

# *Our Saviour Lutheran Church*

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## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

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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**

*We admit our sins*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
our creator, our protector,  
our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we act**  
**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**  
**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**  
**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**  
**we give in to scarcity and fear;**  
**we assume the worst about one another.**  
**Cleanse us from our faults**  
**and release us from their grasp.**

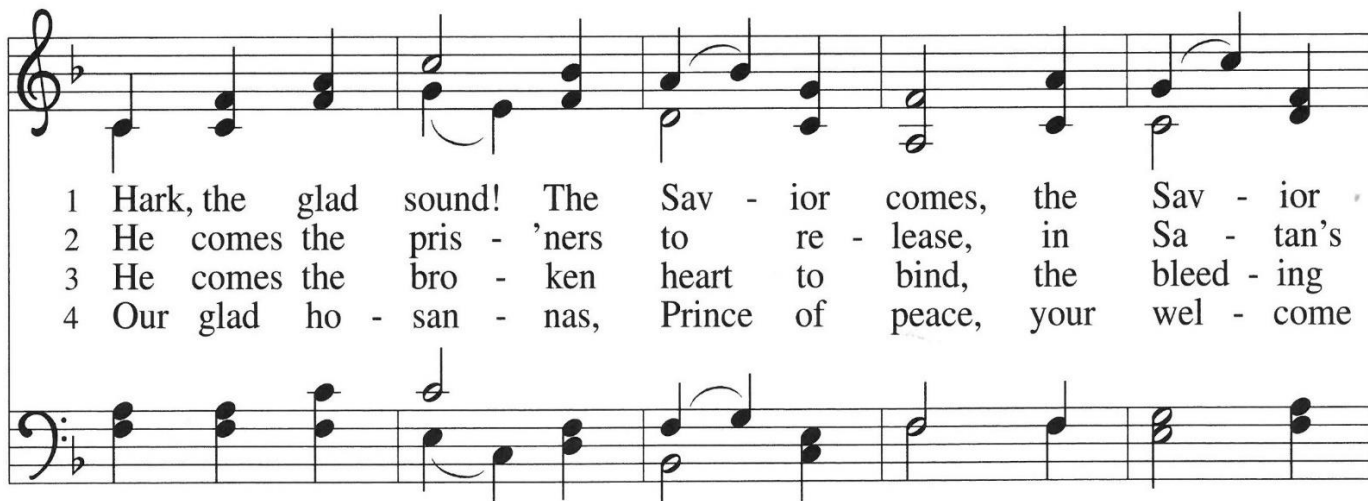
**Show us your lovingkindness.  
Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
that we may live in Christ's ways.  
Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God.  
**Amen.**

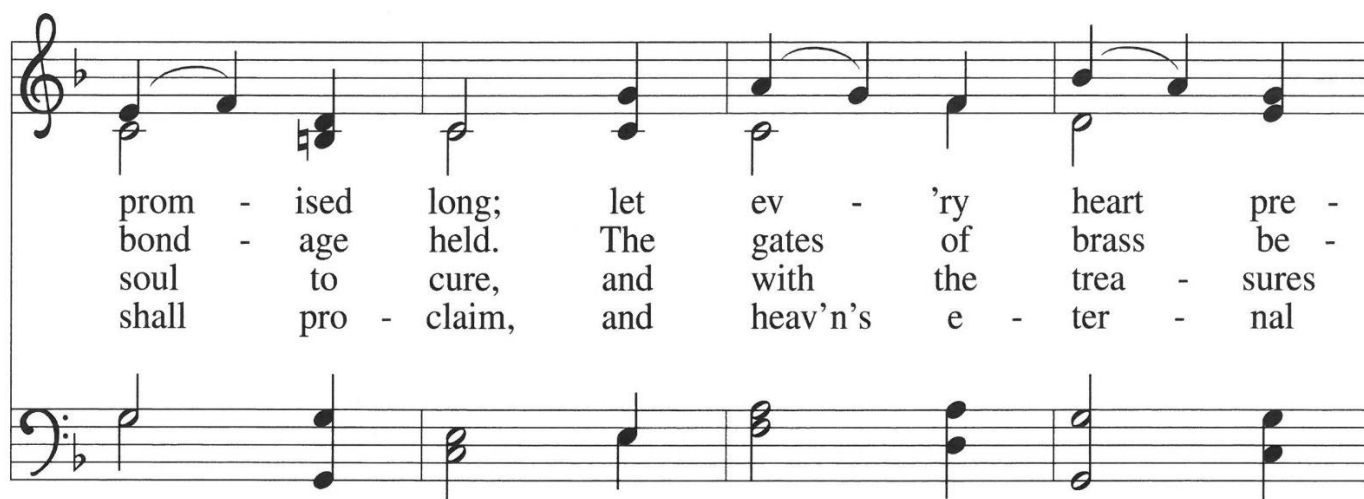
# Hymn

# Hark, the Glad Sound!

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1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

## 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

*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



*Refrain*  
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



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



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



*Refrain*  
God; to make all things new.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

**Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Lesson**

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

- 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- 2 The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
- 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- 4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- 5 For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

## Psalm 36:5-10

5 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep;  
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

7 How priceless is your love, O God!  
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**8 They feast upon the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

9 For with you is the well of life,  
and in your light we see light.

**10 Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Alleluia Verse



## The Holy Gospel

### Gospel Reading

**John 2:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. 9 When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

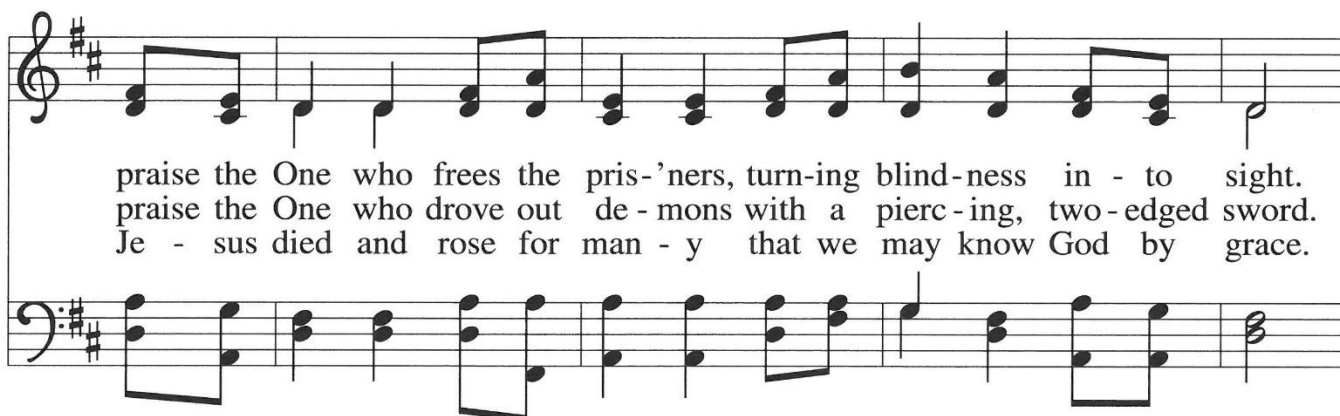
## Hymn

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

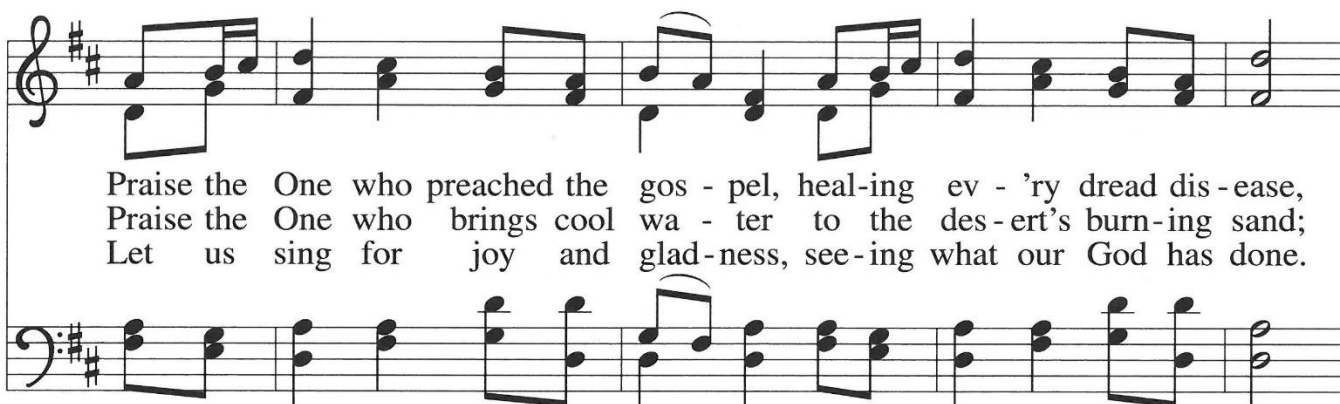
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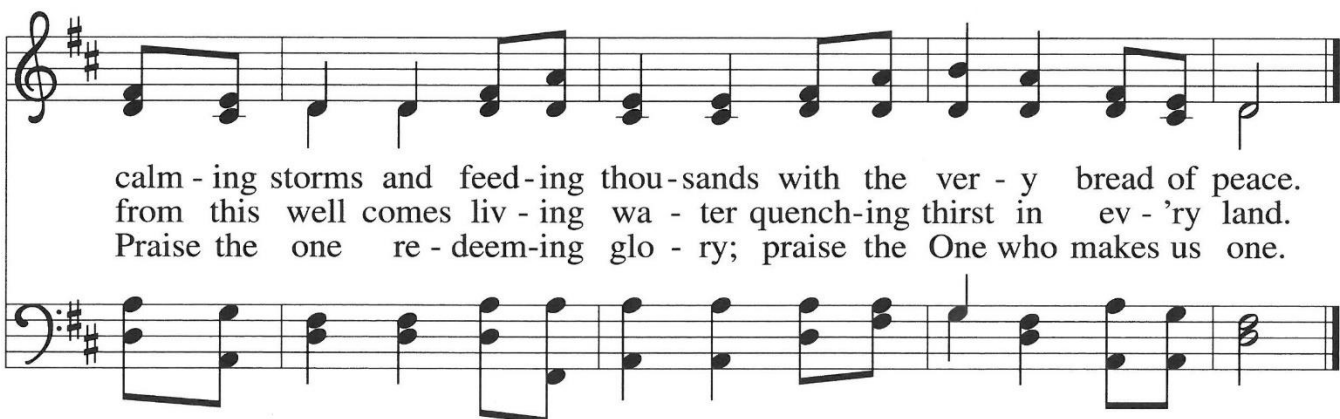
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.



## **Prayers of the People**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

***Here other intercessions may be offered.***

We entrust our prayers prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**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**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.

**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.**

God of all, mighty and merciful,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We thank you and praise you  
for you have satisfied the hunger of your people in every age:  
from the beginning you drew up food from the earth  
and humankind from the soil,  
filling our nostrils full of your Breath.  
You ate the fatted calf with Abraham and Sarah,  
and answered their deep longing for a child;  
you sustained your chosen people with manna  
as you led them toward the promised land;  
you sent prophets to answer the cry for bread and for justice;  
and in the fullness of time,  
you sent your own Son, Jesus Christ, the Bread of Heaven;

Who, in the night in which he was handed over,  
took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
And stir in us a hunger for justice and thirst for compassion.  
Open wide your hand  
and satisfy our deep desire—  
feed us with the Bread that is you.  
All honor and glory to you, almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### 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



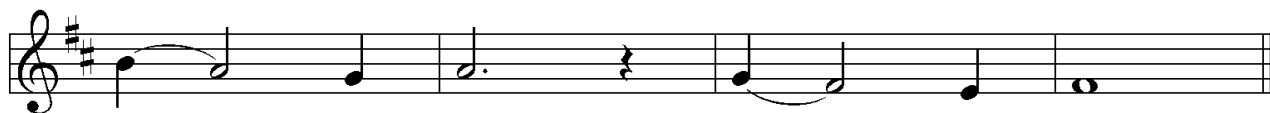
**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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**

Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,

**Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT**

**Blessing**

The Spirit of the triune  
✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen.**

# Hymn

# Jesus Shall Reign

ELW#434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

## Charge

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**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**..... Keil Family  
**Altar Guild**.....Jamie Polcari  
**Offering Teller** .....Larry Moy



Altar Flowers

**No  
 Altar Flowers  
 Donation  
 This Week**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Quilters meet every Tuesday from 9am-12noon.**

**Mark Your Calendars: The next Croton Blood Drive is Saturday January 25 from 10am-4pm at the Croton Library. You can sign-up at [nybc.org/donate](http://nybc.org/donate)**

**Monday:** Psalm 145; Isaiah 54:1-8; Romans 12:9-21.

**Tuesday:** Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:3-17.

**Wednesday:** Luke 5:33-39; Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1.

**Thursday:** Psalm 19; Isaiah 61:1-7; Romans 7:1-6.

**Friday:** Psalm 19; Nehemiah 2:1-10; Romans 12:1-8.

**Saturday:** Psalm 67; Acts 9:1-22; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 21:10-19.

**Second Epiphany – January 26, 2025:**

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.**

**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

**SERVING IN ARMED FORCES**

Michael Gabrielsen  
 Jack O'Brien  
 John Picucci



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  
LeeAnn McCarthy, Deacon

**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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