

## *Our Saviour Lutheran Church*

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### **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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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**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**You free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of + Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

## Jesus, We Are Gathered

ELW#529

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, Je - su, ta - wa pa - no,  
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, Je - sus, we are gath-ered,

Je - su, ta - wa pa - no, ta - wa pa - no mu zi - ta re - nyu.  
Je - sus, we are gath-ered, we are gath-ered, Lord Je - sus, for you.

## 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.**

## Gloria:



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Lesson

Isaiah 65:1-9

- <sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.
- <sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;
- <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;
- <sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
- <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.
- <sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps
- <sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.
- <sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.
- <sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

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

## Psalm

## Psalm 22:19-28

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- <sup>19</sup> But you, O Lord, be not far away;  
O my help, hasten to my aid.
- <sup>20</sup> **Deliver me from the sword,  
my life from the power of the dog.**
- <sup>21</sup> Save me from the lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.
- <sup>22</sup> **I will declare your name to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**
- <sup>23</sup> You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.
- <sup>24</sup> **For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the Lord's face hidden from them;  
but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**
- <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
- <sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- <sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
who rules over the nations.**

## Second Reading

## Galatians 3:23-29

23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Alleluia Verse



## The Holy Gospel

### Gospel Reading

**Luke 8:26-39**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup> for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been

possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Hymn

### Just As I Am, without One Plea

ELW#592

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
 man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## Prayers of the People

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our 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*

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

Creator God,

In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,

That we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

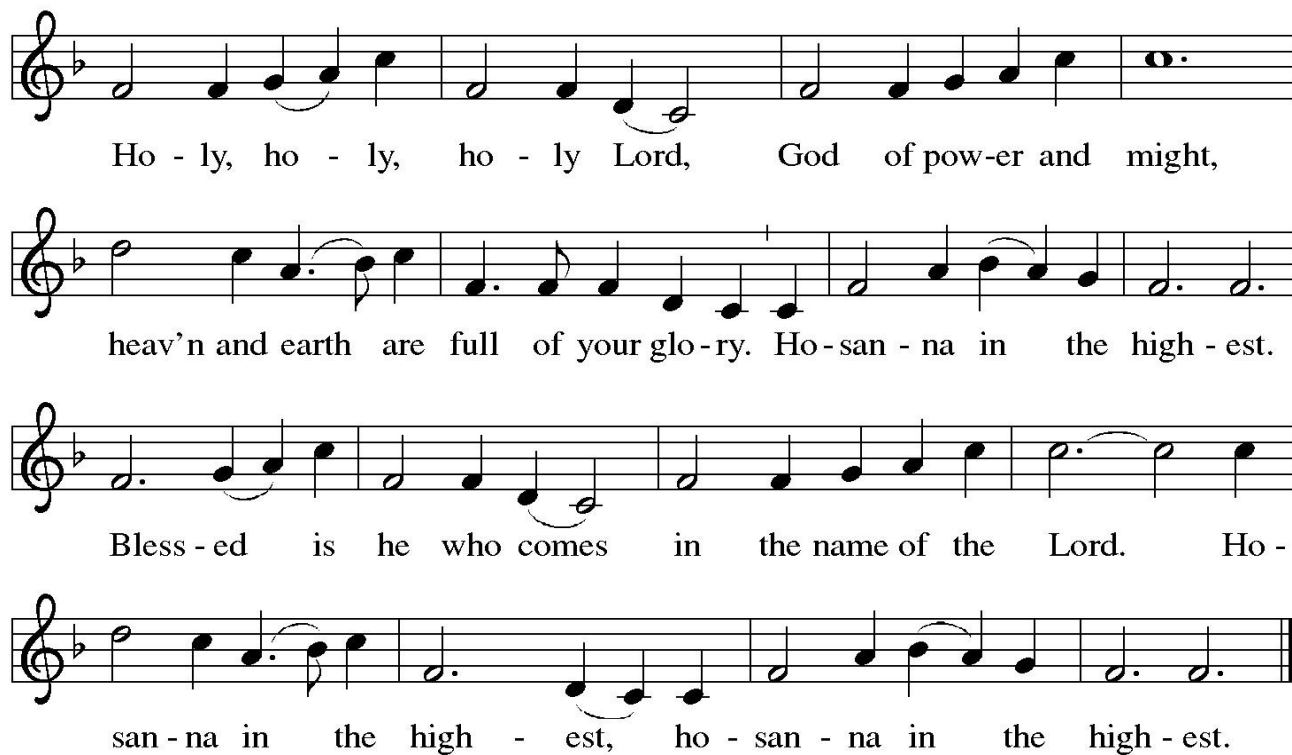
Let us give thanks to our God.

**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 Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*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**

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## **WE ARE SENT**

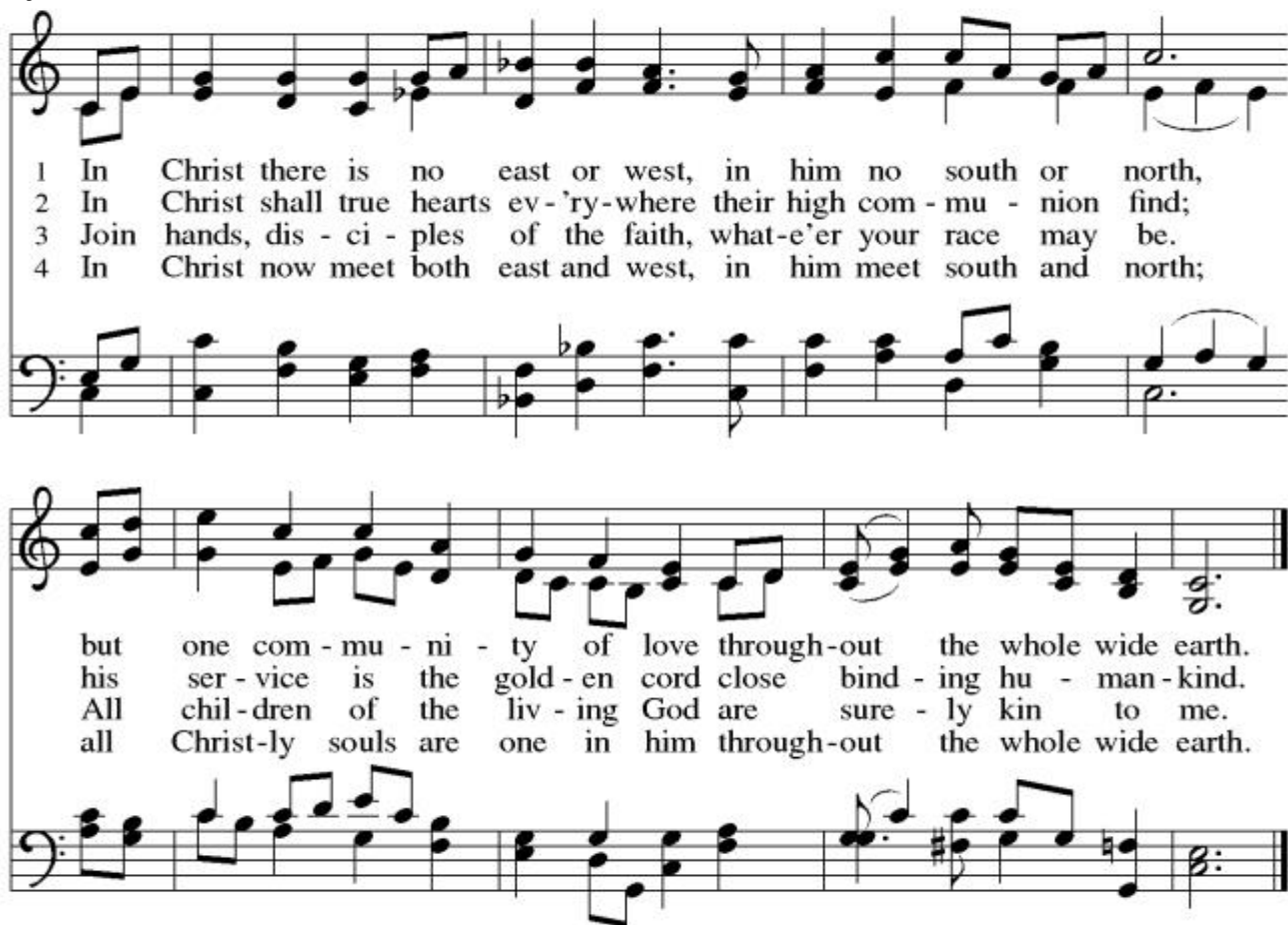
### **Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn

## In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW#650



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,  
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.  
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.  
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

## Charge

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Congregation adjourns to engage in loving service in the World

### Worship Service Today

**Greeters/Ushers** .....TBD  
**Lector**.....TBD  
**Worship Assistant**.....Deacon LeeAnn McCarthy  
**Hospitality** .....Karen Magerlein  
**Altar Guild**.....Jamie Polcari  
**Offering Teller** .....Dianne Carroll



Altar Flowers

**This Morning's  
Altar Flowers  
Are Donated by  
Marilyn Grantner  
In Memory of  
the Grantner & Louie  
Families**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

**Monday:** Psalm 64; Job 18:1-21; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

**Tuesday:** Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 141; Acts 13:13-26; Luke 1:57-67[68-80].

**Wednesday:** Ezekiel 32:1-10; Psalm 64; Luke 9:37-43a.

**Thursday:** Psalm 16; Leviticus 9:22-10:11; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10.

**Friday:** Psalm 16; 2 Kings 1:1-16; Galatians 4:8-20.

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43; Psalm 16; Luke 9:21-27.

### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 29:

**1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13-25;  
Luke 9:51-62.**

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

#### 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



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

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

Rev. Dr. Justin Johnson, Pastor  
Phill Greenland, Music Minister

<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>Sunday Worship Service</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>

**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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