

## *Our Saviour Lutheran Church*

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### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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#### **Order of Worship**

The order of worship is set out in this bulletin. The congregation responds in parts marked in bold. Hymns are taken from our hymnal, the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW).

#### **WE GATHER**

##### **Centering Music**

##### **The ringing of *the Morningstar***

##### **Prelude**

##### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on  
2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the  
3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the  
4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new  
5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may  
earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -  
cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the  
life re - veal - ing; that we might no more in death be  
us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all  
stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -  
lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the  
glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.  
gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.  
mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.  
join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

## Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all

**And also with you.**



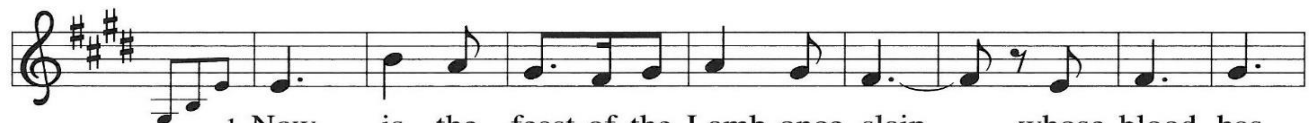
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Lesson**

**Acts 16:9-15**

9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13 On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

## Psalm 67

- <sup>1</sup> May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**
- <sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> **The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- <sup>7</sup> May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

## Second Reading

## Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

10 And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

22 I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23 And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24 The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25 Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26 People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27 But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4 they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Alleluia Verse



## The Holy Gospel

### Gospel Reading

**John 14:23-29**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

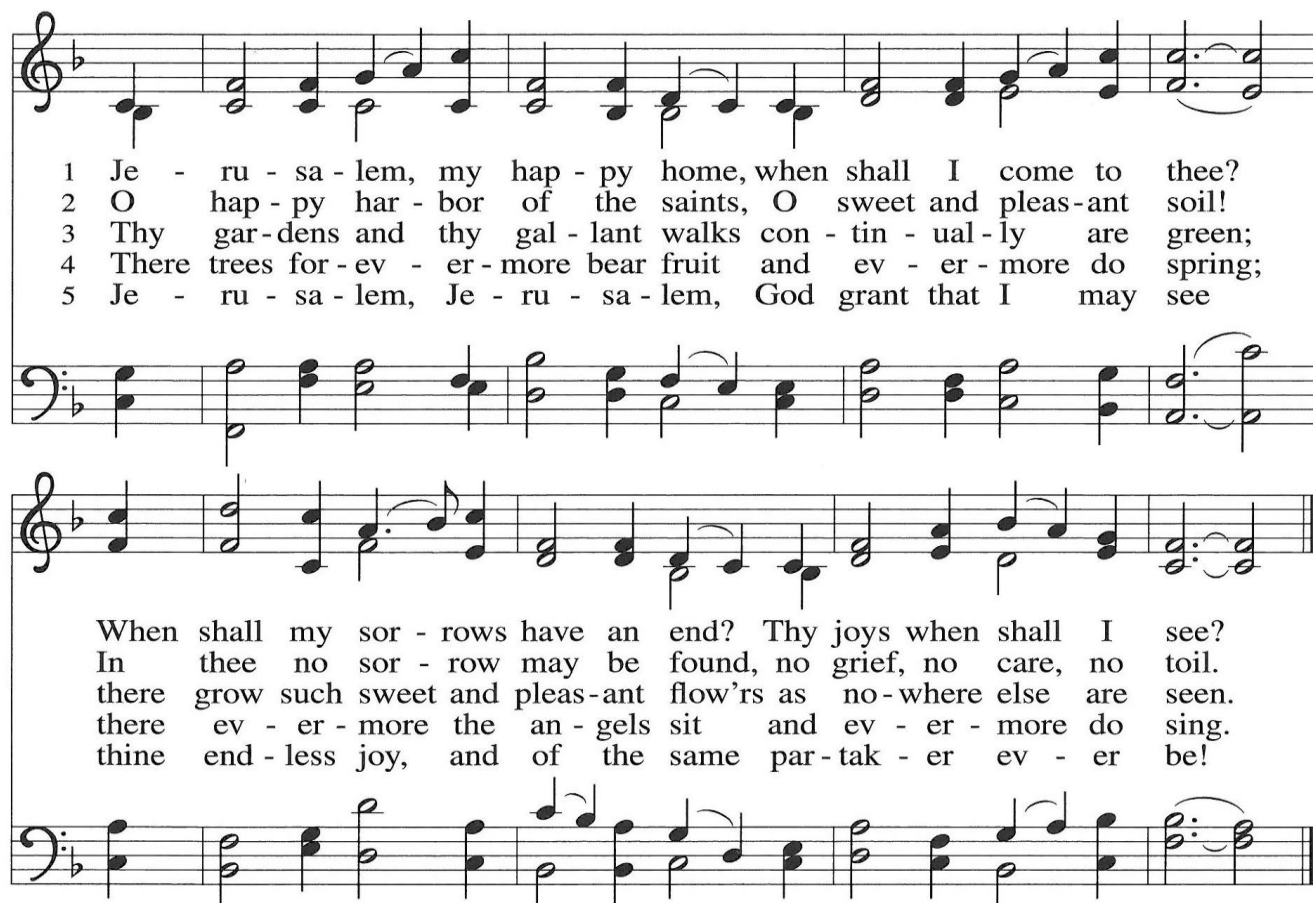
23 Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

25 “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?  
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!  
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;  
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;  
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.  
 there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.  
 there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.  
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

*Please stand as we gather at the font.*

### Welcome and Words of Introduction

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

### The Liturgy of Holy Baptism

#### Presentation of the Candidate

Who presents this child to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

*Parents and Godparents respond*

**We present Wyatt Dean for Baptism.**

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

All respond

**We do.**



As you bring Wyatt Dean to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Wyatt Dean grow in the Christian faith and life?

**We do.**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture him in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**We do.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Wyatt Dean and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## **Profession of Faith**

*The presiding minister addresses the parents and sponsors.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidate and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Baptism**

*Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

Wyatt Dean, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:*

and of the Son,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:*

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.**

**Alleluia.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Wyatt Dean with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Wyatt Dean, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **Welcome & Giving of the Baptism Candle**

*A lighted baptismal candle is presented to the baptized, with the instruction...*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Remain standing as baptismal party return to their seats*

## **Prayers of the People**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Unite your people with communities of faith throughout the world. Further cooperation between people of different faith traditions and bless our non-Christian neighbors, that we learn and grow in deeper relationship. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Bless the earth with fresh water, clean air, and rich soil. Nurture growing crops and encourage communities developing sustainable farming practices. Help us to live in balance and harmony with your good creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Reconcile nations and communities suffering from violence and conflict. Protect refugees, asylum-seekers, and all who flee their homes seeking safety and security. Make all nations safe for both migrants and residents. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Sustain all who are in need, especially individuals and families struggling with trauma or addiction. Support caregivers, especially nurses, doctors, counselors, and social workers. Come alongside all who are ill or struggling. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

This Memorial Day weekend, we remember all who have died in military service. Soothe loved ones who mourn, and strengthen support systems for veterans and their families. Bring peace among nations, that war and conflict around the world might cease. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for all your saints raised to new life in Christ. Gather us, with them, into the peace only you can give. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

*Financial offerings are received in the plates. Please stand as the gifts come forward.*

**This QR code links  
to our PayPal account  
and may be used to make  
a one-time gift.**



## Musical Offering

*Please Stand*

### Offertory Canticle

### As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again, breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**


Let us give thanks to our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## *Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

## Agnus Dei



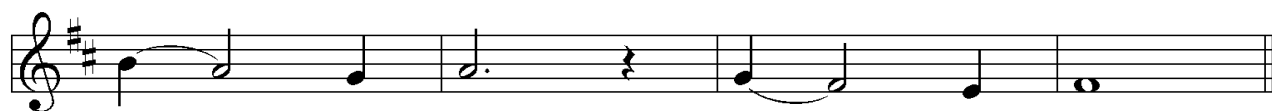
**Lamb** of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



**Lamb** of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



**Lamb** of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



**grant** us peace, **grant** us peace.

*Please Sit*

### **The Distribution**

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

*All the baptized are invited to come forward to receive the holy gifts. Those not receiving may come forward for a blessing or remain in the pews in prayer.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen**

### **Post-Communion Sentence**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**



### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

### **WE ARE SENT**

#### **Blessing**

The triune God

who was, who is and who is to come,

Sovereign ✠ Savior, and Spirit,

light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

## In Thee Is Gladness

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1 In thee is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my  
2 Je - sus is ours! . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or

heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can

true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where - fore the sto - ry tell of his

break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly  
glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es

and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,  
glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him

to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

## Charge

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Postlude

Congregation adjourns to engage in loving service in the World

### Worship Service Today

**Greeters/Ushers** .....TBD  
**Lector**.....Marilyn Dreyer  
**Worship Assistant**.....Deacon LeeAnn McCarthy  
**Hospitality** .....Hannah & Michael Bueti  
**Altar Guild**..... Sue Orts  
**Offering Teller** .....Dianne Carroll



Altar Flowers

**This Morning's  
Altar Flowers  
Donated  
In Honor of Wyatt**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This morning we welcome Wyatt Dean Teter into the Christian Family through the sacrament of Baptism.**

**Volunteers to man the Our Saviour Summerfest Table are needed. Signup sheet on the Link Table. Time slots open for 12-2, 2-4, 4-6 & 6pm takedown.**

**All May/June Newsletter Articles are due into church office by this Tuesday, May 27.**

**Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am-12noon & First Saturday of the month from 1-4pm.**

**Croton Chorale presents "A Musical Menagerie" Saturday May 31, 7pm at Asbury UMC.**

**Tickets are \$20-Adults & \$10-Children & Students. All proceeds to benefit the Croton / Cortlandt Food Bank.**

### Weekly Devotional Readings & Next Sunday's Readings

**Monday:** Psalm 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14.

**Tuesday:** 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Psalm 93; Revelation 21:15-22.

**Wednesday:** 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Psalm 93; Luke 2:25-38.

**Thursday:** Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53.

**Friday:** Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9.

**Saturday:** Luke 1:39-57; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Psalm 113; Romans 12:9-16b.

### Seventh Sunday of Easter – June 1:

**Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;  
John 17:2-26.**

#### **Those With Special Needs & Concerns**

#### **Other Concerns of Our Community**

##### **PRAYER LIST**

John Nurmi  
Arlita Hoyt  
Christine Olszanski  
Kolbe Olszanski  
Deanna Platt  
Bob Riekert  
Catherine Biel  
Jim Murtha  
Jim Befanis  
John Picucci

##### **SERVING IN ARMED FORCES**

Michael Gabrielsen  
Jack O'Brien



Bishop Paul Egensteiner and his staff.  
For those who would dare to bring peace.  
For the President and his administration.  
Communities of Faith in & around  
Croton.  
For refugees suffering in camps around  
the world.  
For food to feed all those who hunger.

# Welcome to Our Saviour

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Do you want to live life to its fullest? Do you want to have resources to cope with the challenges of life? Since his disciples first followed him, Jesus' teachings and example have been providing enduring answers for life's most troubling questions. Jesus' life was given for us. His life remains a gift to be received and God's Word through him waits to be heard. Come and see! The Lord is good!

Our Saviour is a safe, friendly, welcoming place for you and your family to hear Good News and find warm, caring community. We welcome people of all races, ethnicities, political affiliations, sexual orientations and gender identities or expressions. We invite you to join us in any or all of the activities. Please ask any member for further details.

You will find the Order of Worship set out in this bulletin. You will also find a schedule of devotional readings and next Sunday's scripture set out inside the back cover.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** All are invited to the Lord's Table, as Jesus welcomed all without condition, to commune with Him. You need not be Lutheran or a church member. Young children may receive at their parents' discretion.

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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## ***Welcome to Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church***

Rev. Dr. Justin Johnson, Pastor

Phill Greenland, Music Minister

**Sunday School**

**9:00 am**

**Sunday Worship Service**

**10:00 am**

**Pastor's Office Hours:** Mon & Tues: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon;

Wed, Sat & Sun: by appointment; Thurs & Friday: Pastor's Days Off.

**Church Secretary's Office Hours:** Mon, Tues & Fri: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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