



# *Salem Lutheran Church*

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

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after Pentecost*

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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, having celebrated Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, we move forward into the second half of the church year.** The first half focused on who Jesus was and is, while this half focuses on what it means to be the Church. Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners — the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes our self-righteousness and reminds us that the heart of our faith is to love God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength and to love our neighbors, even our enemies, as ourselves. Such love is not to come from a place of power and privilege, but from a place that sees the other person as someone we need as much as that other person needs us. Each and every one of us is as much in need of God's mercy as Matthew the tax collector or the hemorrhaging woman, or the ex-felon or the immigrant or the transgender person or the homeless person. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well & sends us forth to be witnesses to God's love for the world.

**After worship we will have an adult forum to discuss our visits to 4 different congregations and to listen attentively to God and lovingly to each other to discern if God is calling us to radical revitalization, to partnership merger, to consolidation merger, to holy closure, or to simply wait in patience for God to make known his will for us.** Please join us in the lounge. Pastor Steven Wilco, Associate to the Bishop of the New England Synod will be there to help guide our conversation.

**Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues at 7:00 on zoom as we study 1 Corinthians 1-4.** The study is inspired by the book, Basic Christian Leadership: Biblical Models of Church, Gospel and Ministry by John Stott. Paul wrote to congregations who were facing challenges, and God is still speaking to us today through Paul's words. This week we'll begin looking at 1 Corinthians 3, in which Paul says that congregations can be immature or mature spiritually, and that there are 2 ways to determine which a congregation is – by their diet and by their behavior. What is our diet? How are we behaving? Where are we on the maturity scale as a congregation? **If you are interested in Salem's future, we do hope you will take this opportunity to join us!**

**On Saturday, Salem is sponsoring a Food Collection** 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 collection. See Richard Lansing to sign up!

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**Juneteenth Freedom Day is an American holiday that commemorates the emancipation of all and any remaining slaves in the Confederacy on June 19, 1865.**

**Celebrate Juneteenth** with Storytime & Crafts for Kids 0-12 at the Bridgeport Downtown Library **6:30 Wednesday 6/14.** For more info call 203-576-7400 ext. 408

**Or support Black Artists and Businesses by attending Juneteenth Open Mic on zoom** for a night of Music, Poetry, Hip Hop, and Jazz. **Monday 6/19, 8-11 pm.**

Tickets are \$5-10 and can be purchased at <https://allevents.in/bridgeport/juneteenth-open-mic---music---poetry---hip-hop---jazz---vendors-needed/10000643382342907>

# Gathering

**GATHERING MUSIC    Holy Spirit (You Are Welcome Here)**

*Verse 1*    **There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
Nothing can compare You're our living hope –  
Your Presence, Lord**

*Verse 2*    **I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
Your Presence Lord**

*Chorus*    **Holy Spirit, You are welcome here!  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere!  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.**

*Interlude* **Your Presence Lord**

*Interlude* **Your Presence Lord Your Presence Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord**

*Bridge*    **Let us become more aware of Your Presence –  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)**

*CCLI Song # 6087919*

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*On the Bryan and Katie Torwalt album "Here on Earth". Year 2011.*

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*Performance by the Times Square Church Choir, 08/08/20, Matthew Grant*

*as found at this link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsI\\_ctYTLqQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UsI_ctYTLqQ) [8:10]*

*Performance by Heavens Mutambira & Amplified Praise, 06/17/17, AmplifiedPraiseTV1*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2q7hMfmVL3I> [7:45]*

*Performance by the Sylvan Hills Church of Christ; Mark Fonville,*

*video production, 02/03/16, Kevin Hackett*

*as found at : <https://www.facebook.com/MarkFonzhttps://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jlrAqZgsyP4> [4:25]*

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

## WELCOME

Welcome, in the name of the God of boundless power!

Welcome, in the name of Jesus who came to witness to God's endless love!

And welcome, in the name of the Spirit

who empowers us to witness to the amazing God we serve!

It is so good to be here!

Thank you for joining us today! Thank you, those of you who are here in person with us!

And thank you, those of you out there in cyber space, wherever – and whenever! – you are!

For those of you who don't know me,

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

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

you can go to our website [SalemBridgeport.org](http://SalemBridgeport.org), to our Facebook page, SalemBridgeport, and to our YouTube channel, Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport CT.

Links to our donate page and worship bulletin –

which has both the order of worship and announcements – as well as other resources are included on our website at [SalemBridgeport.org/Live](http://SalemBridgeport.org/Live).

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Any other announcements? prayer requests? God-sightings? Then let's begin worship w/prayer!

God, you are so good! All that we are and all that we have comes from you!

Thank you for calling us to be your people!

Thank you for gathering us together as your people here at Salem!

Thank you for enlightening our minds through the hearing and studying of your Word!

Thank you for sanctifying us by drawing us deeper into relationship with you through prayer!

Thank you for keeping this congregation for the past 135 years!

Thank you that you have a plan & a purpose, not only for each one of us, but for this congregation!

And thank you for being a faithful God who has fulfilled, is fulfilling, & will fulfill every promise!

Pour your Spirit into us and so transform our bodies, minds, hearts & spirits right here & right now.

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

## OPENING SONG

## Morning Has Broken

*(as found in the ELCA worship books  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 556 and Worship & Praise # 98)*

**Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

*Text: based on Genesis 1.5, Isaiah 58.11, & Hosea 6.8 by Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965;*

*Meter 5 5 5 4 D*

*Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune*

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*Performance by the Choir & Congregation of 1st-Plymouth Church, Lincoln NE,  
accompanied by the FPC Celtic Band, Arr. Craig Duncan, on 01/25/15*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zJhudNRCCms&list=PLmma-7jHoMnM6D-wIZlcS0Nl8em5e1ghM&index=125> [3:11]*

# Word

*Please be seated.*

## **A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Hosea 5:15--6:6**

**15 I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.**  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

**6:1 “Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;**  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

**2 After two days he will revive us;**  
on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

**3 Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;**  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
**he will come to us like the showers,**  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

**4 What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?**  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
**Your love is like a morning cloud,**  
like the dew that goes away early.

**5 Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,**  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.

**6 For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,**  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

## **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 50:7-15**

**7 “Listen, my people, and I will speak:**  
**Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.**

**8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;**  
**your burnt offerings are always before me.**

**9 I will not accept a calf from your stalls,**  
**nor goats from your pens;**  
**10 for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,**  
**the cattle on a thousand hills.**

**11 I know every bird of the mountains,**  
**and the creatures of the fields are mine.**

**12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,**  
**for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

**13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,**  
**or drink the blood of goats?**

**14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving**  
**and make good your vows to the Most High.**

**15 Call upon me in the day of trouble;**  
**I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.**

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## **A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations”, according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness”. <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him”, were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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## **A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

*You may stand if you so desire.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH for the season of Pentecost**

Let us affirm our faith together.

**Through the Holy Spirit God created the heavens and the earth.  
Inspired by the Spirit of God we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives.**

**We believe there are many gifts, but the same Spirit.  
There are many ways of serving, but the same Lord.  
There are many sorts of abilities, but it is the same God  
who activates all of them in everyone for the sole purpose of doing God's will.**

**To each child of God is given an expression of the Spirit for the common good.**

**Through baptism in the Spirit, God confers the gifts of  
wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge  
and awe at God's boundless power and joy in God's endless love.**

**The Spirit also manifests in such gifts as healing, prophetic insight,  
speaking in tongues, extraordinary ability, witness, and service.**

**The Spirit's living presence in us is demonstrated by our fruits:  
love & joy, peace & patience, faithfulness, goodness, kindness, gentleness & self-control  
all of which are activated by one and the same Spirit,  
who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses,  
to the glory of God and the joy of humankind. 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.*

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

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

We pray, O God, for the church.

Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it.

We pray for our mission partners,

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

We pray for Fairchild Wheeler High School and other schools, that there be timely exposure and effective intervention of any violent act being planned before it can be carried out

And we pray for Salem members and their families,

especially those celebrating birthdays last week and this week: Sandra Brown and Suzanne Dow  
God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests & fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, & wild animals.

Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth.

Revive lands recovering from natural disasters.

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

We pray, O God, for the nations.

Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion.

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

We pray, O God, for all who are in need.

Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain, especially Barbro, Barry, Boni, Cliffy, Dave, Dave, David, Dennis, Diane, Diane, Dolores, Dorothy, Eric, the family and friends of Isabelle, Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Joe, Joey, John, Karen, Pastor Kari, Katherine, Linda, Liz, Marija, Natalie, Natasha, Natasha, Pastor Paul, Pastor Paula, Sara, Sara Jean, Steve, Tyler, and VL, and all those we name in our hearts and on our lips.

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

We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred.

On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine,

we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors.

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

We give thanks, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints, especially Pastor Ruth Drews, Michael Lawson, and all those we name in our hearts....

Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life.

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

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

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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      Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether**

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, # 470)*

**Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,  
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.**

**As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! So now bind our friendship up.**

**All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of you,  
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.**

*CCLI Song # 3393589*

*Text: based on Matthew 18.2- 8, 1 Corinthians 12*

*by Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt.*

*from Songs of Praise, Enlarged Edition © Oxford University Press 1931;*

*Meter 8 7 8 7 8 7*

*Music: UNION SEMINARY by Harold Friedell, 1905-1938,*

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# Sending

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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 first reading for today, Hosea, chapter 5:

Return to God, who has torn but will heal you, who has struck down, but will bind you up. Press on to know God, whose appearing is as sure as the dawn, and who will come to you like showers, like the spring rains that water the earth. 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 Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps us in the one true faith. **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 SONG

## Lord, My Strength

*(as found in Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
Worship & Praise # 93)*

**Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wand'ring heart.  
Be my eyes, be my ears, be the only voice I hear;  
guide my soul, give me sight, help me walk within your light.**

**Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you alone;  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safely home.  
Ev'ry step that I make, be the road I will take;  
be the thoughts that I keep and in ev'ry word I speak.**

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*Text: based on Exodus 15:2, Psalm 28:7, Isaiah 12:2 by Dean  
Krippaehne; Meter Irregular*

*Music: LORD, MY STRENGTH by Dean Krippaehne*

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*Performance by NewSong Worship Team, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Hickory, NC, 04/08/20*

*as found at this link:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OK3a7aBbLEc> [3:19]

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, trusting in the Spirit to bring new and abundant life!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE MUSIC

### You Raise Me Up

**When I am down and oh, my soul, so weary,  
when troubles come and my heart burdened be,  
then I am still and wait here in the silence  
until you come and sit awhile with me.**

**You raise me up so I can stand on mountains.  
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.  
I am strong when I am on your shoulders.  
You raise me up to more than I can be.**

**There is no life no life without its hunger  
Each restless heart beats so imperfectly  
But when You come and I am filled with wonder  
Sometimes I think I glimpse eternity**

**You raise me up so I can stand on mountains.  
You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.  
I am strong when I am on your shoulders.  
You raise me up to more than I can be.**

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*Performance by COLOR MUSIC Children's Choir (Dnipro/Ukraine), 09/19/19*

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sound producer of COLOR MUSIC Choir*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRcIEMgppK8> [4:02]*

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# Announcements

**Our SPIRITUAL JOURNEY continues as we move into the 6-month season of Pentecost!** Whatever your successes or failures in your Lenten or Easter disciplines, remember that the purpose is 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, now we have the entire 6 months of the Pentecost season to try again!**

- 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](mailto: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 a Pentecost 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.

**Thank you to all who worked on the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Spring Fling** (especially Bonnie McWain and Sandra Brown!) and to all who supported it with your ticket purchases and donations. This is the Council's main fundraiser and allows its important work to continue and to grow, so we are most grateful for your support!

**Thank you to those of you who have supported the diaper and wipe drive!** As with our bottle drive (which raised over the \$624 needed to purchase 4032 bottles of water for Bridgeport schools without safe drinking water), the power of God working through your generosity put us over the top! Salem members raised \$1200 plus \$70 from Grace Lutheran and \$250 from Thrivent toward the purchase of 44 boxes of diapers (about 3400 diapers) and 80 packages of wipes (5120 wipes) for delivery to nOURish Bridgeport. A further \$180 was raised and given to nOURish Bridgeport. Salem also encouraged participation in the diaper drive by Grace Lutheran (1 package diapers), Holy Trinity (9 packages diapers and 7 packages wipes) and Our Saviour's (14 packages diapers and 11 packages wipes)

**Thank you to those who participated in Church World Service's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Walk in Bridgeport.** We thank both our walkers and those who donated to the cause. **NEXT YEAR IS THE 50<sup>th</sup> WALK, SO LET'S ALL GET READY TO WALK, WITNESS, & WILLINGLY GIVE!**

**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 & 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 at Salem 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.



**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.

**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

### **Barnabas, Apostle**

**Sunday, June 11, 2023**

Barnabas was not numbered among the 12 apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

### **Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379;**

### **Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385;**

### **Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389;**

### **Macrina, teacher, died around 379**

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

The Cappadocian fathers, as the 3 men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life.

Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople.

Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life.

Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa,

was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

### **Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015**

**Saturday, June 17, 2023**

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina.

Prs Pinckney & Simmons both graduated from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

On August 8, 2019, a resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine

was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to reaffirm their commitment

to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine,

and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.



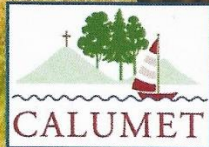
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