (which is the equivalent of Shalom, Salaam, and Peace), this call to peacemaking is embedded in our very name and identity.

**"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God"
(Matthew 5:9)**

Gathering

GATHERING SONG **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

(As found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book Worship & Praise # 95)

You may stand if you so desire.

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Text: Sebastian Temple, b. 1928

Music: PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCES, Sebastian Temple, b. 1928

Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy

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Performance #2 by PS Haleluya on Ramses N Sitanggang YouTube channel, 04/10/21

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBMfohH94-g> [4:20]

Performance #3 on Mark G's YouTube channel, 09/26/12

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihhvm6eLWZI> [2:51]

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 796)*

You may stand if you so desire.

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

*Text: based on Isaiah 28:16, 40:11, 41:10, 43:2, 46:4, Matthew 7:24-27,
Luke 6:46-49, 2 Timothy 2:19, by J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt.
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Performance the Lutheran TV Channel,

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnLCMS>, 07/17/16

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Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

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

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Luke 21:5-19

You may stand if you so desire.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

SERMON

Please be seated.

The Rev. Dr. Paula Mehmel

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 and marital status.**

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

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

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

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

PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

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

May it be so!

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our broken and beautiful world.

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

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry.

Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and all of us to risk boldly in our proclamation and fill us with faith, wisdom, and patience for challenging times.

We pray for our mission partners,

especially today for Kids Empowered with Your Support, and the New Paradigm Theatre.

We pray for Salem members & their families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:

Nick Roberts, and Christoph Dow,

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

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter,

make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation.

Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made.

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

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others.

Safeguard first responders and active-duty military personnel.

Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit.

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

Healing God, your people cry out to you.

Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work.

Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care.

May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick,

especially Barbara, Barry, Bernedette, Cliffy, Dave, Dave, Dennis, Dick, Dolores, Dorothy,

Frank, Grace, Iris, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Jocelyn, Joe, Joey, Jonathan, Linda, Marija, Natalie,

Pastor Ruth, Sara Jean, Steve, VL, and all we name in our hearts.

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

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel.

Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement.

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

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died.

Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you.

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

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

Gracious God, accept these prayers & those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

***VETERANS DAY LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKS**

Gracious God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
in memory and in hope, we come before you.

We bless you for your presence with us in our greatest joy and our most crushing sorrow.
We thank you for love and life; for friends and family.

God, be in our hearts and minds **as we bring our memories into the light of your love.**

On this Sunday of remembering, we offer prayers of thankfulness and care
for those who have gone before us, those who died that we might live,
who suffered and still suffer in defence of the dignity of all people.

We remember those who have struggled for peace, stood against evil, and sought justice
with the sacrifice of their blood, their bodies, their minds, their futures, their lives –
especially those who fought in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf, Afghanistan,
Yemen, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia, Libya, Uganda, and Syria –
wherever the human struggle for justice and hope has been fought with pain and sacrifice.

God, be in our hearts and minds **as we bring our memories into the light of your love.**

And we remember that many throughout your world still live
where war and terror, violence and injustice, are part of daily life.

We remember those we do not know:

children, men, women, and all your creatures whose eyes have seen the darkness of war.

We ask your presence with them in struggles for justice and peace,
and with us as we try to discern how best to assist them.

God, be in our hearts and minds **as we bring our memories into the light of your love.**

In memory of those who died in war, and in the firm and fervent hope
of a just & lasting peace for all people, we ask that you pour your gift of healing grace upon us.

Comfort and strengthen all who suffer

from oppression and natural disaster, from hunger and isolation, from illness and sorrow.

And keep us all ever mindful of the peace that is more than the absence of war

the peace that is the presence of faith and hope, justice and love, throughout all creation.

Help us to build a world that in which love leaves no room for hatred, no place for violence.

God, be in our hearts and minds **as we bring our memories into the light of your love.**

God, we thank you for those who stand before us today who have preserved our freedom.

Be with them and with this congregation as we seek ways to bring

shalom – salaam – salem – peace to the world you made and love.

We pray in the name of your son, our Lord, the Prince of Peace. **Amen**

***PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS FOR VETERANS SUNDAY**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy;

Divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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 HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 715)*

You may stand if you so desire.

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness, Longing for truth, we turn to you,
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see,**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled, Longing for hope, many despair,
Your word alone has pow'r to save us, Make us your living voice.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for food, many are hungry, Longing for water, many still thirst,
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless, Longing for warmth, many are cold,
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Many the gifts, many the people, Many the hearts that yearn to belong,
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

*Text: John 1:9, 3:19, 8:12, 9:5, 12:46, 2 Corinthians 4:6; Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957;
Meter 9 8 9 6 and refrain*

Tune: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

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Performance by the Reverend Marjo Anderson

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOU, and BLESSNG

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Meal & Dismissal

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS FOR VETERANS DAY/PRAYERS FOR PEACE

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

Gracious and holy God, we come before you in praise and remembrance.
Be with us today, in our heads and in our understanding,
in our mouths and in our speaking, in our hearts and in our acting.

(Silence for individual confession)

**We remember all who have served you and now rest in your everlasting arms.
And we remember the horrors of war, past and present:
the holocaust and terror, the death and destruction.
For those qualities in us that make war possible,
for times when we have not sought justice or peace,
for times when we have deadened our spirits to the suffering of others,
forgive us, we pray.**

The Lord has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us.
Your sins are forgiven. Let the peace of God fill your hearts and minds. **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, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 HYMN Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 890)*

You may stand if you so desire.

**1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning
of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.**

Refrain **Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

**2 He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men
before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him;
be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain***

**3 In the beauty of the lilies
Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy,
let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. *Refrain***

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910, Meter 15 15 15 6 and refrain

Music: BATTLE HYMN, North America, 19th cent.

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DISMISSAL

Be filled with peace, go in peace, and work for peace.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE MUSIC

Canticle of the Turning

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

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

Refrain:

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

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

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

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

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

Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional

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as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZkouDIMn-g> [3:10]

Announcements

On Sunday November 20th, from 9-5, Salem will be collecting food outside the Stop & Shop on King's Highway in Fairfield. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Trumbull will be joining us. Thank you to Rich Lansing for organizing this effort to help alleviate food insecurity in our region. To help, contact Rich.

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".

The upcoming Interfaith Coalition meeting of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport will be held on Monday, November 21 at 4:30pm at the Council office (1718 Capitol Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604) immediately before the Delegate meeting. Refreshments will be served afterwards. An online option will be available, too. Please email danielschlorff@ccgb.org to RSVP

The upcoming delegate meeting of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport will be held on Monday, November 21 at 6:30pm (n.b. new date) at the Council office (1718 Capitol Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604) immediately after the Interfaith Coalition meeting. Come early for refreshments and to meet some interfaith friends. An online option will be available, too. Please email danielschlorff@ccgb.org to RSVP. *The next delegate meetings will be held on the following dates: January 16 (snow date on 25th), March 20, and June 12, also at 6:30pm.*

You are invited to join a "Packing Party" for the Seafarers on Saturday, December 10th, at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford. Rich Lansing and Bruce Tomasko will cook and serve breakfast at 9:00 (come at 8:00 if you can help!), and Carol Lansing will supervise the packing of the donated items beginning at 10:00. We hope you will join us for a time of fun, food, and fellowship as we seek to serve seafarers!

MITTEN TREE. While we will not have an actual mitten tree this year, we will be collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves as usual. There will be a box in the narthex on Sunday mornings for contributions. Items can also be dropped off at the office on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If the door is locked please call the Church number from your cell phone and Karl will let you in.

Save the Date! January 15 at 3:00pm, for the **Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's inaugural Hymn Festival**. It will be a time of worship and celebration, and it also incidentally would have been the birthday of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. There will be 4 choirs participating, based on a balance of worship style as well as racial, geographic, and theological demographics. In other words, this will not be a Baptist Hymn Festival or an Episcopal Hymn Festival but rather will be a blend of who CCGB has been since 1945: "The Council shall do jointly what no single communion, congregation, or denomination can do alone; namely, to express through fellowship, cooperation, and service the essential unity of the Christian Church." Venue to be announced.

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!**

Thank you to all who came out for our in-person and zoom adult forum meetings last Sunday! Combined attendance at the 2 meetings was 48, with 39 separate individuals participating in one or both. We are grateful for your interest and commitment to what God is calling us to do as the people of God at Salem.

You may have money waiting for you at <https://ctbiglist.com/>. Just put in your name, city and zip and then press search. If you want to verify that this is legit, just go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/OTT/Unclaimed-Property/Overview>. If you end up with some unexpected cash, you might want to think about giving a tithe on it to Salem! 😊

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.

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport extends a HUGE THANK YOU to Simon Herrera, Vice President, Cristian Castro, and Steven Wright of Enterprise-Rent-A- Car for their donation of 50 prefilled backpacks with school supplies. Our Janus Center's Director, Carla Wright and Case Managers Fara Phetis and Corey Saulsbury continue to hand out these backpacks to those students who are in need of supplies.

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport is pleased to announce that Noelia Ramos has joined the council as **a new case manager for the Project New Life (PNV)**. Noelia is currently in school for her bachelor's degree in Human Service at the University of Bridgeport. Her goal is to be in the helping field helping those in need. She says “growing up in Bridgeport I didn’t have the best resources so being able to give back and help those have been very rewarding to me.” PNV serves over 260 returning citizens each year, providing birth certificate research and picture IDs, clothing, bus passes, toiletries and assistance finding housing and job placement. Clients are given gift cards to help purchase necessities such as clothing, socks, shoes & toiletries. They’re so thankful for the help we are able to give them. For more info, please contact Rosa Rosa rosarosa@ccgb.org and/or Noelia Ramos noeliaramos@ccgb.org.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231
Thursday, November 17, 2022

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle.

Ten years later they were married.

She was very generous to the poor,

and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age 24.

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Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1
7:30-9pm
Register: ccgb.org/rtb

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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



If questions, contact Carol Lansing (203) 520-3752

Please place items in the marked box in the Narthex