



**Our Saviour**  
Lutheran Church

**Order of Worship**  
October 19, 2025



**PRELUDE** – I Know that My Redeemer Lives – *arr. Jake Ryan*

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the (+) Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

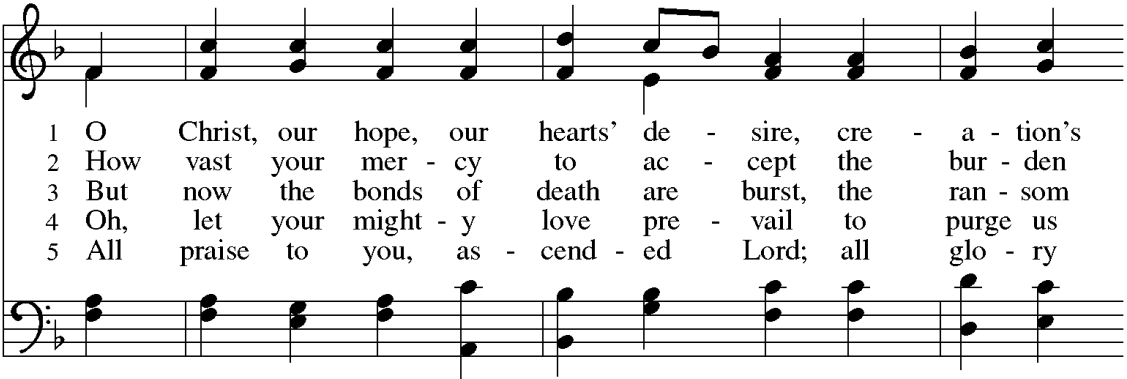
**Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN – O Christ, Our Hope – ELW #604, v. 1, 4**

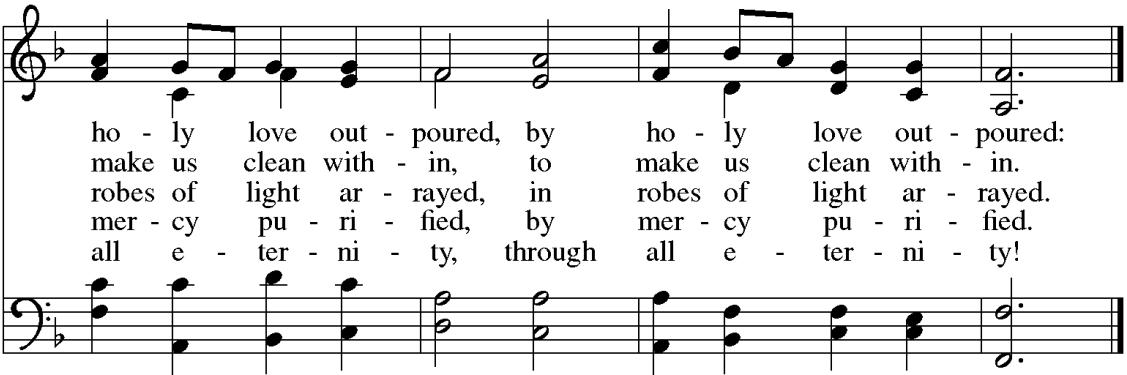
**O Christ, Our Hope**



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might - y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–1876, adapt.  
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

## **GREETING**

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27**

"O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!"

Here ends the reading. Word of God, word of life.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalms 121** (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
**from where will my help come?**

My help comes from the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved;  
**he who keeps you will not slumber.**

He who keeps Israel  
**will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper;  
**the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

The sun shall not strike you by day  
**nor the moon by night.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
**he will keep your life.**

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
**from this time on and forevermore.**

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' "And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

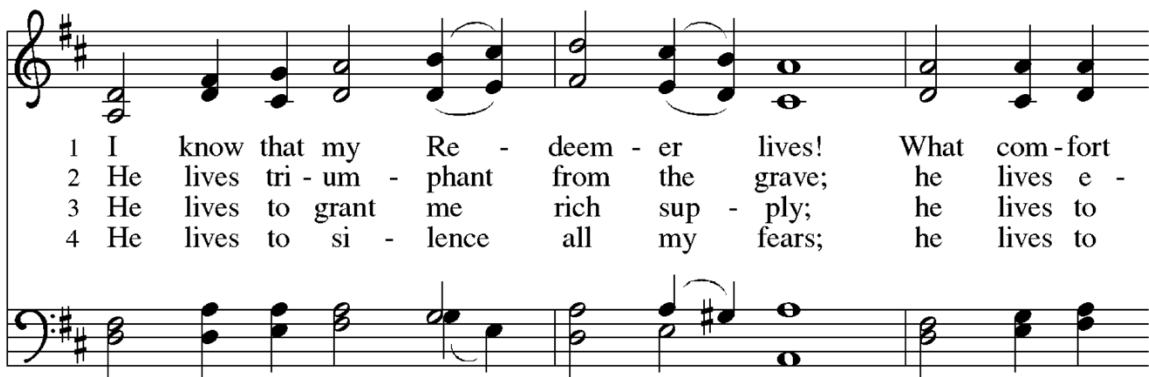
*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ!**

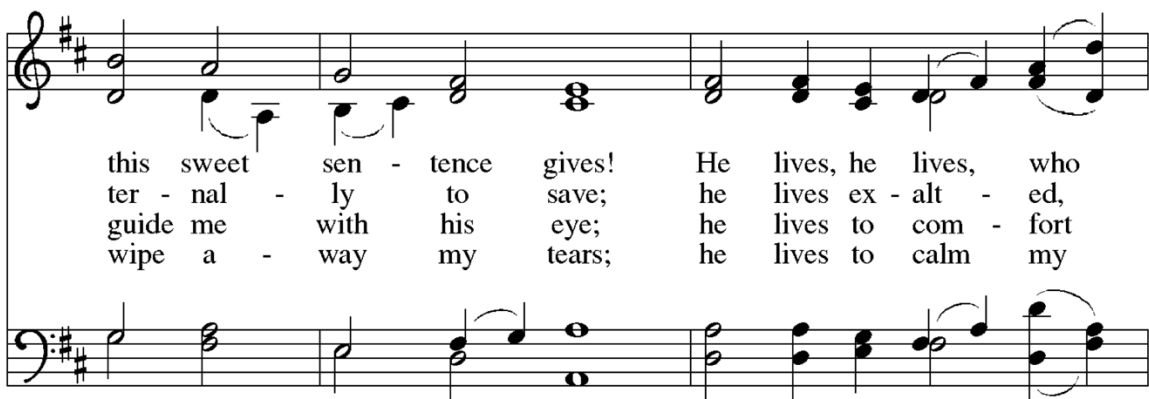
**THE SERMON** – SONGS OF FAITH: I Know that My Redeemer Lives  
– Pastor Frank Waugh

**HYMN OF THE DAY** – I Know that My Redeemer Lives – ELW #619  
[Congregation sings verses 1, 2 and 4; Choir sings verse 3]

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives!**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Pastor:* Lord, in your mercy,  
*All:* **hear our prayer.**

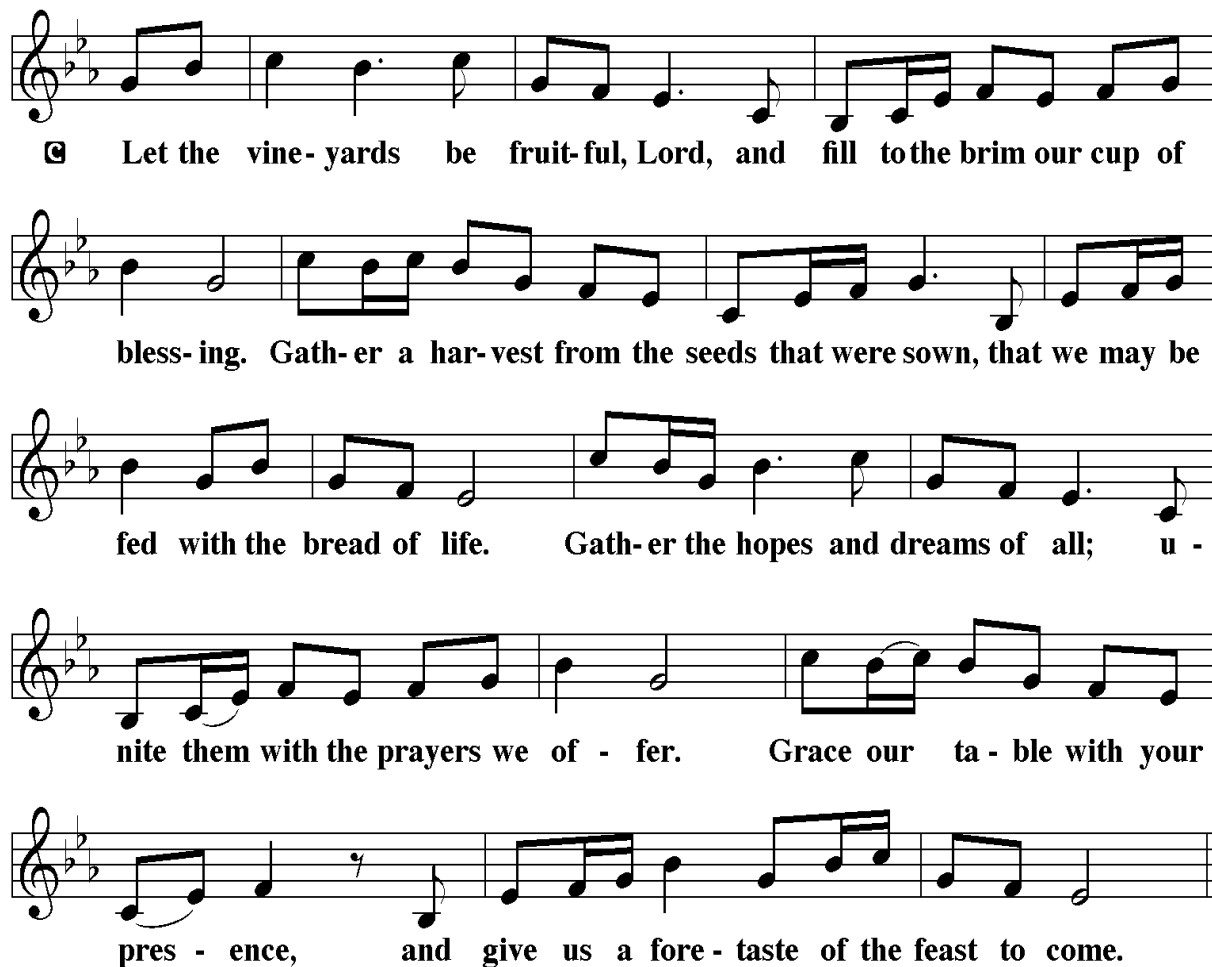
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*Pastor:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
*All:* **And also with you.**

**OFFERING** – Voluntary in D Major – *Samuel Jackson*

## OFFERING CANTICLE



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,  
**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

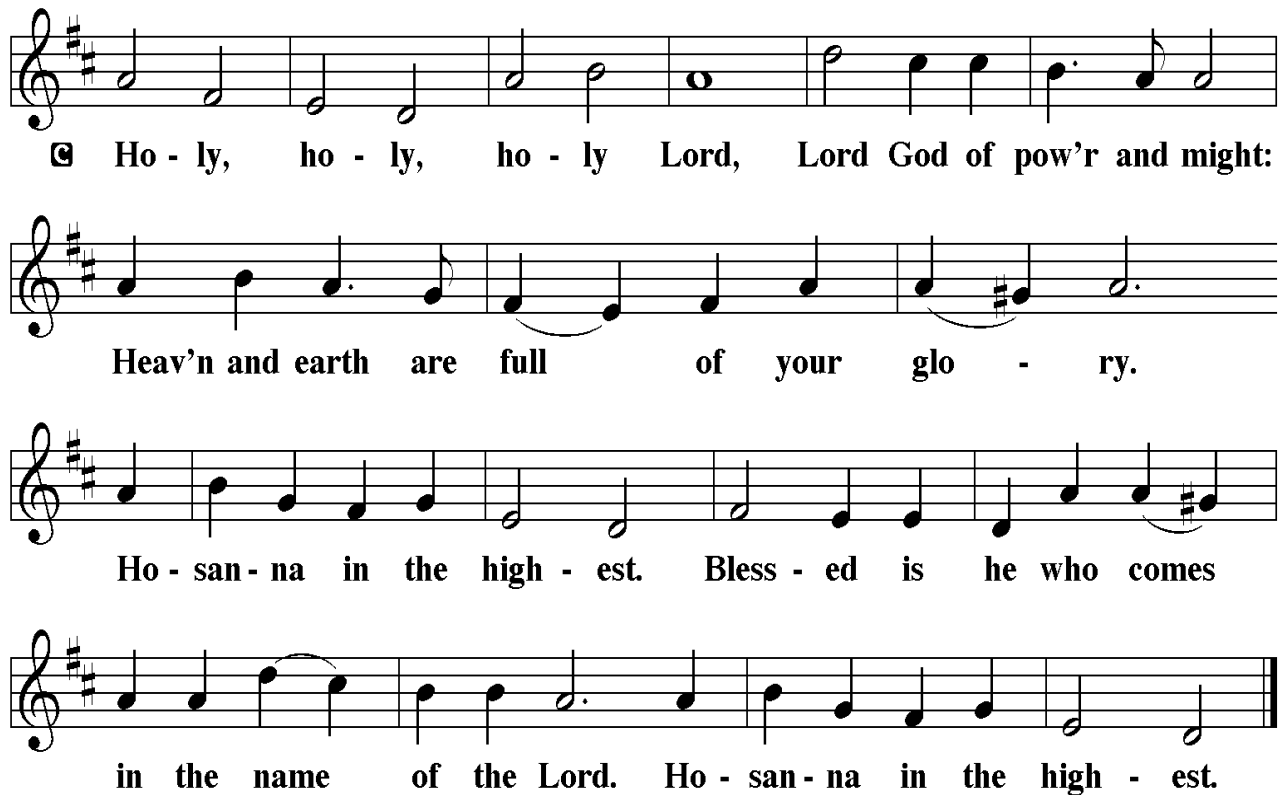
## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*We believe and teach that the Real Presence of Christ is present in, under and through the bread and wine as means of grace, offering forgiveness of sins and new life to believers in Christ. Baptized followers of Jesus are welcome to partake of the sacrament regardless of denominational affiliation. Small children and unbaptized adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. We ask older children and adults seeking the blessing to cross hands to shoulders to indicate a desire for blessing.*

## COMMUNION HYMN



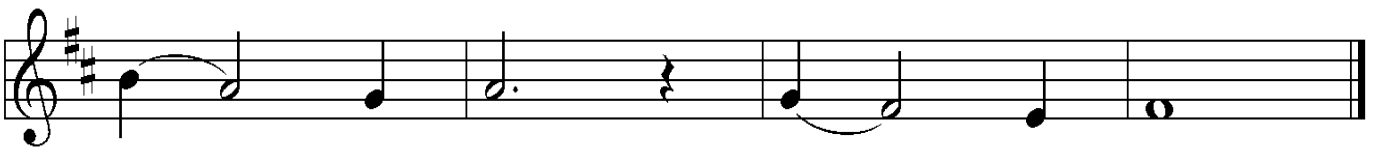
**☒ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**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.**

**COMMUNION MUSIC** – I Know that My Redeemer Lives – *arr. Mark Rippe*

## POST-COMMUNION

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

**Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☒ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** – Great Is Thy Faithfulness – ELW #733 v. 1, 3

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers for this week are given to the glory of God by Barb Vainio.

### **NEW MEN'S GROUP – STARTS OCTOBER 26!**

All men welcome! Please join us at Hickory Tavern on October 26 at 12:15 for our inaugural meeting. We will enjoy lunch and fellowship as we discuss our direction and purpose.

### **DEBORAH CIRCLE GATHERS FOR BIBLE STUDY**

Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 21, at 7 pm in the library. The fall Bible study by the Rev. Dr. Christa von Zychlin explores "Money, Stewardship and Generosity." Session two is "Stewardship: How Do We Tend Our Treasure?" Christa guides us through scripture that teaches about stewardship of time, talent and material resources. She reminds us that "stewardship is about tending what has been entrusted to us." You are welcome to come and join the conversation.

### **BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER**

Calling all bakers for our fall bake sale, to be held on Sunday, Nov. 16. All church bakers are asked to bring contributions of baked goods for sale after the service. Help send a kid to camp!

### **OSLC BOOK CLUB**

Join us for book club on November 12, where we will discuss "The Correspondent," by Virginia Evans. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4pm.

### **THANK YOU TO JEAN SKIPPER OF ARTWORKS VASS**

Jean contributed time, expertise, and supplies to help our youth make creches during Everlasting Love Servant Camp this summer.

## **FUNERAL SERVICES FOR PAMELA CRUMPLER**

Pastor Scott Homesley conducted funeral services for Pamela A. Crumpler on Saturday, October 11, 2025. Pam and her husband Vernon were active members of Our Saviour while health permitted.

Pam is survived by her three daughters, Allison Crumpler, of Wilmington, Tracy Merchant (Wes), of Aberdeen, and Susan Blanchard (Jonathan), of Carolina Beach; 10 grandchildren, Riley and Ashlyn Merchant, Nevin, Collins and Bennett Blanchard, Madison, Grace, Paxton, Rees and Ridge Massarelli.

## **JOIN US FOR RESTORATION - WEDNESDAYS AT NOON**

Restoration is an Our Saviour small group that meets Wednesdays at noon at the church.

## **JOIN US FOR DINNER AT OUR SAVIOUR - WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BEFORE ADULT SMALL GROUP**

Dinner meets from 5:15-6pm before Adult Small Group, THE BRIDGE, at 6pm, and Handbell Rehearsal at 7pm.

## **THE BRIDGE - A Wednesday Night Adult Small Group**

All adults are invited to join others for THE BRIDGE - an adult small group, Wednesdays at 6pm in the Parlor. This gathering bridges mid-week to Sunday, encouraging relaxed faith-filled community and exploration. THE BRIDGE is currently exploring aspects of liturgical worship under the title "Here We Are to Worship."

## **OUR SAVIOUR PRAYER LIST**

Please send your prayer requests to the OSLC prayer team at [prayer@oursaviouronline.org](mailto:prayer@oursaviouronline.org) or visit the prayer page on our website. This week, we are in prayer for:

*Mallery, Ursala Hoffmeister, Ed Carey, Jeff Masar, Scott Carey, John Pfisterer, Valerie Murphy, Martha Maxwell, Richard Barnes, Marie Steenson, Toby and Jenna Knechtle, Faye Tew, Jeff Jennings, Bart Watley, the Family of Tony Watley, and an anonymous prayer recipient for the complete healing of cancer, who requests that God touch every organ, every cell, and every system in their body.*

## **NEED A QUIET PLACE TO PRAY?**

Our Deese Chapel is always available whenever Our Saviour Lutheran Church is open.

### **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

#### **Sunday, October 19**

9:15 am—Sunday Classes for all Ages

10:30 am—Worship and Holy Communion

#### **Monday, October 20**

4:30 pm—Matthew 25

#### **Tuesday, October 21**

9 am—Matthew 25

6:15 pm—Executive Committee

7 pm—Deborah Circle

#### **Wednesday, October 22**

9:15 am—Preschool Chapel

12 noon—Restoration: Adult Small Group/Practicing the Way

5:15 pm—Wednesday Evening Dinner

6 pm—The Bridge: Adult Small Group/Study of Liturgy

7 pm—Handbell Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, October 23**

9 am—Sew Special

#### **Saturday, October 24**

9 am – 4 pm—Great Works Ministry (Fellowship Hall Rented)

## **IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER**

10/5/25 – 126

10/12/25 – 120

## **MATTHEW 25 SCHEDULE**

### Drivers

10/21 Terry Hill

10/28 Terry Hill

### Panera Pickup

Sunday

10/19 Benson

10/26 Loeser

Friday

10/24 Peebles

10/31 Claytons

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*All Are Welcome!*

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