



# The Saline Psalter

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September & October 2017

Dear friends,

In response to violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, and to white supremacist rallies across the country, both of our Bishops have written us pastoral letters. We've printed them here in this edition of the Psalter. I commend them to you, and I urge your prayers that each of us—in our daily lives and work—find ways to witness to the love of Christ we proclaim.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Andrea

Dear Friends of Southeast Michigan,

I invite you to join me in prayer as we watch and react in the aftermath of the violence at Charlottesville, Virginia.

I ask you to join me in prayers for all those injured, those killed, and for their families.

I ask you to pray and give thanks for those (including a number of local ELCA folks and two of our bishops) who went to offer their witness that love is stronger than hate; that the ties binding us together will outlast the forces seeking to tear us apart; and that the light continues to shine in the darkness.

As people of faith, we confess that all people are created in God's image. As members of the ELCA we deplore and condemn the racism, the bigotry and the intolerance that led to this violent confrontation. As members of the Southeast Michigan Synod, we must continue working together to "Build Racial Reconciliation in Christ's Kingdom." And as a people marked with the cross of Christ, we have vital, essential work to do to confront racism and the violence that comes with it. We confess we are Jesus's disciples: let us commit to living in a way that shows the truth of that confession.

We have already planned a workshop offering anti-racism training. We will gather as a community September 21-23 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. The cost is \$125 per person. Go to [www.semisynod.com](http://www.semisynod.com) for more information and to register. (on the homepage under "Save these dates.")

In the meanwhile, thank you for your witness for peace, your commitment to justice, and your prayers that God's love will carry the day.

Grace and peace,  
Bishop Don Kreiss

*Peace*

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Bigotry, hatred and fear have resulted in the loss of life in Virginia this past weekend. Violent, detestable and racist actions do not just affect those who were physically present; they ripple across the country and around the world and continue to wound us physically, mentally and emotionally. And, regrettably, we have not had the reassurance of a strong moral voice from the "Leader of the Free World" unequivocally denouncing those whose main focus is prejudice, intolerance and narrow-mindedness. What a disgrace!

In light of this news and the current state of our nation, it may feel to some that all is lost. Others may believe that we are too divided to ever become the Beloved Community we strive to be. Yet, as Jesus' disciples, commanded to bring God's love and justice to the oppressed; to speak the truth of God's love, and to pray for those with hate and violence in their hearts.

When we see these evil acts of violence and intolerance, ours must be the voices and actions of protest and prayer. We must know that we have the ability and the responsibility to change the world and to change the hearts of the hateful. Together can begin to heal our wounds: to listen to each other and to create a future of hope, compassion and love. The dreams of those who have marched and protested and cried out for justice in the past require our action – our labor – to become reality. All is not lost!

As Nelson Mandela has written and President Barack Obama has quoted: "No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

We have work to do teaching love: from the mansions of the State to the houses of the poorest among us. It is not going to be easy, and it is work that must be done for the cause of justice and because it is the work of the Jesus Movement.

May there be peace among us.

The Rt. Rev'd Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr.  
Bishop

*Confronted with tragic events or the threat of war, we may find ourselves simultaneously wanting to pray and yet not knowing how or where to begin. Scripture tells us that God hears our hearts crying out and knows our words and needs even before we can speak them. Yet our Lutheran and Episcopal traditions also offer us prayers that may serve as a way to enter into a conversation with God. ~ Pastor Andrea*

#### **Some Scripture Passages:**

Psalms 22, 23, 46, 121, 130

Isaiah 49: 14-16 (I will not forget you)

Micah 4: 1-4 (They shall beat their swords into plowshares)

Matthew 5: 38-48 (Love your enemies)

Matthew 11: 28-30 (Come to me and I will give you rest)

Romans 8: 12-39 (Who will separate us from the love of Christ?)

#### **From the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer:**

##### **A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

##### **For Peace**

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

##### **For Our Enemies**

Oh God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **From Evangelical Lutheran Worship:**

##### **For Peace**

Gracious and Holy God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

##### **National Distress**

Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.*

##### **Time of Conflict, Crisis, Disaster**

God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life. In all our conflicts, help us to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice amid competing claims, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Meet Holy Faith's New Office Manager, Laurie Tikkanen**



Laurie Tikkanen began August 14th as Holy Faith's Office Manager. Laurie brings twenty years of business related administration and marketing experience, along with a devotion to the Church.

A long-time member of Prince of Glory Lutheran Church, Laurie has held significant leadership positions there, including serving as Stewardship Chair and multiple terms on the Church Council. Laurie will balance our Episcopal clergy team and help Holy Faith better live into its identity as a federated Lutheran-Episcopal parish.

Laurie has just moved from Madison Heights to Belleville. She will maintain Church Office Hours, 10am - 1pm, Monday through Friday. Please stop by to welcome Laurie to the area and to Holy Faith.

Please also take time to express thanks to Tish Dersnah and Ann Mayers who have been faithfully keeping the Church Office running smoothly for many months. They have also spent time helping Laurie learn the ropes to ensure a good transition.

September 3

### Recognition & Blessing

Recognition of Tish Dersnah and Ann Mayers for 9 months of serving as Interim Office Managers for Holy Faith, and Back-to-School Blessing of Students and Teachers.

September 10

### “Kick-Off” Sunday

Featuring an old-fashioned hymn-sing and a lawn game or two after the 10am worship service.

September 17

### Mission Café & Deacon's Forum

Deacon Don Dersnah will tell the story of God's calling him to the ordained ministry and what shape his ministry has taken.

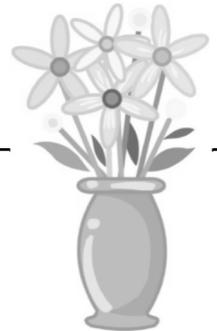
### ALTAR FLOWERS

If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar for specific Sundays, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please note that altar flowers are scheduled for two consecutive Sundays.

The cost for two vases is \$40

Flower selection is at the discretion of the florist. If you wish to make a special request, arrangements can be made with the florist, Maureen's Design at 429-0700. Maureen will quote on an individual basis at that time.

Please pay for your flowers by making out your check to Holy Faith Church, noting "Altar Flowers" on the memo line.



September 3 & 10

By Bridget Baisch & Brian Marr  
In honor of their Anniversary

September 17 & 24

By Jim & Gail Graham  
In honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

October 1 & 8

By Jeff & Susan Cummings  
In honor of their 28th Wedding Anniversary

October 15 & 22

By Christen Mitchell  
In gratitude for Barbara Arnold

October 29 & November 5

By Betsey Hubbard  
In memory of Marianne & Howard Grant

## Holy Faith Food Garden

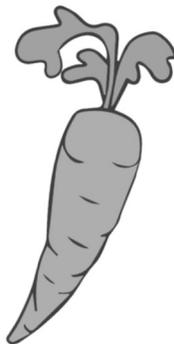
The garden is growing!

In spite of the mischievous neighborhood bunny.

The garden season is already coming to an end. We have harvested all the potatoes and cabbages, but still picking green beans, tomatoes, carrots, onions and cucumbers.

When we deliver our fresh vegetables to SASS, we are amazed at how little fresh produce is on hand to offer our neighbors in need. It is very satisfying to fill up the produce bins.

Take a few minutes every Sunday and walk around to the front of the church to look at the garden.



### Gardeners Needed!

We usually meet as a group during the growing season on Mondays at the garden around 6:30pm and individually as needed at other times.

Questions?

See Suzanne Bulchalski or Susan Cummings

### Lunch Bunch

Everyone is always invited to Lunch Bunch!  
You just have to come!

2nd Monday of each month  
Carrigan's in Saline at Noon

Class is back in session!

### Adult Education

Tuesdays at 10:30am  
Starting September 19th

September 19th we will start up our lay-led Adult Ed classes

**This semester we will study The Gospel of Mark.  
So much to learn...**

Come join us! We have a rollicking good time enjoying each others companionship AND learning a little something!

Questions?? See Tish Dersnah

Special Gifts Offering September 2017  
**Therapeutic Riding, Inc  
 (TRI)**

Therapeutic Riding (TRI) is a very special volunteer based 501c3 non-profit organization that provides the opportunity for personal growth to Washtenaw County area youth and adults with disabilities. The TRI mission is to develop physical, mental, and emotional capabilities, and to enhance self-esteem through therapeutic horseback riding. Some of the riders' challenges include ADHD, autistic spectrum disorders, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, seizure disorders, and many other conditions. About 75% of the riders are children and teens. Among the many benefits of horseback riding for these individuals is being able to control an animal larger than the rider. Many of these riders can control little in their life. Controlling the horse builds self-confidence which helps them face other challenges in their life.

TRI has a large, beautiful facility on 46 acres on Morgan Road in Pittsfield Township made possible by generous donors. TRI employs about 7 people, most of them are instructors. About 150 volunteers are needed every week to assist the riders. 2 or 3 volunteers accompany each rider. A few horses are donated, but most must be purchased and trained. While a fee is charged for riding, donations to a scholarship fund ensure that everyone who can benefit from the program is admitted. Fees cover about 18% of the cost. The remainder of the program is dependent on donations.

More information about the program is available on their website. [www.therapeuticriding.org](http://www.therapeuticriding.org).

*Please make your check out to Holy Faith and note TRI on the memo line.*

### Location Updates

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Special Gifts Offering October 2017  
**Washtenaw Refugee Welcome  
 (WRW)**

Since May of 2016, Noelle Milkey and Georgine Steude have represented Holy Faith at meetings of WRW comprised (at this date) of representatives from nine area churches. The mission of WRW is to identify and mobilize resources to support local agencies in resettling refugees in Washtenaw County. In doing so, WRW will expand available local resources for the resettlement effort and provide substantial assistance to designated resettlement agencies and infrastructure development.

Jewish Family Services is the refugee and social services agency that has worked exclusively in Washtenaw County since 1993 and has resettled many refugees over the past years and expects to resettle 300 families in the coming year. Samaritas (formally Lutheran Social Services of Michigan) is the largest refugee resettlement organization in Michigan and the fourth largest in the country. However it has not done refugee resettlement in Washtenaw County recently. Samaritas believes Washtenaw County presents the necessary and appropriate combination of community resources, demographic attributes and community interest to suggest it as a location that can ensure successful expanded refugee resettlement and long term integration.

WRW is currently in the process of discerning the most effective models for organizing this support system under the leadership and guidance of Samaritas and help from the vast experience of JFS. Ideally, our system will connect volunteers, congregations, support agencies and refugee families through an organized system.

Currently WRW, under the direction of Samaritas, is working to compile lists of household items needed as families arrive in their new home. These will be distributed to all the congregations and whatever members can donate will be appreciated. Many volunteer and in-kind support services will also be available. (More on this in the near future)

At this time we hope to start a special "refugee fund" to be used to augment donations as necessary when refugees are arriving. These funds will be kept on hold in our congregation account until needed.

*Please make your check out to Holy Faith and note WRW on the memo line.*

### The Tradition Continues...

Each Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, Holy Faith congregants have donated food to create 5 large family sized food baskets for SASS to be distributed to their client families. For several years, Rosemary Brodie and Marianne & Brian Blevins have organized this project, providing the baskets, sorting to make sure that all of the items on the menu were brought for each basket (going to the store and purchasing missing items) and delivering the baskets to the sites where SASS does their distribution.

Rosemary has decided it is time she retire from coordinating this project. She barely had the words out of her mouth when Dan McGraw, who was standing nearby spoke up and said that he would be happy to be the new coordinator.

Many thanks to Rosemary, Marianne and Brian for their loving service and making the Holy Faith baskets the most prized ones at SASS—and to Dan for taking on coordination of this special ministry.

## September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 OA Mtg 8:30-9:30am
3 <b>13 Pentecost Recognition &amp; Blessing</b> 8:15am & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	4 AA Mtg 7pm	5	6 OA Mtg 6-7pm	7	8	9 OA Mtg 8:30-9:30am
10 <b>14 Pentecost Kick-Off Sunday</b> 8:15am & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	11 Lunch Bunch Noon @ Carrigan's AA Mtg 7pm	12	13 OA Mtg 6-7pm	14	15	16 OA Mtg 8:30-9:30am
17 <b>15 Pentecost Three on the 3rd Deacon's Forum</b> 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Mission Cafe	18 AA Mtg 7pm	19 Adult Ed 10:30-11:30am PLT 7pm	20 OA Mtg 6-7pm	21	22	23 OA Mtg 8:30-9:30am
24 <b>16 Pentecost Morning Prayer</b> 8:15am & 10:00am 11am Coffee Hour	25 AA Mtg 7pm	26 Adult Ed 10:30-11:30am	27 OA Mtg 6-7pm	28	29	30 OA Mtg 8:30-9:30am  Paper Pantry Delivery

## October 2017

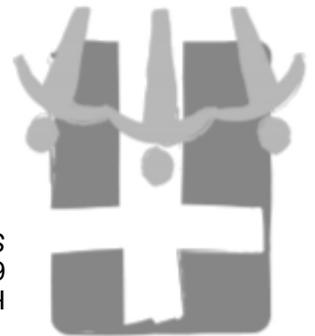
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22 <b>20 Pentecost</b> 8:15am & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	23 AA Mtg 7pm	24 Adult Ed 10:30-11:30am	25 OA Mtg 6-7pm	26	27	28 OA Mtg 8:30-9:30am  Diocesan Convention
29 <b>21 Pentecost Reformation Sunday</b> 8:15am & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	30 AA Mtg 7pm	31 Adult Ed 10:30-11:30am				

## Ministry Schedule

	13 Pentecost September 3	14 Pentecost September 10	15 Pentecost September 17	16 Pentecost September 24
<b>8:15 Reader</b>	Cicely Johnson	Mary Hogan	Mary Fatchett	Suzanne Buchalski Mike Centlivre
<b>10:00 Asst. Min.</b>	Noelle Milkey	Katie Garvey	Ann Mayers	Lisa Reifert
<b>10:00 Reader</b>	Christen Mitchell	Barbara Arnold	Betsey Hubbard	Georgine Steude
<b>10:00 Ushers</b>	David Dubay	Rick & Judie Wales	Sam Proud Sandy White	Talle & Steve Jolliffe
<b>10:00 Greeters</b>	Tish Dersnah	Tish Dersnah	Dan McGraw Clarke Flewelling	Tish Dersnah
<b>10:00 Acolyte</b>	Bethany Mitchell	Timm Custer	Elyse Narbut	Ashley Schneider
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	<i>All of Us</i>	Darling/Jolliffe	<i>Mission Cafe</i>	English
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Betsey Hubbard	Betsey Hubbard	Betsey Hubbard	Betsey Hubbard
<b>Counters</b>	Rick Wales Mike Vaillancourt	Andy Amstutz James Hilton	Steve Jolliffe Carolyn Schneider	Rick Wales Andy Amstutz

	17 Pentecost October 1	18 Pentecost October 8	19 Pentecost October 15	20 Pentecost October 22	21 Pentecost October 29
<b>8:15 Reader</b>	Cicely Johnson	Mary Hogan	Mary Fatchett	Suzanne Buchalski Mike Centlivre	Cicely Johnson
<b>10:00 Asst. Min.</b>	Molly Hilton	Ann Mayers	Harold Tinsey	Susan Cummings	Carolyn Schneider
<b>10:00 Reader</b>	John Hassett	Molly Hilton	Jean Savage	Jeff Cummings	Andy Amstutz
<b>10:00 Ushers</b>	David Dubay	Rick & Judie Wales	Sam Proud Sandy White	David Dubay	Talle & Steve Jolliffe
<b>10:00 Greeters</b>	Barbara Arnold	Tish Dersnah	Norlaine Tinsey	Jane Darling	Dan McGraw Clarke Flewelling
<b>10:00 Acolyte</b>	Branden Amstutz	Bethany Mitchell	Timm Custer	Elyse Narbut	Ashley Schneider
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Wales/White		<i>Mission Cafe</i>		
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Betsey Hubbard	Betsey Hubbard	Betsey Hubbard	Betsey Hubbard	Betsey Hubbard
<b>Counters</b>	Mike Vaillancourt Steve Jolliffe	Steve Jolliffe Andy Amstutz	Harold Tinsey James Hilton	Fritz Reifert Harold Tinsey	Rick Wales Mike Vaillancourt

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Seek God Together  
Grow in Spirit and Love  
Reach Out to Our Neighbor and the World

