

Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

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One saying that I have come to love and appreciate is **'Come what may.'** There are many things that 2020 has begun, once again, to remind us of in regards to what it means to be human. One thing for certain, is that of uncertainty. On one hand we are reminded of human frailty when confronted with virus & sickness, as well, we are confronted by the reality of governing powers being able to make decisions that affect our daily lives; both can be uncomfortable.

As Christians, we can take heart that Christ has sustained His Church through-out the last 2,000 years since He founded it on the day of Pentecost up until now. The Church has walked through some terrible events from the days of Roman persecution, to the more recent Russian revolution. Also, the Church has survived grave illness from the Black Plague to the Spanish Flu. Therefore, we can have confidence that, by the grace of God, the Church will continue to stand long after Covid-19 and its repercussions. Jesus, our Savior, has overcome sin, death, and the world, once and for all. By faith, we can daily share in this promise and live according to His way of resurrection life.

In this time of uncertainty it is an opportunity for us, once more, to draw near to Christ who is able to strengthen us for what is to come. To know that with Him, like the Apostle Paul, **'we can do all things through him who strengthens us. (Phil 4:13).'** Our confidence for the future is not rooted in who we are, or what we can do, but is directly rooted in who Christ is, what Christ has done, and what Christ will do through those who love Him. So, I look forward to 2021 and am excited to see what God has in store for the Church- **'come what may.'**

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