



# *Salem Lutheran Church*

shalom - salaam - salem - peace

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

*All Saints Sunday*

*November 5, 2023*  
*9:30 AM*



**...before me was a great multitude...  
from every nation...  
standing before the throne.**

Revelation 7:9

**The Reverend Marjo Anderson, Pastor**  
[marjoanderson@aol.com](mailto:marjoanderson@aol.com)  
203-982-3441 (cell)

**Karl Kraft, Office Manager**  
[salemsec123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salemsec123@sbcglobal.net)

3160 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604  
Telephone: 203-336-3300;

[www.salembridgeport.org](http://www.salembridgeport.org)  
[www.facebook.com/salembridgeport](https://www.facebook.com/salembridgeport)  
[YouTube](#) – Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport CT

# 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 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.

**Welcome, everyone! And a special welcome to all those who are visiting with us today to help Pastor Marjo celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination.** Guests and members, please stay for a time of celebration in our lounge after worship!

**We welcome Pastor Gabrielle Beam as our guest preacher for today.** Pastor Gabrielle is an apostolic leader who joins God where He is at work! With both her Master of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology degrees from Yale Divinity School, she has 20 years of ministry experience. Ordained in the Anglican Church in North America, she currently serves as pastor and founder of Mary of Bethany Church, Bridgeport, Founder and Board President of Rise to Read (a 501c3 not-for-profit formed to eradicate early childhood illiteracy in urban spaces), and Founder of Saturate Bridgeport (a movement to see the Gospel of Jesus Christ presented to every person in Bridgeport). She is Chaplain of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Bridgeport and a Board Member of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport.

**Today on All Saints Sunday as we celebrate all those living and dead** who have been buried with Christ through baptism into death and raised from the dead through the glory of God that they might live a new life. It is these newly minted souls who are individually members of the Body of Christ and who together comprise the whole Christian Church that exists beyond time and space. If it were not for those who have shared their faith with us, we would not be here today. The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century.

**A Special Congregational Meeting** was held last Sunday at which the congregation voted to close. Pastor Maria Hammons will be meeting with our Executive Committee and Council at the end of this month, and plans will be made to begin the legal process of dissolution beginning in January. There are practical and legal procedures which must be followed, and as the synod leads us through these, we ask your patience and your prayers.

**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 pray silently and anonymously, ask for particular prayers, or offer your own prayers.

**Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues at 7:00 on zoom as we study Paul's letter to the Romans.** This past week we continued with chapters 6-7, and we'll pick up this week with chapter 7 and likely move on to chapter 8. The zoom link is on Salem's calendar under the Resources tab at SalemBridgeport.org . **Please join us!**

# Gathering

**GATHERING SONG      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*

*by Bryan Torwal and Katie Torwalt, © 2011 Capitol CMG Genesis (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)  
Jesus Culture Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)*

*On the Bryan and Katie Torwalt album "Here on Earth". Year 2011. as found here: <https://amzn.to/3ao4OuO>*

*For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com)*

*Reprinted/Streamed with permission under CCLI License # 11092038*

*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 God,**

the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,  
the One who delivers us from darkness, death, and the power of the devil,  
and raises us up to live lives of liberty, love and light.

### **It is so good to be here!**

**Thank you for joining us today!**

### **A special welcome to all who have joined us on this All Saints Sunday**

as we celebrate all those living and dead  
who have been buried with Christ through baptism into death  
and raised from the dead through the glory of God that they might live a new life.

### **And a special welcome to all who have come to celebrate this special anniversary with me!**

**I am grateful to each and every one of you who have been part of my faith journey,  
and I am especially grateful to Pastor Gabrielle Beam  
who graciously agreed to bring us God's word this morning.**

**And last, but not least, thank you, to those of you out there in cyber space,  
wherever you are– and whenever you happen to be watching!**

### **For those of you out there 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).

### **On Reformation Day this past week, United Lutheran Seminary President**

**The Rev Dr R Guy Erwin preached and lectured at Yale Divinity School.**

A description is found in your worship bulletin, and I encourage you to listen to the lecture  
which is posted on both Salem's FB page and YouTube channel.

**Immediately following worship, we will have a special fellowship time  
to welcome all of our guests and celebrate a very special day in my life!**

**Every Monday-Friday at noon you're invited to join us on our conference line for prayer.**

**Tomorrow at 7:15 – and every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month –  
you are invited to join our synod's anti-racism prayer gathering on zoom.**

**On Tuesday, please remember to vote, as voting is one way  
we can fulfill our baptismal call to work for justice and peace in all the world.**

**On Wednesday, 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](http://SalemBridgeport.org)**

**On Saturday at 9:00 you are invited to our Lutherans & Friends breakfast  
at Grace Lutheran Church in Stratford.**

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

**Then let's begin our worship with prayer!**

God, you are our beginning and our end, and our companion on the journey.  
You call of out of our darkness, deliver us from our demons, and raise us from death.  
You fill us with light and life and love.  
You comfort us in our grief, wipe away our tears, and heal our hurting hearts.  
You free us from our fears that we might follow you in faith.  
We offer you our thanks for all that you do, and our praise for all that you are.  
Open our hearts and minds and spirits and fill us with hope and peace and joy.  
We pray all this in the Name of Jesus and by the Power of the Spirit. Amen

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
Lutheran Book of Worship # 174)*

*You may stand if you so desire.*

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Text: based on 1 Timothy 6:12, Revelation 2:10, 14:13, 21:21*

*by William W. How, 1823–1897; Meter 10 10 10 and alleluias*

*Music: SINE NOMINE by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958*

*Text and Music are in the Public Domain*

*Recording posted by John Wesley Slider*

*vss 1-4 as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkaocGFsA6k> [2:53]*

# Word

*Please be seated.*

## **A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?”

I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows”.

Then he said to me,

“These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;  
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.  
For this reason, they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God! Word of Life!

**Thanks be to God!**

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 34:1-10, 22**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

**the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.**

I will glory in the LORD;

**let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;

**let us exalt God's name together.**

I sought the LORD, who answered me

**and delivered me from all my terrors.**

Look upon the LORD and be radiant,

**and let not your faces be ashamed.**

I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me

**and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps around

**and delivers those who fear the LORD.**

Taste and see that the LORD is good;

**happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,

**for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.**

The lions are in want and suffer hunger,

**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,

**and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

Word of God! Word of Life!

**Thanks be to God!**

**A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: John 3:1-3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God! Word of Life!

**Thanks be to God!**



**A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Matthew 5:1-12**

*You may stand if you so desire.*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you & utter all kinds of evil against you  
falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Word of God! Word of Life!

**Thanks be to God!**

*You may stand if you so desire.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us affirm our faith together.

**I believe it is a matter of faith  
to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.**

**I believe it is a matter of faith  
to recognize the equality of all members of God's human family,  
to offer thanks and praise for God's beautiful gift of diversity,  
and to love people  
of every race, culture, creed, class, age, ability,  
gender, sexual orientation and marital status.**

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

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

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

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

## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

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

**We are a community of Christian disciples called by the Holy Spirit.**

**In response to God's transforming love, we share our joy through praise and service.**

May it be so!

**Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please be seated.*

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you.  
We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation.  
Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for food pantries and community suppers at Kingdom Builders Impact Ministries and Golden Hill United Methodist church and elsewhere.  
We pray for all students, especially those at Fairchild Wheeler High School, that they have nurturing, secure, and stable home environments which foster a sense of wellbeing, healthy self-esteem, and encourage learning and creativity.  
And we pray for Salem members and each person gathered here and their families.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides.  
Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders.  
Grant full access to all citizens of this country, safety to poll workers, and wisdom to those elected.  
May civic leaders work for justice and peace, serving the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented, underserved, and oppressed.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn.  
Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you, especially Austin, Barbro, Boni, Bob, Cliffy, Clyde, Dave, David, Dennis, Diane, Dolores, Dorothy, Francesca, Pastor Harv, Ivy, Janice, Jean, Jeff, Jim, Joe, Joey, John, Marija, Mary Anne, Mary Lou, Melvin Jr, Melvin Sr., Natalie, Pastor Paul, Pastor Paula, Sara, the families and friends of George and Scott, and all those we name in our hearts and on our lips.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation,  
that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks.  
We remember their witness of faithfulness and love.  
Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

## REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints.

We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world.

Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you.

Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion.

We remember today especially:

### ***Iris Murphy***

*Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. When I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." (John 14:1, 3)*

### ***Hazel Pasqua***

*I lift my eyes to the hills, from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)*

### ***Josephine Hahn***

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)*

### ***Frank & Grace Dukenski***

*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. (Job 19:25-27)*

### ***Philip Raschke***

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the |Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)*

***All those other loved ones whom we mourn this day.***

Christ says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
**and you will find rest for your souls.**

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
**and you will find rest for your souls. Amen**

***The pastor concludes:***

Receive these prayers and the hopes and concerns of our hearts, O God,  
as we entrust into your loving care all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

# Thanksgiving

## ANNIVERSARY OF AN ORDINATION

God of boundless power and endless love, we thank you,  
that through baptism and the Holy Spirit you make us one spiritual body in Christ.  
We thank you for raising up faithful servants ordained to the ministry of Word & Sacrament.  
We thank you for each pastor in our midst, and especially for Pastor Marjo Anderson  
on this 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her ordination.  
Continue to fill her and all pastors with the gifts of your Holy Spirit –  
the gifts of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and reverence for you,  
and joy in your presence.  
Cultivate in all of your children the fruits of the Spirit –  
love & joy, peace & patience, kindness & goodness, generosity & faithfulness & self-control.  
May we see your face in the face of every other child of God  
and understand that each of us as part of Christ's body  
needs every other part to be an effective witness to who you are and all that you have done.  
We pray this in the Name of Jesus and by the Power of the Spirit. **Amen**

## 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 SONG    One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)**

*Verse 1*    **Higher than the mountains that I face Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant in the trial and the change One thing remains One thing remains**

*Interlude*    **Your love Your love Your love will never change**

*Chorus*    **Your love never fails It never gives up Never runs out on me (Repeat)  
Your love**

*Verse 2*    **On and on and on and on it goes It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
And I never ever have to be afraid One thing remains One thing remains**

*Bridge*    **In death in life I'm confident and Cover'd by the power of Your great love  
My debt is paid there's nothing that Can separate my heart from Your great love  
(Repeat)**

*Ending*    **Your love**

*CCLI Song # 5508444*

*Brian Johnson | Christa Black Gifford | Jeremy Riddle*

*© 2010 ChristaJoy Music Publishing; Mercy / Vineyard Publishing; Bethel Music Publishing*

*For use solely with the SongSelect® [Terms of Use](#). All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com)*

*CCLI License # 11092038*

*Performance by Praise Band at Church of the Apostles, Atlanta, GA, 02/26/23*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nckQ8WXS0A> [3:35]*

# Sending

*Please be seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Immediately following worship, we will have a special fellowship time to welcome all of our guests and celebrate a very special day in my life!**

**On Reformation Day this past week, United Lutheran Seminary President The Rev Dr R Guy Erwin preached and lectured at Yale Divinity School.**

A description is found in your worship bulletin, and I encourage you to listen to the lecture which is posted on both Salem's FB page and YouTube channel.

**Every Monday-Friday at noon you're invited to join us on our conference line for prayer.**

**Tomorrow at 7:15 – and every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month – you are invited to join our synod's anti-racism prayer gathering on zoom.**

**On Tuesday, please remember to vote, as voting is one way we can fulfill our baptismal call to work for justice and peace in all the world.**

**On Wednesday, 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](http://SalemBridgeport.org)**

**On Saturday at 9:00 you are invited to our Lutherans & Friends breakfast at Grace Lutheran Church in Stratford.**

## **THANK YOU**

Again, I want to thank Pastor Gabrielle for bringing us God's Word this morning.  
And I want to thank each and every one of you for being here,  
especially those of you who are visiting who have been such an important part of my life.  
Before we end the live-streamed portion of our worship,  
I want to especially thank those of you out there in cyberspace  
who have worshipped with us.  
I hope you will join us again.

If you'd like to know more, or if you'd like to talk or pray with Pastor Marjo,  
you can reach her through our website or Facebook page.

## **BLESSING**

As we say good-bye to our online worshippers,  
I'd like to offer to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and online,  
this blessing based on our reading today from Revelation, chapter 7:

Know that as you follow the Lamb as your shepherd,  
he will guide you to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from your eyes.

***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,  
whose power is boundless and whose love is endless. **Amen**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love as Jesus loves.

God of mercy and forgiveness,  
**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our strength for the journey.**

**We pray through Jesus Christ, our redeemer & friend. Amen**

Beloved of God:

As you willingly turn from your old ways and follow Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life,  
your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

God be with you!

**And also with you!**

Open your hearts!

**We open them to God and one another!**

Let us give thanks to the God of all!

**It is right to give God thanks & praise!**

In the night in which he was betrayed....

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!**

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
Lutheran Book of Worship # 174)*

*As long as everyone is masked, you may sing softly.*

- 5 **And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6 **The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7 **But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 8 **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Text: based on 1 Timothy 6:12, Revelation 2:10, 14:13, 21:21*

*by William W. How, 1823–1897; Meter 10 10 10 and alleluias*

*Music: SINE NOMINE by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958*

*Text and Music are in the Public Domain*

*Recording posted by John Wesley Slider*

*vss 5-8 as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UkaocGFsA6k> [2:48]*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. As God in Christ loves you, so love one another!

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PEACE**

As Christ reconciles us with God,  
let us be reconciled with each other by sharing the peace of the Lord!  
The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**And also with you!**

Please share that peace!!

## **POSTLUDE**

### **When the Saints Go Marching In**

O when the Saints go marching in, when the Saints go marching in,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Saints go marching in.

I'm just a weary pilgrim going through this world of sin  
getting ready for the city when the saints go marching in

*Text: based on Revelation 7, African American spiritual; Meter 8 8 10 7*

*Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual*

*Text and Music are in the Public Domain.*

*Performance by Sisters of Grace Melodies, 06/16/16*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzlieDvSGV0> [4:11]*

*Support them if you are touched by their presentation.*

## **CREDITS**

*From sundaysandseasons.com.*

*Copyright © 2022 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS005794.*

*New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright © 1989,*

*Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.*

*Revised Common Lectionary, Copyright © 1992 Consultation on Common Texts, admin Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission.*

# Announcements

**On Reformation Day this past week, United Lutheran Seminary President The Rev Dr R Guy Erwin preached and lectured at Yale Divinity School.** One of the most interesting parts of the lecture and discussion was on Luther's understanding that as human beings we have two "eyes" – a physical eye and a spiritual eye. The physical eye sees the material world around us and we can choose to respond with love or apathy, but even if we respond with love, our response is lacking. Why? because it is only with our spiritual eye that we can see the situation as God sees it and respond in a way that meets not only the physical, but the spiritual needs of the world. Both the sermon and lecture are posted on Salem's Facebook page and also on Salem's YouTube channel.

**Please join the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Raising the BAR (Becoming Anti-Racist) Team for a sacred conversation on race as they discuss Clint Smith's book How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America.** In this book Smith recounts his travels to "8 places in the US as well as one abroad to understand how each reckons with its relationship to the history of American slavery." For more info on the book, go to: **5 Online Sessions - 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, and 11/09 - 7:00-8:00 pm.** Register by going to: <https://ccgb.org/rtb> . As we read we are journaling about what we are feeling and learning. For the last sessions, we read the Prologue "The Whole City Is a Memorial to Slavery", and the chapters on Monticello, Whitney plantations, Angola Prison, Blandford Cemetery. and this past week, Galveston Island and New York City. **THIS THURSDAY, 11/09** we'll discussing the chapter on Gorgee Island and the Epilog.

**Like our prayer breakfasts, a lunch is held each month to build relationships** among Lutheran and other congregations in our area at noon at Old Towne Restaurant in Trumbull. The upcoming dates are **11/18**, and 12/16. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Bruce Tomasko, [bltomasko@yahoo.com](mailto:bltomasko@yahoo.com).

**Please sign up today for this exciting and important event – an online discussion with Jeff Fuhrer about his new book, *The Myth that Made Us: Beliefs about Racism and Meritocracy Broke Our Economy (And How to Fix It)* by Jeff Fuhrer.** Pastor Marjo and Knute Ogren have worked together with the New England Synod's Anti-Racist Advisory Board and Camp Calumet Lutheran to plan 2 opportunities for discussion: **6:30-7:45 pm Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**, and **9:30-10:45 am Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**. *A free book (which retails for 34.95 plus shipping!) will be mailed to the first 100 people who sign up for the event by October 20<sup>th</sup>!*

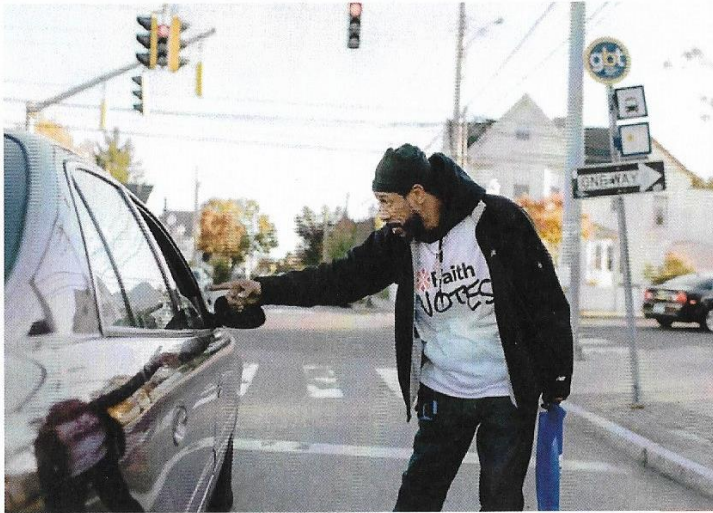
**[Click here to register](#)**

**or go to:** [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejv2e0zo\\_usQ-FUFGLconMHyeqdmvWpFzD1pvGIYKPOMkNQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejv2e0zo_usQ-FUFGLconMHyeqdmvWpFzD1pvGIYKPOMkNQ/viewform)

**On Tuesday, please remember to vote, as voting is one way we can fulfill our baptismal call to work for justice and peace in all the world.**



203-868-0443  
www.faithacts.org  
hello@faithacts.org



**If you don't vote,  
they don't listen.**

Faith Votes is a campaign to get the faith community in Bridgeport involved in voter education and voter turnout. We don't endorse candidates. We just want to get out the vote.

### **OUR MISSION**

We are people of faith building power to get our children the education they deserve.

### **WHAT WE DO**

We build relationships, we build leaders, and we build power through community organizing and civic engagement across Connecticut.

### **OUR VISION**

We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to graduate from college, take care of their family, and fulfill their God-given potential.

### **Faith Votes' Work**

Last year, in the middle of a pandemic, we secured an additional \$160 million in education funding for Black, Brown and low-income students and activated over 5,000 voters across the state.



In 2019, Bridgeport Public Schools met our demand to publish how it spends per child, per school within the district – information that has never been public in Bridgeport.

**Questions about voting? Contact our Civic Engagement Manager Toni at 203-751-7256 or [toni@faithacts.org](mailto:toni@faithacts.org)**

### **Our Values**

**GUIDED BY FAITH:** We have deep faith in God and in the power of communities to take on the important work of providing all our children with a transformative education.

**SERVE THE CHILDREN:** We are here to relentlessly serve and responsibly invest in what works best for our children.

**BUILD BRIDGES:** We believe in forming authentic relationships that bring our community together, collaborating with the greatest sense of mutual respect and integrity.

**TAKE OWNERSHIP:** We humbly accept our share of responsibility for the current educational inequity, and take ownership of changing it for our children.

**DRIVE TOWARD IMPACT:** We believe results should be measured with transparency and rigor.

We are collecting for “Seafarers Christmas at Sea” now through December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gift suggestions include woolen caps, sweatshirts (L or XL), thermal or white socks, chocolate, canned nuts, hard candy, Christmas cards, and money. Please place items in the marked box in the narthex on Sundays. A packing party will be held on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>, following the Lutherans & Friends breakfast at 9:00 at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford. If you have questions contact Carol Lansing at 203-520-3752

**Our Refill the Pantry program for 2023 has finished!**

- \* ~~Sep 02 Nourish Bridgeport, Stop&Shop 1160 Kings Hwy Cutoff, Fairfield~~  
(Completed: 2,400 pounds of food and \$1,480 in cash)
- \* ~~Sep 16 Bishop Jean Williams, Stop&Shop 4531 Main Steet, Bridgeport~~  
(Completed: 2,455 pounds of food and \$691 in cash)
- \* ~~Sep 30 Sterling House, Stop&Shop 200 E. Main St, Stratford~~  
(Completed: 1,577 pounds of food, \$403 in cash, \$250 Thrivent gift card)
- \* ~~Oct 14 Trumbull Food Pantry, Stop&Shop 110 Quality St, Trumbull~~  
(Completed: 2,527 pounds of food, \$1,091 in cash, \$250 Thrivent gift card)
- \* ~~Oct 28 Operation Hope, Stop&Shop 760 Villa Ave, Fairfield~~  
(Completed: 1,637 pounds of food, \$1,151 in cash)

**Totals collected for the year were 17,700 pounds of food,  
\$10,600 in cash,  
plus gift cards!**

**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. If you have financial needs, please contact Pastor Marjo or Parish Nurse Carol Lansing.

**You are invited to join the synod’s Anti-Racism prayer call** which meets on zoom the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month from 7:15-7:45ish.

**Do you want to talk or pray with your pastor? Well, just like you call your doctor or dentist to schedule an annual wellness visit or a visit to deal with a particular issue, you can contact Pastor Marjo via text or phone at 203-982-3441, or through Office Manager Karl Kraft via text at 203-336-3300 or email at [salemsec123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salemsec123@sbcglobal.net) .** Our bodies are intimately connected with our minds and hearts and spirits, so the health of one part impacts the health of the other parts.

- 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 prayer. You can pray silently & anonymously, ask for particular prayers, or offer your own.  
**OR join our weekly prayer gathering on Zoom, Wednesdays at noon, at this link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82882777326?pwd=VCtObFRPOGI3cTR3eII2ZmtiZEpadz09>
- 3. Begin a 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 wondering what the difference is, it’s like this.*  
*If people are hungry and you give them fish, that’s CHARITY.*  
*If people are hungry and you teach them to fish, that’s EMPOWERMENT.*  
*If people are hungry and you work to change laws so that they receive high enough wages from their jobs so they can afford to buy fish, that’s JUSTICE.*  
If you’re not sure how to “do justice” as God commands through the Prophet Micah (6:8), Pastor Marjo can offer suggestions.

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

**John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873;**

**Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719;**

**Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries**

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans.

After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India.

A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style.

He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person.

Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary.

Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

**Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397**

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army.

Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man,

whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead.

After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

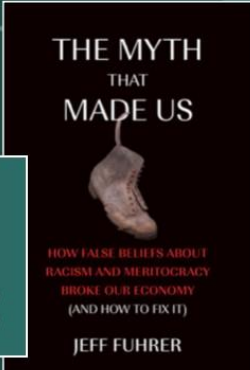
**Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855**

**Saturday, November 11, 2023**

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.



THE MYTH  
THAT



## “Author Talk”

**This November — on Zoom**

*There is no cost for the book for the first 100 people who sign up for the event by OCT 20*

The synod's **Anti-Racist Advisory Board & Calumet** invites **People of Faith** to read & then gather for conversation.

**MON, NOV 20, 6:30-7:45 PM**

**TUES, NOV 21, 9:30-10:45 AM**

HOW FALSE BELIEFS ABOUT

# Seafarers

## *Christmas at Sea*

**Collection dates:** **September 10 – December 3**

**Gift Suggestions:**

- Woolen caps
- Sweatshirts (L-XL)
- Thermal or White Socks
- Chocolates
- Canned Nuts
- Hard Candy
- Christmas Cards
- Money



**If you have questions, contact Carol Lansing at (203) 520-3752**

**Please place items in the marked box in the Narthex**