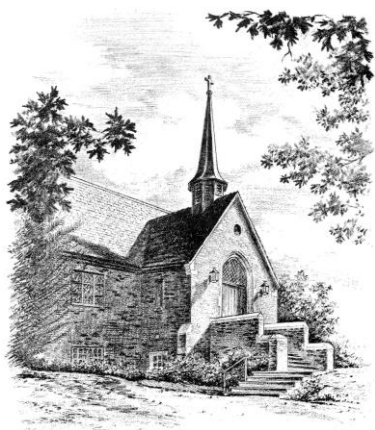




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## **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

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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**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

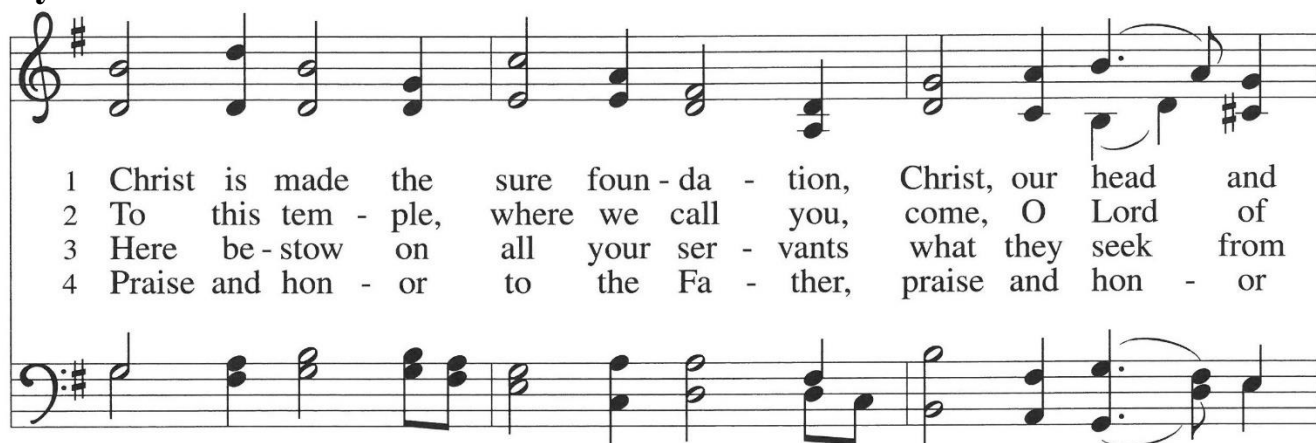
In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

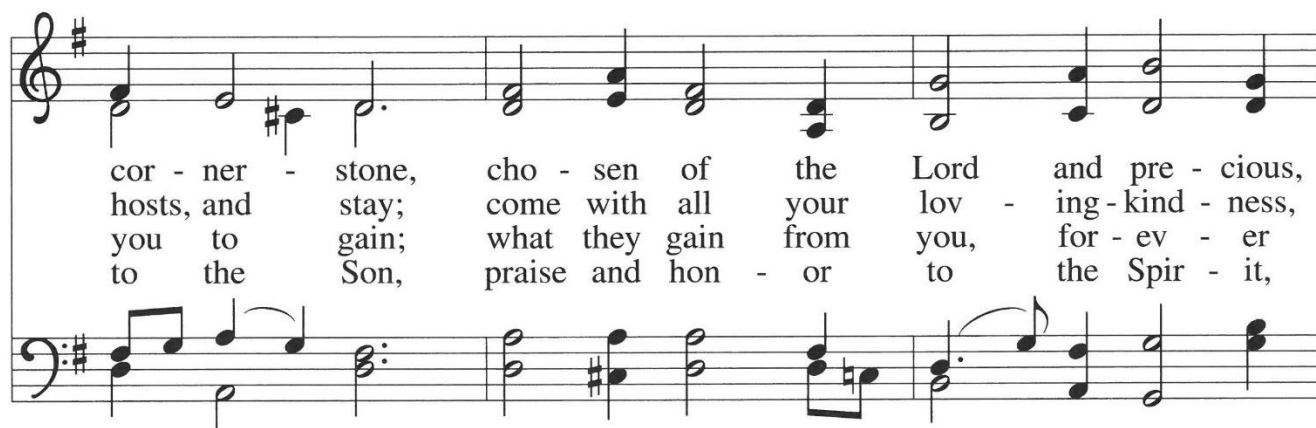
## Hymn

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

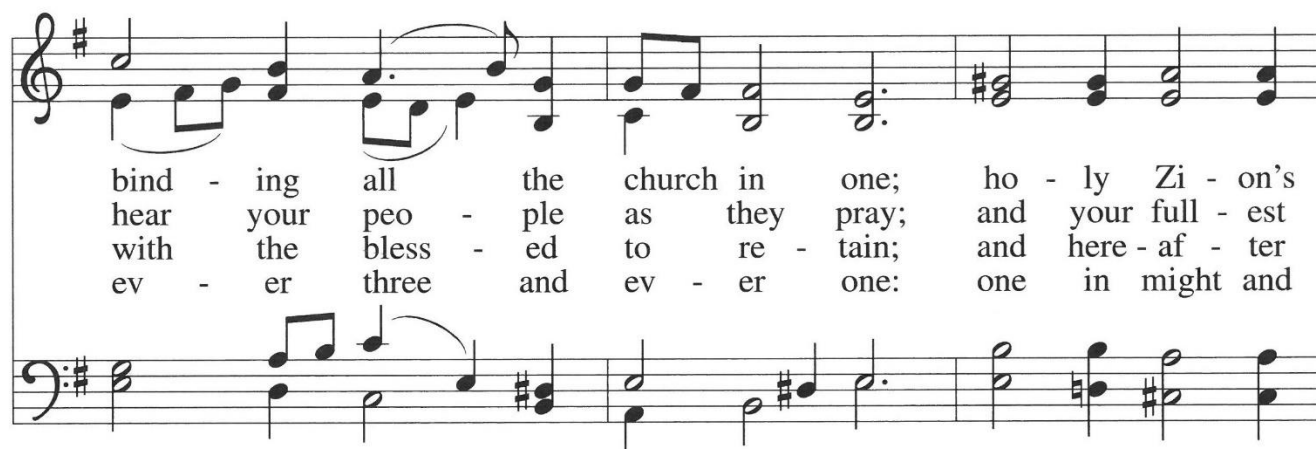
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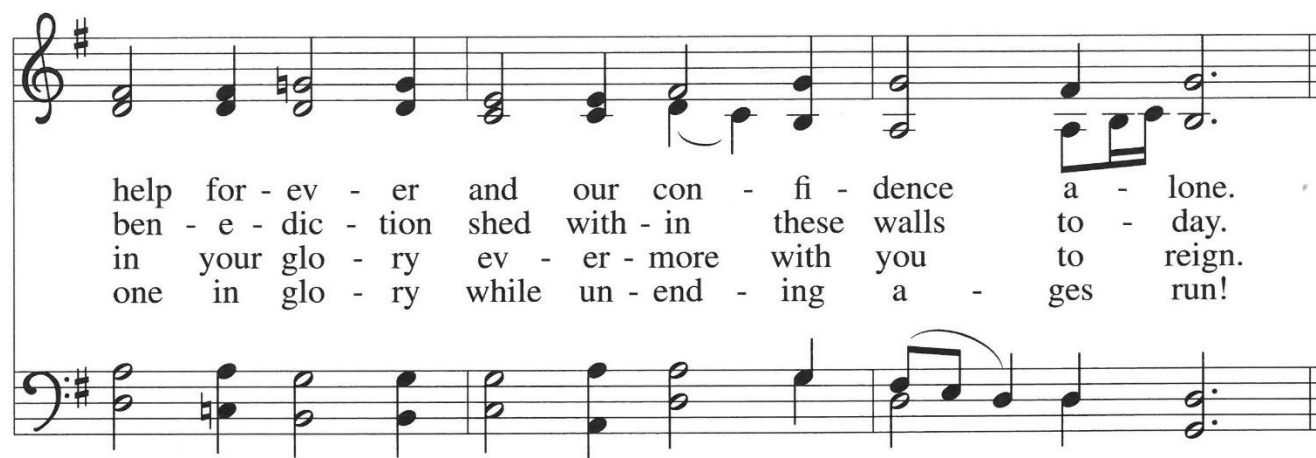
1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## 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:

*Refrain*



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. *Refrain*



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



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



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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**

### **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup> **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>8</sup> **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**
- <sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **Second Reading**

## **Romans 3:19-28**

19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Alleluia Verse

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
go? \_\_\_\_ You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life: Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_

## The Holy Gospel

**John 8:31-36**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.



## Prayers of the People

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

*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.

*Please Stand*

**Prayer of Dedication**

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.  
Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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.

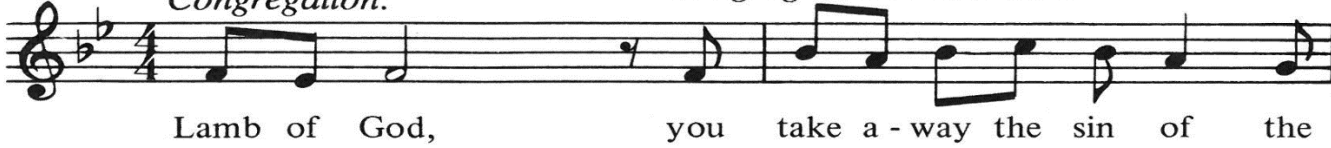
## **Words of Institution**

### **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

*Congregation:* *Congregation or assistant:*



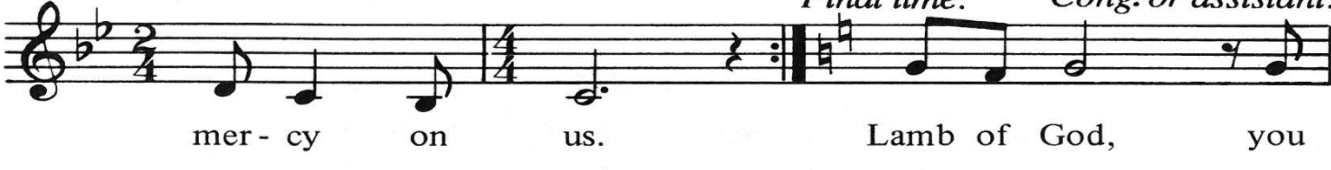
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*Congregation:*



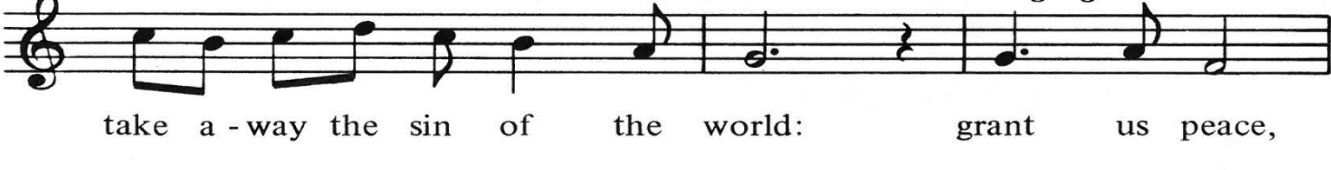
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

*Final time:* *Cong. or assistant:*



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*



take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



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**

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us  
and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions  
with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT****Blessing**

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,<br/>a bulwark never failing;<br/>our helper frees us from the flood<br/>of mortal ills prevailing.<br/>For still our ancient foe,<br/>forsworn to work us woe,<br/>with guile and dreadful might<br/>is armed to wage the fight:<br/>on earth there is no equal.</p> <p>2 If we in our own strength confide,<br/>our striving turns to losing;<br/>the righteous one fights by our side,<br/>the one of God's own choosing.<br/>You ask who this may be:<br/>Christ Jesus, it is he,<br/>the Lord of hosts by name.<br/>No other God we claim!<br/>None else can win the battle.</p> | <p>3 Though all the world with devils fill<br/>and threaten to devour us,<br/>we tremble not, we trust God's will:<br/>they cannot overpow'r us.<br/>Though Satan rant and rage,<br/>in fiercest war engage,<br/>this tyrant's doomed to fail;<br/>God's judgment must prevail!<br/>One little word shall triumph.</p> <p>4 God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs,<br/>shall end all their thanksgiving.<br/>The Spirit and the gifts are ours,<br/>for God with us is living.<br/>Let goods and kindred go,<br/>this mortal life also;<br/>though all of these be gone,<br/>they yet have nothing won.<br/>The kingdom's ours forever!</p> |
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**Charge**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**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 .....Frya Barnes & Hilda DeSousa  
Altar Guild .....Deacon LeeAnn McCarthy  
Offering Teller .....Larry Moy



Altar Flowers

NO  
Altar Flower  
Dedication  
This Morning

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

All those with articles for the November / December Newsletter, please submit them to the church office ([mail@oursaviourcroton.org](mailto:mail@oursaviourcroton.org)) by Monday, October 27 at the latest.

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

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

**Monday:** 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19; Psalm 84:8-12.

**Tuesday:** Jeremiah 26:1-16; Psalm 11; 1 John 4:1-6; John 14:21-27.

**Wednesday:** Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:13-31; Mathew 21:28-32.

**Thursday:** Psalm 32:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11.

**Friday:** Romans 3:19-28; Psalm 46; Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 8:31-36.

**Saturday:** Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1:11-23; Psalm 149; Luke 6:20-31.

### All Saints Sunday– November 2:

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23;  
Luke 6:20-31.

### Those with Special Needs & Concerns

#### PRAYER LIST

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

#### SERVING IN ARMED FORCES

Michael Gabrielsen  
Jack O'Brien



### Other Concerns of Our Community

Bishop Katrina Foster and her 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

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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## ***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**

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