



Salem Lutheran Church

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

**4th Sunday
after Pentecost**

**June 25, 2023
9:30 AM**

**"Are not two sparrows sold for
a penny? Yet not one of them
will fall to the ground
apart from your father."**



Matthew 10:29, 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.

On this fourth Sunday after Pentecost, we learn that God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection and betrayal, abandonment and abuse, denials and division, God's grace and love are new each day. Trusting in God's boundless power and endless love, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

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 4, in which Paul discusses the role of the pastor **If you are interested in Salem's future, we do hope you will take this opportunity to join us!**

Calumet's Walk the Walk 2023 -- "On the Road Again!" This year's theme is, "On the Road Again!" because 2023 will mark the return of partnership between Walk the Walk and Reach the Beach. Learn more by visiting www.calumet.org/ontheroadagain

In 2023, participants (walk, bike, hike, stroll, roll, swim) will:

REGISTER beginning May 15,

WALK beginning July 30,

REPORT mileage on August 15, August 30, and,

ENTER final report on Saturday, September 16.

The total mileage goal will depend on the total number of registrants.

Also, Calumet is asking that every single congregation pick an option:

Option 1 – Be a sponsoring congregation of "Calumet 2023 -- On the Road Again"

by providing an Angel Donor gift by September 16 which will support the Annual Fund.

Option 2 -- Identify one or more people (members of the congregation or not) to Walk the Walk as a way of representing their congregation in this big event.

Option 3 -- Both options 1 and 2!

TO REGISTER TO WALK (\$25 tax-deductible fee) GO TO:

<https://www.calumet.org/giving/ontheroadagain> & register for Team "Salem, Bridgeport"!

THANK YOU to Rich Lansing and all who helped with our most recent and most successful food drive ever! In addition to a \$250 grant from Thrivent, 2,300 pounds of food and \$1008 cash were collected at the Stop & Shop on Kings Highway Cutoff, Fairfield, for Operation Hope in that town. The Monday morning team that helps at Bishop Jean Williams Food Pantry helped deliver the collections on Monday. **THANK YOU, ALL!**

Gathering

GATHERING SONG Whom Shall I Fear / God Of Angel Armies

Verse 1

You hear me when I call You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night It cannot hide the light Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still Whom shall I fear

Chorus

I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine The God of angel armies is always by my side

Verse 2

My strength is in Your name For You alone can save
You will deliver me Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear Whom shall I fear (Whom shall I fear)

Bridge

(And) nothing formed against me shall stand You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises You are faithful You are faithful (*REPEAT*)

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Performance # 1 by Lancaster Baptist, 4020 E Lancaster Blvd, Lancaster, CA, 08/22/21

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfFlynl3WfA> [4:31]

For More Gospel Music Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoZt...>

Performance # 2 by Redeemer Baptist Church, Sydney Australia. 09/28/21

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t79eCjTLjqE> [4:03]

Website: <http://www.redeemer.org.au/>

Performance # 3 by Drew Willoughby, Haley Klinkhammer, and Nate De La Garza

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4j1Fe-7P8Q> [4:11]

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome, in the name of the Triune God, the Three-in-One and One-in Three, the Life-Giver, the Pain-Bearer, and the Love-Maker. Amen

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 you are – and whenever you happen to watching!

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.

**You are invited to our weekday prayer call at noon on our conference line,
to our Wednesday Prayer Gathering at noon on zoom,
and to our Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 on zoom.**

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

God, we are here to worship you, to bless you, and to magnify your name!

We are here to sing our praises and to you and about you.

We are here to listen to you speak to us through the readings and the preaching.

We are here to lift up to you in prayer the needs of ourselves, our families, our friends,
our congregation, the wider church, our community, and the world.

We are here to confess our sins as a community and receive your forgiveness.

We are here to be nourished by your body and blood.

We are here to open our minds and hearts, our bodies and souls
to the transforming power of your love

We are here to submit ourselves to your will,

and commit ourselves to following wherever you lead,

even when we do not know where we are going or when we will get there.

We are here, trusting that no matter what the challenges before us,

you will make a way for us to fulfill the plan and the purpose that you have for us.

We are here to receive all that you have to give, for you are our good, good God!

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

OPENING HYMN

O God, My Faithful God

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 806)*

- 1 O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing,
without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing:
give me a healthy frame, and may I have within
a conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.**
- 2 Give me the strength to do with ready heart and willing
whatever you command, my calling here fulfilling--
to do it when I ought, with all my might--and bless
whatever I have wrought, for you must give success.**
- 3 Keep me from saying words that later need recalling;
guard me, lest idle speech may from my lips be falling;
but when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,
then to my words give grace, lest I offend the weak.**
- 4 When dangers gather round, oh, keep me calm and fearless;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheerless;
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,
and, by your Spirit's might, to live at peace with all.**

*Text: based on Matthew 10:38, Mark 8:34, Luke 14:27, 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
Colossians 3:17, James 1:22, James 2:9-10
by Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt
Meter 6 7 6 7 6 6 6 6*

*Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT by Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629-1701
Text & Music are in the Public Domain*

*Performance by Choirmaster Zack, St John's Lutheran Church, Richlandtown, PA,
02/28/21*

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CxnCuwJVDk> [4:05]

Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach
and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"

then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed, & we can prevail against him, & take our revenge on him."

But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;

let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.

I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.

But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:

“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;

let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.

Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;

do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;

in your great compassion, turn to me.

Hide not your face from your servant;

be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

Draw near to me and redeem me;

because of my enemies deliver me.

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

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Matthew 10:24-39

You may stand if you so desire.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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.

You call your church to speak the deep truth of diversity held within unity
to challenge the pseudo peace that demands uniformity.

Give to each of us worshipping now such a transforming experience of God's power and love
that we are compelled to share the good news of Jesus with everyone we meet.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for the NAACP of Greater Bridgeport,
and Scouting programs locally and around the world.

We pray for the safety, protection, thriving and wellbeing

of all school administrators & their families, especially those at Fairchild Wheeler High School. And
we pray for Salem members & their families.

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

Under your watchful eye, not even a sparrow goes unnoticed.

Move us to safeguard plant and animal habitats

threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines.

Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources.

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

Our world is enduring violence and destruction.

Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis.

Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror,

and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation.

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

You have counted even the hairs of our heads.

Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation
that every life has value.

Look favorably upon all who are in need, 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, Kevyn, Linda, Liz, Marija, Natalie, Natasha,
Natasha, Pastor Paul, Pastor Paula, Sara, Sara Jean, Sasha, Steve, Tyler & VL, and all those we name
in our hearts and on our lips.

Answer us, for your steadfast love is good.

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

Even when we experience rejection & betrayal, abandonment & abuse, your love invites us to new life.

Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their

gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction.

Make your people one.

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

All who have died with Christ also live with him.

We give thanks for all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship,
and as that you raise us, with them, to eternal 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**

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The congregation may be seated.

I ask the following people who have been elected by the congregation to serve on the Council to come forward at this time:

Members serving their 1st term: Ray Anderson, John Bryk, Cake Elie, Nancy Headford, Steve Kuczo, Carol Lansing, Rich Lansing, Cindy Roberts, Bill Winter

Members serving their 2nd term: Sandra Brown, Tom Larson

We give thanks for the willingness of these members to serve.

In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these *sisters and brothers* will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians:

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. [I Corinthians 12:4-7]

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear faithful witness to God.

You are to be active in the worship and prayer life of this congregation,

in Bible Study and other learning, in witness, in service,

and in the giving of your time, talent and treasure,

and to seek to involve all members of this congregation in these vital areas of discipleship so that the mission of Christ is carried out

in Salem, in the wider church, in Greater Bridgeport, and in the whole world.

You are to make every effort to foster the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace,

by your willingness to follow Jesus, the foundation, head, and heart of the Church.

The pastor addresses those being installed.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept & faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The pastor addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders,

and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

The pastor addresses those being installed.

I now declare you installed as *council members* of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,

that you may be faithful servants of 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

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 How Firm a Foundation

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

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**

- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**

- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

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

*Music: FOUNDATION, early American
Text and Music are in the Public Domain.*

*Performance by St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI,
10/24/20*

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e4UgTLTW-zM> [2:31]

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated.

**You are invited to our weekday prayer call at noon on our conference line,
to our Wednesday Prayer Gathering at noon on zoom,
and to our Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 on zoom.**

All of our zoom events can be found on the Calendar under the Resources tab on our website: SalemBridgeport.org

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 to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and online:
this blessing based on our gospel for today, from Matthew, chapter 10:

Even though two sparrows can be sold for a penny,
not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your heavenly Father.
And you are of more value than many sparrows.
Yes, even the hairs of your head are all counted.
So no matter what happens, do not be afraid.

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 HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 810)*

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

*Text: based on Joshua 24:15, Psalm 119:57, John 12:26, 1 Peter 2:25
by John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt; Meter 7 6 7 6 D*

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Performance by Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church, 08/30/20

Angela Roesler-Lombardi, Soprano; Mindy Kim, Alto;

Dave Spurling, Tenor; Mark Weber, Bass

Carol Churchill, Organist

Sung Lee, Coordinating, Film Editing/Audio Engineering, Mixing and Mastering

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xOWQ-xx0vsE> [3:03]

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, humble yourself under God's almighty hand,
follow obediently the way of the cross, and trust that God will lift you up in due time.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 802)*

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,
through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above,
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:
all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven.
Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head,
we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be
in your presence constantly, living there with you forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.

*Text: based on Psalm 126:6, Luke 18:31-34, John 12:35, 2 Timothy 2:11-13, 1 Peter 2:21
by Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, alt; Meter 8 7 8 7 8 7 7 8 7 7*

Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN by Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent

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*Performance by Tim McNabb, Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Halifax,
08/15/22; Accompaniment Style: Folk Pop*

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFupKnbiPII> [3:37]

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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.

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 49th Annual CROP Walk in Bridgeport. We thank both our walkers and those who donated to the cause. **NEXT YEAR IS THE 50th 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!**

Gather, Play, Wonder, Grow, and Explore at Camp Calumet Lutheran All Year Long! Whether you're taking time for quiet, self-care or enjoying retreat time with others, Calumet is ready to serve you with superb hospitality and great home-hooking, in the Conference Center rooms & Village Cabins, Lakeside Bunk Cabins (heated or unheated), or in the Retreat Lodge & Staff House on the Lake.

The 65-site Family Campground is open May-October, and adults and families who visit here, enjoy laughter, conversation, connections, and learning in the outdoors while getting to know their campsite neighbors, through walks, campfires, lake-plunging, and beach time. RVs, Pop-ups, Tent-camping, and Platform rentals available.

Calumet's iconic Resident Camp for Kids has been impacting lives of campers and staff for over 80 years. From the very beginning, way back in 1960, Calumet has been able to point to the life-long relationships and authentic connections made here as evidence that Calumet and the Calumet Spirit is simply unique.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530

Sunday, June 25, 2023

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire.

The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession.

Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ.

After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

This important early church leader

tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles.

An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism,

Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles

Thursday, June 29, 2023

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ.

Peter was one of the Twelve,

one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus.

Paul once led the persecution of Christians,

then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Saturday, July 1, 2023

Neale was an English priest

who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English.

Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns.

Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.