



Salem Lutheran Church

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

*The 2nd Sunday
of Easter*

*April 16, 2023
9:30 AM*



**Blessed are those
who have not seen and yet
have come to believe.**

John 20:29, NRSV

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Welcome to Worship!

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 for when we have coffee hour or adult forums there.** Also, you are most welcome to wear a mask at worship if you'd like.

Today we celebrate the ongoing story of Jesus' Resurrection as, in today's gospel story, the risen Christ appears to the disciples who have not yet encountered his resurrected presence. As he breathes into them the Spirit (John's version of Pentecost), they receive a peace that passes human understanding. Even amidst our fears and doubts and questions, we, too, can encounter and experience the risen Christ – in baptism, in the receiving of the Holy Spirit, in the living Word of scripture, in prayer, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the rest of the 7 Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope for our individual lives, for our congregation, for our synod, for our denomination, and for the whole Christian Church on earth.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study will resume this week! The time has been changed to 7:00 to accommodate some other Salem members, and we will be beginning **a study of 1 Corinthians 1-4.** The study is inspired by the book, Basic Christian Leadership: Biblical Models of Church, Gospel and Ministry by John Stott. As you know, Paul wrote to congregations who were facing challenges, and so we will be listening to how God is speaking to Salem and the church at large through Paul's words. This week we'll begin with 1 Cor. 1:1-17. **If you are interested in Salem's future, we do hope you will take this opportunity to join us!**

The JOURNEY continues! How did your Lenten disciplines go? Maybe you did well, maybe you did so-so, and maybe you failed miserably – or maybe your results were mixed. Whatever your success or failure, remember that the purpose was to establish NEW healthier habits of body, mind, heart and soul. And that's an ongoing task. If you've done well, continue! If you haven't, well, you've got 7 weeks of Easter to try again! And so, you can still...

- 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. Call in to our prayer line at 681-999-0232, using access code 673980#, at noon Mon-Fri** for a brief time of prayer.
You can remain silent and anonymous, ask for particular prayers, or offer your own prayers.
- 3. Begin an Easter 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.

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Gathering

GATHERING MUSIC

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 364)*

1. Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain: Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

2. For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo, & in its conquest his might did show. *(Refrain)*
3. The angel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare. Only the grave cloths are lying there." *(Refrain)*
4. "Go spread the news he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *(Refrain)*
5. Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *(Refrain)*

*Text: based on Matthew 28:5-7, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-7
by Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
Meter 9 9 9 9 and refrain*

*Music: MFURAHINI, HALELUYA, Tanzanian traditional
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*Performance # 1 by Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, 04/17/21,
Interim Music Director, Barbara Bulger Verdile
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSfcuwfxwDI> [3:17]*

*Performance # 2 by North Springs UMC, 04/04/18
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sej6TW7F8HY> [4:09]*

*Performance # 3 by the PPC Virtual Choir, Payson Park Church UCC, Belmont, MA, 02/13/22
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzN6PDbGXv4> [2:33]*

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome, in the name of God who raised Jesus from the dead!

Welcome, in the name of the risen Christ

who continues to show up in our lives in the most surprising ways!

And welcome, in the name of the Spirit who Christ promised to breathe into us!

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, 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.

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Any other announcements? Any prayer requests or God-sightings?

Then, let's begin our worship with prayer!

Gracious God, you are so good to us!

We thank you for all the opportunities for worship during Holy Week

and for the joyous celebration of resurrected life that we had last Sunday!

We ask that you would open each and every one of us right here and right now

that we might breathe into our deepest selves the peace and power of your Spirit!

Allow us to see you and hear you and feel you more clearly.

Draw us together in prayer and Bible study that we may find our unity to you.

Teach us the difference between following scriptural principles and following you.

Send forth from this place all the forces of evil that seek to obstruct your will.

And most of all, may we grow in you that we may produce a harvest of the fruits of your Spirit –

peace and patience, love and joy, faithfulness, goodness, kindness, gentleness, and self-control.

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

OPENING HYMN That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 384)*

**That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**

**O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.**

**O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

Text: based on Luke 24:13-40, John 20:19-23,

Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Meter L M

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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Performance by First-Plymouth Church Lincoln, NE, 04/08/18

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wt5HmvHLUsY> [1:24]

Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life & your presence will make me full of gladness.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

never take their names upon my lips.

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;

it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

my heart teaches me night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;

my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave,

nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, & in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: John 20:19-31 *You may stand if you so desire.*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you”. After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you”. When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord”. But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you”. Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

Please be seated.

Pastor Marjo

You may stand if you so desire.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together.

**We believe in God who created us and all that is,
who loves us and desires our love in return.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.**

**And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,**

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

& every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God our Creator.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who calls us into relationship with God,

who gathers us in relationship with the whole human family,

who enlightens our minds, enlarges our hearts, and enables our bodies,

and who sanctifies us by helping us to grow in faith and hope and obedience to God's will.

**It is this Triune God – the three in one and one in three – whom we worship and adore
and to whom we offer all that we are and all that we have. Amen**

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

Please be seated.

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection,
let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world.
Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love
through our words and our work.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for Christ Presbyterian Church
and the Ephraim French Seventh Day Adventist Church.

We pray for every student and family at Fairchild Wheeler High School,
that they know that God loves them and has a beautiful plan for good things for their lives,
to give them a future and a hope.

And we pray for Salem members and their families.

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

As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation.
Nourish the earth with sufficient rains.

Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction.

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

You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears & granting them your peace.
Equip community leaders.

Give them a spirit of peace & hearts that burn for justice that their service may reflect your love.

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

You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love.
Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain,
sickness, or grief, especially **Ann, Anne, Barbro, Barry, Boni, Cliffy, Dave, Dave, David, Dennis,
Diane, Diane, Dick, Dolores, Dorothy, Bishop Eron, Gigi, Grace, the family and friends of Isabelle,
Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Joe, Joey, John, Linda, Liz, Karen, Katherine, Pastor Kari, Marija, Natalie,
Paula, Pastor Ruth, Sara, Sara Jean, Steve, Tyler, and VL**, and all those we name in our hearts and
on our lips. Thank you for the healing you have provided to Jocelyn.

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

As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys.

Bless our doubts and questions.

Nurture our connection to you and to one another.

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

Resurrecting God, you raise us up to new life every day.

Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey,
especially those who now rest in your love.

Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises.

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

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

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you,
almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 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 HYMN

The Risen Christ

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 390)*

- 1 The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**
- 2 The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.**
- 3 The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their ling'ring tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.**
- 4 May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with those oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

Text: based on John 20:19-31, Nigel Weaver, b. 1952; Meter 10 10 10 10

Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex, 1877–1949

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Addy Sterrett, Samantha Caps, S; Ruston Ropac, A;
Kannan Vasudevan, T; Michael Chen, B*

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shFxqdb036g> [3:25]

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 together, you can reach me through our website or Facebook.

BLESSING

As we say good-bye to our online worshippers,

I'd like to offer this blessing to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and online:
based on our reading from Psalm 16:

Praise and bless God who will give you counsel!

Follow behind God so you will not be shaken!

Let your heart and spirit and body rejoice and be glad and be filled with hope

for God will show you the path of life,

and in God's presence you will find fullness of joy and pleasures forevermore. 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

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, # 377)*

1. **Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain: **Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

2. **Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.**

Refrain: **Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

3. **Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.**

Refrain: **Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

4. **Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent; death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!" Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.**

Refrain: **Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

5. **City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM!**

Refrain: **Jesus is risen and we shall arise: Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

*Text: based on Luke 24:36-49, John 15:1-5, Revelation 21, by Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Meter 4 5 10 4 5 10 and refrain*

Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, by David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, and may you see the risen Lord and be a witness to God's power and love!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE SONG

We Have Seen the Lord

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 869)*

We have seen the Lord!	We have seen the Lord!
God is mighty!	We have seen the Lord!
God is powerful!	We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

We have seen the Lord!	We have seen the Lord!
God is lowly!	We have seen the Lord!
God is merciful!	We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

We have seen the Lord!	We have seen the Lord!
God is gracious!	We have seen the Lord!
God is wonderful!	We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

Text: Tanzanian traditional, tr. Jeff Sartain, b. 1962; Meter Irregular

Music: NIMEMWONA BWANA, Tanzanian traditional, arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954;

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Announcements

Worship Locations for April, May and June

We are a congregation that gathers to worship God and receive God's word. We are a congregation that loves God and are sent to witness to and serve God's people. Where we gather together is not as important as that we do gather together to worship, learn, witness, and serve. We worship as Salem in the Ephraim French SDA Church building at 3160 Park Avenue in Bridgeport, CT.

Please mark your calendar for the location & times of our worship services through June:

April 22	4:00	(Saturday) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 406 White Plains Rd, Trumbull
April 23	10:00	(Sunday) at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 406 White Plains Rd, Trumbull
April 30	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport
May 7	9:00	First Presbyterian Church (<i>Contemporary Service</i>), 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield
May 7	10:30	First Presbyterian Church (<i>Traditional Service</i>), 2475 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield
May 14	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport
May 21	10:00	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 160 Hill Farm Rd, Fairfield
May 28	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport
June 4	9:30	at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford
June 11	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport
June 18	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport (<i>Semi-annual meeting</i>)
June 25	9:30	at 3160 Park Ave, Bridgeport

There will be no service at 3160 Park Avenue on Sundays when our congregation will be worshipping with other congregations.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE DIAPER & WIPE DRIVE!
We are still in need of approximately **\$500** to meet our goal and will receive your donation with great gratitude!

On Thursday, May 4 the Council of Churches will once again hold its Spring Fling fundraiser at the Downtown Cabaret Theatre in Bridgeport. The show is “Cabaret”. The \$85. cost per person includes a reception and the show. Salem has always been a strong supporter of this event and we hope we will again have good representation for this major fundraiser. For more information see Sandra Brown, Bonnie McWain or Tom Larson.

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

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!

nOURish BRIDGEPORT’s Hydroponic Farm is now open to the public. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and purchase leafy greens and herbs at 1895 Stratford Avenue, Stratford CT.

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”.

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.

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.

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

**Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573;
renewers of the church**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg
and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms.

Olavus published a catechism and hymnal;

Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109

Friday, April 21, 2023

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages.

He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God,

and for the theory that the Son of God became human

in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

Day of the Creation (Día de la Creación or AKA Earth Day)

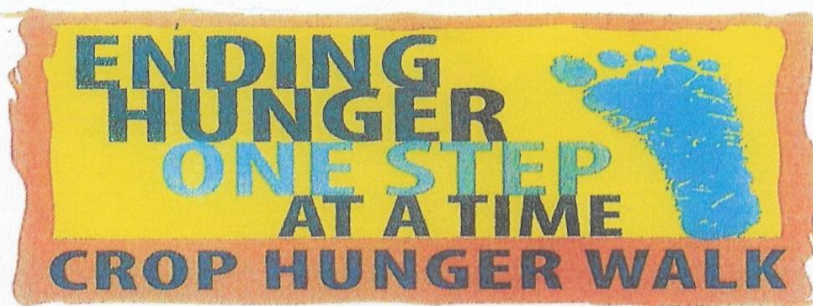
Saturday, April 22, 2023

This observance invites us to notice & give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe.

As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.



Walk With Us ... It's Our 49th!



CROP Hunger Walk No. 49

Sunday, May 7, 2023

at 1:30 – 4:00 pm for 2+ mile walk (Rain or Shine)

**at United Congregational Church
2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT**

25 % of monies raised goes to hunger related programs in the Bridgeport Area.

For more info, call 203-375-1284 or go to www.crophungerwalk.org/bridgeportct



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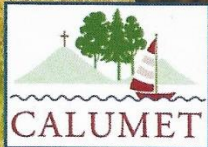
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Wonder

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2023



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