

## *Our Saviour Lutheran Church*

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### **PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

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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.**

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil-dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl-edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south-ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a basso continuo. It features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The basso continuo line is written in a simplified style, using a single line of music with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different parts of the hymn.

## 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.

Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Lesson

**Acts 12:1-11**

1 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. 2 He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. 3 After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) 4 When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. 5 While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

6 The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. 7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. 8 The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." 9 Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. 10 After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. 11 Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7

- 1 On the holy mountain  
stands the city God has founded;  
2 **the Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.**  
3 Glorious things are spoken of you,  
O city of our God.  
5 **Of the city it shall be said, “Everyone was born in Zion,  
and the Most High shall sustain the city.”**  
6 Enrolling the nations, the Lord records:  
“These also were born there.”  
7 **The singers and the dancers will say,  
“All my fresh springs are in you.”**

## Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

## Alleluia Verse



## The Holy Gospel

### Gospel Reading

**John 21:15-19**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." 19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

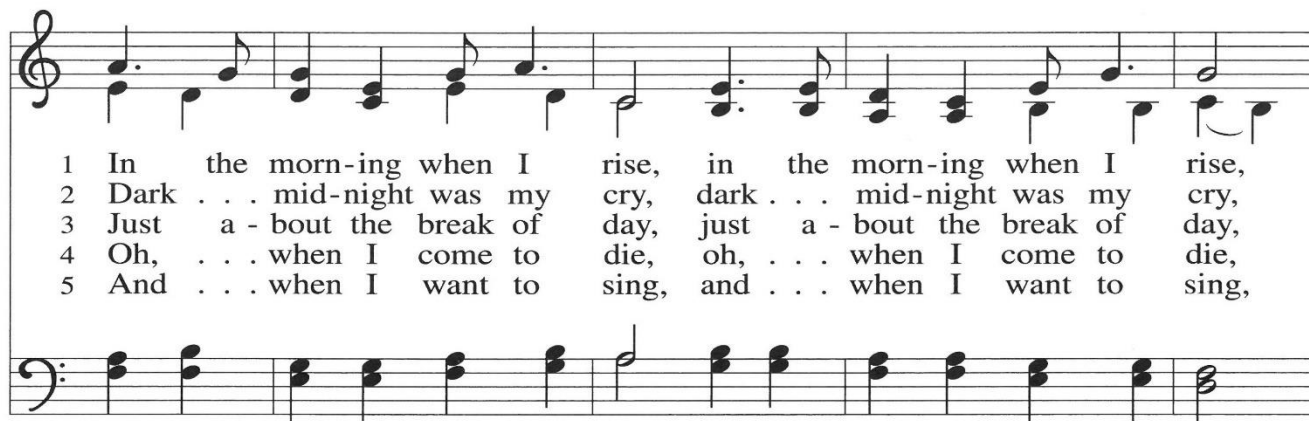
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

# Sermon

## Hymn

## Give Me Jesus

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1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.



*Refrain*  
Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

## 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. As you raised up apostles like Peter and Paul, raise us up to share your life-giving gospel. Enrich the proclamation of bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth. As you rescued Paul from the lion's mouth, rescue your creation from harm. Sustain fragile ecosystems; watch over dwindling numbers of insects, birds, and fish; and open our hearts to regard this earth as a gift. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. As you bid Peter to feed your sheep, bid our leaders to feed all in need and work for their good. Make peace in places of conflict, and bring justice to each community. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who suffer. As you stood by Paul and gave him strength, stand by all who know loneliness, and give strength to all who know persecution. Comfort those in grief and heal those who are sick. Channel our restlessness into your work in the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. As you freed Peter from prison, free us from lethargy and fear. Loose the chains of timidity and doubt, and teach us to pray fervently. Strengthen the ministry of prison chaplains and ministries, and accompany all who are incarcerated and their families. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who rest in your eternal mercy. As you reserved a crown of righteousness for Paul, reserve for us a place in your heavenly kingdom, and bring us to life that knows no end. 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**

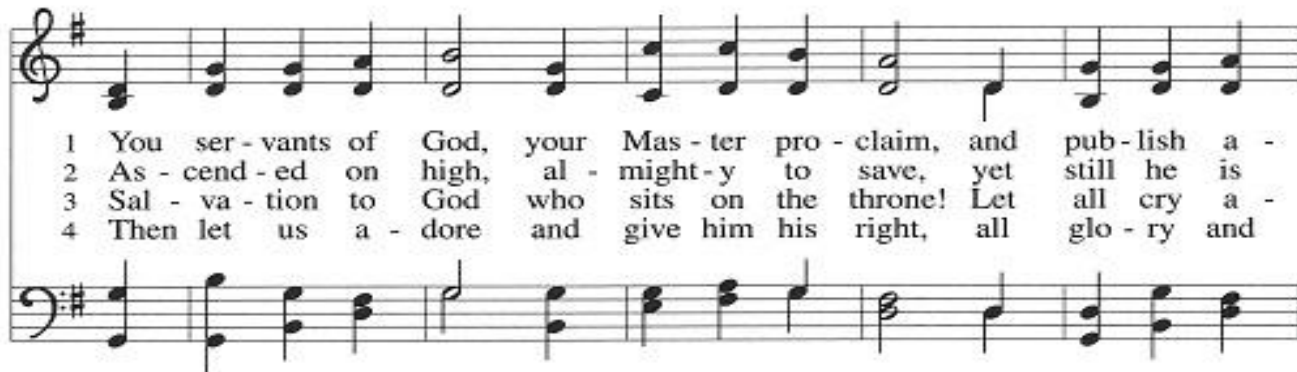
### **Blessing**

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.**

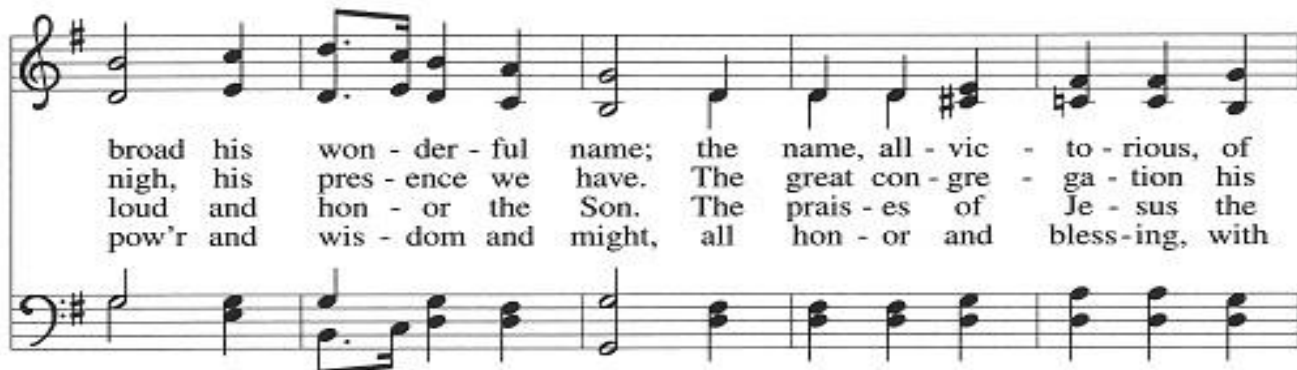
## Hymn

## You Servants of God

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1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

## 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 .....TBD  
Altar Guild.....Deacon LeeAnn McCarthy  
Offering Teller .....Larry Moy



Altar Flowers

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Altar Flowers  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### Next Sunday's Readings

#### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – July 6:

Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:7-16;  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.

#### 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

<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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