



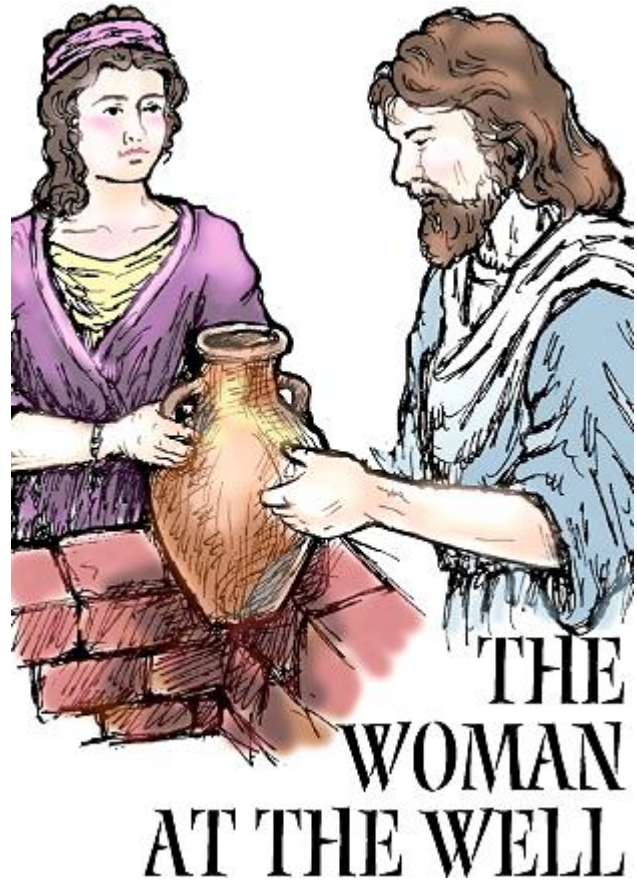
Salem Lutheran Church

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

3rd Sunday in Lent

*March 12, 2023
9:30 AM*



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Welcome

We want you to feel safe so please know that we have 3 units of the best air cleaner on the market in the sanctuary. **And we also have one running here in the lounge where we are worshipping today and the rest of March.** Also, you are most welcome to wear a mask at worship if you'd like.

During Lent Christians are invited to journey to a place outside this earthly realm. In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal — offering us living water in streams of hope, rivers of faith, oceans of love, and fountains of joy.

On Wednesdays in Lent we invite you to get to know our amazing God better!

12:00 noon Weekday Lenten Prayer Line via phone – you can call in to our prayer line at: 681-999-0232, using access code 673980#. **OR**

12:00 noon Weekly Prayer Gathering via zoom – you can zoom in to our prayer gathering at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82882777326?pwd=VCtObFRPOGI3cTR3elll2ZmtiZEpadz09>

6:30 – NO Weekly 6:30 Bible Study on zoom this week.

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Other Lenten Opportunities Include:

- 1. Get your annual “spiritual”** – just the way you get your annual physical.

Call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441 to arrange a time to discuss how you are, and let her know how she can pray for you.

Or if you prefer to use email to set something up, send your email to salemsec123@sbcglobal.net.

- 2. Again, every Monday thru Friday through Maundy Thursday 4/6, call in to our prayer line at 681-999-0232, using access code 673980#,**
for a brief time of prayer.

You can remain silent and anonymous, ask for particular prayers, or offer your own prayers.

- 3. Begin a Lenten fast** or establish a new healthier habit.
- 4. Commit yourself to some new work of charity and one new work of justice.**

If you're not sure what to do, Pastor Marjo can offer suggestions.

Upcoming Lenten Services Include:

Midweek Lenten services – 7:30 pm Wednesdays in March on zoom with Our Saviour's

Palm Sunday – 9:30 am Sunday April 2 RIGHT HERE AT SALEM

Maundy Thursday – 6:00 pm Thursday April 6 @ Grace Lutheran, 150 Chapel St, Stratford

Good Friday – 7:30 pm Friday April 7 @ Our Saviour's Lutheran, 160 Hill Farm Rd, Fairfield

Easter – 9:30 am Sunday April 9 RIGHT HERE AT SALEM

Gathering

GATHERING HYMN

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 777)*

- 1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."

Refrain Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." *Refrain*

- 3 "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." *Refrain*

- 4 "Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name." *Refrain*

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

*Text: based on Matthew 11:28-30, John 4:10, by Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939;
Meter 8 7 8 7 D*

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. Selected Hymns, 1985

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*Performance #1 by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection,
Halifax Lutheran Church, 07/01/20 (110/655 in their hymn series)*

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rstrg-PSWXk> [4:12]

Performance #2 by Kirsten (soprano, alto) & Mike (tenor, bass) as 16 voices, 07/01/20

v1: SA unison, v2: TB unison, v3: SATB unison, v4: SATB,

v5: SATB + Soprano Descant (Tenor +8ve), v6: SATB (8 voices)

as found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvJTcE_TFTs [4:17]

Performance #3 by Davidson College Presbyterian Church Virtual Choir, 11/05/20

Zebulon Highboy, Organ; Linda Dumizo, Flute

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27sp74fJmY8> [4:23]

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of God who calls us on a journey,
in the name of Jesus who offers to walk with us,
and in the name of the Spirit who promises to provide all we need along the way!

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 in the US.

To find out more about our ministry or to contact us,

you can go to our website, SalemBridgeport.org, to our Facebook page, SalemBridgeport,
and to our YouTube channel, Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport CT.

Links to our donate page and worship bulletin –

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Any other announcements? prayer requests? God-sightings? Then will you pray with me?

O God, we praise you because you are the Great I AM, the creative force behind all that is.

We thank you for each and every moment of our lives, especially for this place right now
where we have come to encounter you.

We come because we are hungry for You, our Living Bread, and thirsty for You, our Living Water.
Satisfy our hunger and assuage our thirst, not with mere material blessings but with your very self,
that we may run and tell all we know how Great You are!

We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Spirit! Amen

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
This Far by Faith, # 108, and Evangelical Lutheran Worship, # 807)*

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.**
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

*Text: based on 1 Samuel 7:12, Psalm 36:8-9, Luke 15:1-7, Romans 8:12-14, Revelation 21:6
by Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.; Meter 8 7 8 7 D*

Music: NETTLETON by J. Wyeth, Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813

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Performance by Mary Munson with vocals, 03/06/23

as found at this link; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wZreTfOKFw> [2:16]

Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink". Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

For you, LORD, are a great God,

and a great ruler above all gods.

In your hand are the caverns of the earth;

the heights of the hills are also yours.

The sea is yours, for you made it,

and your hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

For the LORD is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

"Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

There your ancestors tested me,

they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,

'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

Indeed I swore in my anger,

'They shall never come to my rest.'"

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A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: John 4:5-42

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED.

Narrator: Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar,
near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well.
It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her,

Jesus: Give me a drink.

Narrator: (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him,

Woman: How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?

Narrator: (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her,

Jesus: If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink",
you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

Woman: Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?
Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well,
and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?

Jesus: Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,
but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.
The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

Woman: Sir, give me this water,
so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

Jesus: Go, call your husband, and come back.

Woman: I have no husband.

Jesus: You are right in saying, "I have no husband";
for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband.
What you have said is true!

Woman: Sir, I see that you are a prophet.
Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain,
but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.

Jesus: Woman, believe me, the hour is coming
when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
You worship what you do not know;
we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.
But the hour is coming, and is now here,
when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth,
for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.
God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

Woman: I know that Messiah, the Christ, is coming.
When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.

Jesus: I am he. I am speaking to you.

Narrator: Just then his disciples came.
They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said,
“What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”
Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. The woman said to them,

Woman: Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done!
He cannot be the Messiah, can he?

Narrator: They left the city and were on their way to him.
Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something”.
But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about”.
So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”
Jesus said to them,

Jesus: My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.
Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’?
But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.
The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life,
so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.
For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps”.
I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor.
Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”
Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony,

Woman: He told me everything I have ever done.

Narrator: So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them;
and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word.
They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe,
for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

You may either stand or remain seated as you prefer.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR LENT

(from The United Congregational Church of Southern Africa and from Indonesia)

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 and 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,
fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth where justice and peace will flourish.

PURPOSE STATEMENT *(updated by Council in June of 2019)*

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,
that we may encounter God, build relationships, and change lives.

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

You may stand, sit, or kneel for the prayers.

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

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

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue.
Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders.

Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel,
that all experience your life-giving love.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for Reconciling Works, and Seafarers.

We pray for effective psycho-social treatment and intervention
for anyone suffering from mental illnesses and considering engaging in violent acts
on any school campus, especially Fairchild Wheeler High School.

We pray for Salem members & their families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:
Josephine Hahn, Todd DeWalt, Noah Lansing, and Laila Hietala

Gracious God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe.

All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above.

Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity of life that we may work to preserve it..

Gracious God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors.

Form us into your beloved community

where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed.

Gracious God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit.

Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid.

Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness, especially Ann, Anne, Barbro, Barry,
Boni, Cliffy, Dave, David, Dennis, Diane, Dick, Dolores, Dorothy, Frank, Gigi,
Grace, Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Jocelyn, Joe, Joey, John, Linda, Liz, Katherine, Pastor Kari, Marija,
Natalie, Paula, Pastor Ruth, Sara, Sara Jean, Steve, VL,

and all those we name in our hearts and on our lips. Give them your living water always.

Gracious God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation and its members.

Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts.

Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives.

Gracious God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints, whose lives were sustained by faith in you.

Encourage us with the hope they shared in you.

Gracious God, **receive our prayer.**

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

We lift our prayers to you, O God,

trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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 it 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

As the Deer

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's Worship Book,
Worship & Praise, # 9)*

Verse 1

**As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

Chorus

**You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

Verse 2

**You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything**

Verse 3

**I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye**

Text: based on Psalm 28:7, 42:1, by Martin J. Nystrom; Meter 8 7 8 7 8 9 8 7

Music: AS THE DEER by Martin J. Nystrom

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Performance by Glasgow Church of Christ's Virtual Choir, 12/06/20

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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 her 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 today's reading from the gospel of John, chapter 4:

Jesus, the Great I AM, says to you:

If you drink of the water that I give, you will never be thirsty.

The water that I give will become in you a spring of water gushing up in abundant life! 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,
who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen**

God's love is infinite and unconditional.

As individuals we have only to accept it and live in its light.

The moment we confess, we are forgiven.

As together we gather for worship, so together we confess our sins as our community,
and together we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, we confess:

that too often we focus on the things we lack,

that too often we are attached to our own personal agendas,

that too often we insist on doing things our own way,

that too often we are oblivious to the needs for justice around us.

God who has heard our confession both forgives and forgets every failing. **Amen!**

Loving God, teach us:

to see your amazing abundance rather than any lack,

to listen more - to you and to each other - and to talk less,

to trust in your power and not our own,

to build relationships with those who are not like us.

God who has given us the will to do these things ✠

graciously gives us the power to perform them. **Amen!**

COMMUNION

Please be seated.

God be with you!

Open your hearts!

Let us give thanks to the God of all!

And also with you!

We open them to God and one another!

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 HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 618)*

- 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

*Text: based on Exodus 13:21-22, Joshua 3:13-14, John 6:31-35, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4,
Hebrews 11:13-16*

*by William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt.;
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Music: CWM RHONDDA by John Hughes, 1873-1932

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Performance by Trinity Lutheran Church, Greenville, SC, 05/31/20

as found at this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9_3EBTx7w [2:23]

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and tell everyone about Jesus! **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE SONG

The Water in the Well

Refrain: Oh, the water in the well and the healing in the well,
the women and the water and the hope that's in the well.
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1. When the world was created there was heaven and dry land,
and all the waters gathered upon hearing God's command.
It was a bit of water that was left, or so they tell,
that was the water that became the water in the well. (*Refrain*)
2. It was in Miriam's honor that the first well came to be,
to celebrate her music, her dance and prophecy.
And the people came to Miriam; when their spirits rose and fell,
she nourished all their visions with the water from the well. (*Refrain*)
3. "Spring up, oh well", the 12 tribes sang and the rushing waters flowed.
High as pillars, into rivers, to the oceans they would go.
Surrounded by the trees and fruit, so rich and bountiful,
the Israelites were nourished by the water from the well. (*Refrain*)
4. When Miriam died the well dried up and Moses shed his tears.
And God said, "Moses, touch this rock and water will appear".
Well Moses raised his staff in anger and upon the rock it fell,
and out came springs of water.... It was water from the well. (*Refrain*)

Bridge: For the memory of the women, for the memory of the well,
For the ones who came before us their stories we must tell.
We are searching for the water where we wandered, where we dwell,
for Miriam and all of us who thirst to find the well. (*Refrain*)

Song by Debbie Friedman

*Performance by Debbie Friedman, 12/09/01, at Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA
with David Bravo-piano, Jon Nelson-bass, Josh Nelson drums. E.J. Cohen-sign language.
May Debbie's memory be a blessing.*

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jJXCpEqO54> [7:17]

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Announcements

Genesis Gospel Cafe and Jeanette “Momma J” Harris invite you to celebrate Women’s History Month at the Inner-View Chat’n’Chew, Saturday at 11:00, on zoom.

March Diaper and Wipe Drive. Diaper need is real, and in the Bridgeport area, nearly 1 in 3 families struggle to afford diapers and wipes to keep their babies clean, dry, and healthy. Diapers can cost \$100 to \$150 per month. A lack of diapers can impede a child or family’s education and ability to work. Most daycares and early education programs require a full day’s worth of disposable diapers.

- Together we can help families get their needed diapers and wipes. The items will be collected during March and given to Nourish Bridgeport for distribution to needy families in our area. Nourish Bridgeport has a particular need for diapers in sizes 3-7.
- You can place your diaper and wipe donation in the box in the narthex on Sundays in March.
- Salem Lutheran Church is able to get a pallet of diapers and a pallet of wipes at cost. You can also help with a monetary contribution by giving Carol Lansing a check made out to Salem Lutheran Church and writing 'Diapers and Wipes Drive' on the memo line. You and your church will receive credit for your monetary donation.

Salem is sponsoring monthly Food Collections at the following times & places:

March 18 for Bishop Jean Williams Food Pantry at Stop & Shop on Main in Bridgeport

April 15 for Trumbull Food Pantry at Stop & Shop on Quality St in Trumbull

May 20 for Sterling House Food Pantry at Stop & Shop on East Main St in Stratford

June 17 for Operation Hope at Stop & Shop on Kings Hwy Cutoff in Fairfield

The Monday morning team that helps at Bishop Jean Williams Food Pantry will help deliver the collections on the following Mondays. See Richard Lansing to sign up!

If you’d like to do more than feed people, you can also contribute to the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund which is used to help members who have other financial needs.

Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County invites your support as a guest, sponsor, or in-kind donor, at their 2023 Annual Gala April Fools Masquerade Ball Saturday April 1, 2023, 6:30-11:00 PM, Woodway Country Club, 540 Hoyt Street, Darien, CT. For more information, please visit habitatcfc.org/gala.

The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport announces its annual “Spring Fling” fundraiser! The event will feature the highly acclaimed and well-loved musical, “cabaret”, and will be held at the Downtown Cabaret Theatre. The Council has literally “bought out the house” for Thursday evening, May 4th, so mark your calendars NOW!

The Connecticut Hospice, Inc. is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at 203-315-7510.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SALEM'S WATER BOTTLE CHALLENGE! Together we raised \$710, enough to purchase not just one, but TWO pallets of water bottles, each pallet holding 84 cases, and each case holding 24 bottles for a total of 2,016 bottles! That's AWESOME, TEAM SALEM! The water went to the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Janus Center's school closet program because school children in Bridgeport public schools are in dire need of drinking water as drinking fountains have been dismantled due to Covid and also because of lead in the pipes. We owe our own Cindy Roberts a huge debt of gratitude for putting together this challenge. We actually raised a bit more than the money needed for the water bottles and this will be put towards providing snacks for students who don't have enough food at home to meet their needs. Now that Salem has completed its water bottle challenge, we hope to inspire others in the Council of Churches to do the same!

Thank you for your contributions to Salem's Food Assistance Fund! While we may not have our own food pantry anymore, some of our members and others are still in need of food and Pastor Marjo distributes \$25 stop and shop cards as needed, requested and as available. 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 a check to the office or drop it in church mailbox or give it or cash to Pastor Marjo. 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".

Please support the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's ministries with your donations of time and money.

- Their FEED Center is improving the nutritional value of the food served and distributed through their network of food pantries and soup kitchens and is also providing free culinary classes and entrepreneurial opportunities to help lift people out of poverty. Their Mobile Market truck delivers fresh fruits and vegetables to the communities who have a hard time getting to the stores.
- PROJECT LEARN is the after-school program for elementary students which is run by the Summerfield United Methodist Church.
- Their JANUS Center supports 90 young people each year, offering a 24-hour hot line, respite care services, mentoring, and interventions, helping to keep them in school and out of the juvenile justice system – leveraging hope and changing lives. Parenting Journey workshops help parents learn skills to help their families. The Outreach program works with homeless youth.
- PROYECTO NUEVA VITA (PNW) helps formerly incarcerated citizens upon their release with a set of clothes, needed documents, bus passes and group meetings to help get their lives back together.

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

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

Patrick, bishop, missionary to Ireland, died 461

Friday, March 17, 2023

A native of Britain, Patrick was kidnapped by pirates at age 16 and sold into slavery in Ireland. After a few years, he escaped, returned home, and entered the ministry. Returning to Ireland, he successfully served as a bishop and missionary there.

The FEED Center's culinary careers training program, CREATE, is a 10-week course, offered four days per week for four hours per day. Students learn a wide range of culinary techniques including knife skills, baking, front of house management, back of house management, and food safety. Students also have the opportunity to receive a ServSafe Food Manager or Handler certification which an industry standard. CREATE is run out of our commercial kitchen located in Bridgeport's East End. Our new facility allowed us to expand our CREATE program to offer paid opportunities for graduates in our production kitchen. For more information contact Rison Mackey, Culinary Instructor risonmackey@ccgb.org or (203) 331-6292

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