



THEME

Date - *Sunday in Church Year*



A Place to Belong

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FESTIVAL OF CHRIST THE KING

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Welcome card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

- ☞ **Restrooms** are located at the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.
- ☞ **Your children** are always welcome at Our Savior, no matter how much noise they might make. If your little one is having a difficult morning, please feel free to take them into the entrance hallway.



TODAY'S THEME:

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Short summary here.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Father in heaven, on this sacred day I remember the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. By his death and resurrection I am forgiven and permitted to come into your presence. Fill my heart with your Spirit as I worship you today. Hear my prayer for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen.

DIVINE SERVICE

WELCOME FROM PASTOR KRATZ

PLEASE STAND

OPENING HYMN: #341 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

C: (Sings) Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,

Rich wounds yet visible above, In beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his won'dring eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;

Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.

His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die

RESPONSORY

(L)eader: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

(C)ongregation: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father-- to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

L: The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

C: (Sings) Crown him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above;

Crown him the King to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.

Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall;

Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

Silence for personal confession and reflection

ABSOLUTION

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

"Kyrie" is the Greek word for "Lord." The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest responses in the Christian church.

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Christ, have mercy.

L: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14

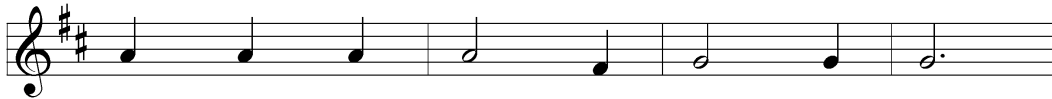
Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.



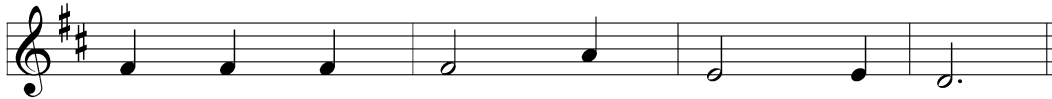
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word and the Sacrament sections of the service.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray:

PRAYER OF THE DAY. We pray this and all things through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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FIRST LESSON: Daniel 7:13-14 (Pg. 1384)

Simple summary of reading

¹³ “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 45

- ¹ My heart is stirred by a noble theme
as I recite my verses for the king;
my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.
- ² **You are the most excellent of men
and your lips have been anointed with grace,**

since God has blessed you forever.

³ Gird your sword upon your side, O mighty one;
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

⁴ In your majesty ride forth victoriously
in behalf of truth, humility and righteousness;
let your right hand display awesome deeds.

⁵ Let your sharp arrows pierce the hearts of the king's enemies;
let the nations fall beneath your feet.

⁶ Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

⁷ You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
**therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions
by anointing you with the oil of joy.**

⁸ All your robes are fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia;
**from palaces adorned with ivory
the music of the strings makes you glad.**

⁹ Daughters of kings are among your honored women;
at your right hand is the royal bride in gold of Ophir.

¹⁰ **Listen, O daughter, consider and give ear:
Forget your people and your father's house.**

¹¹ The king is enthralled by your beauty;
honor him, for he is your lord.

¹² **The Daughter of Tyre will come with a gift,
men of wealth will seek your favor.**

¹³ All glorious is the princess within her chamber;
her gown is interwoven with gold.

¹⁴ In embroidered garments she is led to the king;
**her virgin companions follow her
and are brought to you.**

¹⁵ They are led in with joy and gladness;
they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶ Your sons will take the place of your fathers;
you will make them princes throughout the land.

¹⁷ I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.



SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8 (Pg. 1913)

Simple summary of reading

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ Look, he is coming with the clouds,
and every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him.
So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37 (Pg. 1683)

Simple summary of reading

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the word of Christ, our King.

L: The Gospel according to St. John, chapter 18.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During the singing of the next hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing some songs, learn a prayer, and do a craft.

HYMN OF THE DAY: #704 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* (see insert)

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

SERMON: *Daniel 7:13-14*

There is an outline and place to take notes on the sermon insert.

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THE NICENE CREED

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christian's composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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THE OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. The members of Our Savior Lutheran Congregation have joined together to the Lord's word in this community and around the world. If you are a guest today, you need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices "Close Communion" and asks that only members come forward to receive the sacrament.

PREFACE

The opening words of the communion liturgy mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

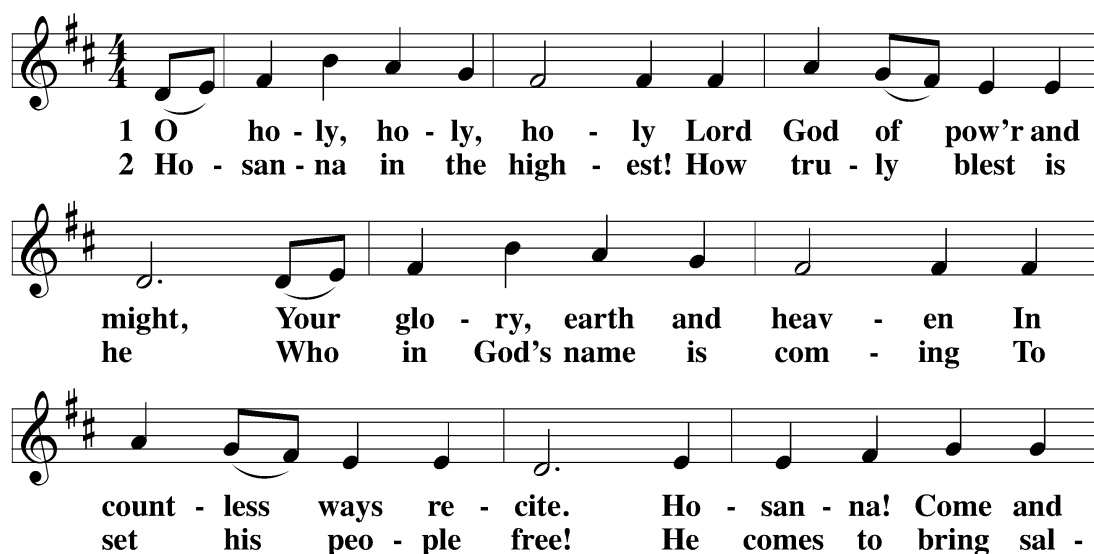
L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who will soon come again in glory to deliver us forever from this present evil age. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Sanctus

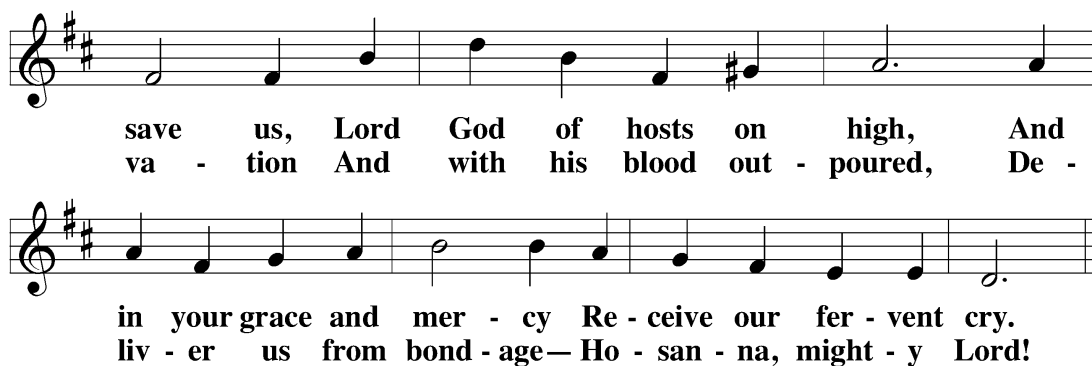
"Sanctus" means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Jesus took bread and "gave thanks" (Matthew 26:26).

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28
1 Corinthians 11:24-25

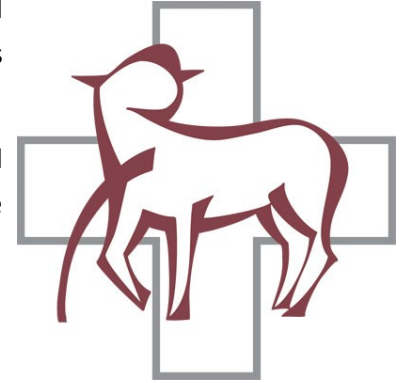
As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

Agnus Dei

Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

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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 your peace. A - men.

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DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, Our Savior practices membership communion. We ask that only members of Our Savior come forward to receive the sacrament.

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SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis

The "Nunc Dimittis" ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to
as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -
car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en - light - en
ev - er three in one; For as in the be - gin - ning,
All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une
crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

L: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

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THE CLOSING HYMN: #195 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Lord, you have revealed to me the sweet counsel of your Word, the joy shared with fellow Christians, the balm of peace for my soul. Accept the worship of my heart and the praise of my lips. With the complete assurance that my sins are forgiven through Jesus Christ, I commend myself into your care now and forever. Amen.



About Our Savior...

Our Savior Lutheran Church is a growing church that serves the southern neighborhoods of Birmingham. We are a Christian church that is looking forward to serving people with God's Word.

Our Savior's message is a wonderful message for you. Our theme is "**A Place to Belong.**" That means that because of our Savior's love for you, you belong to him. You belong to his family. His love will always outweigh the wrongs you have done and the sadness you have had! Our loving God always loves us more.

If you are new to the area or looking for a church home, accept our invitation to meet our pastor and find out more about us. Besides weekly worship, we also offer Bible class to individuals and groups of all ages, Christian counseling, and literature. Please come and worship with us again! Think of this as your community church, and know that you are welcome to join us here anytime.

We hope you find Our Savior "A Place to Belong!"

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Announcements

☞ **Welcome to guests and visitors!** We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will join us again soon!

☞ **Spiritual Growth Opportunities:**

Sunday Bible Class: *Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.* Our Sunday Bible class is working through a study on the relationship between Church and State.

Sunday School: *Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.* Our Sunday school, which uses the award-winning Christ-Light curriculum, offers Bible lessons for children from nursery age through grade 12.

Wednesday Bible Class: *Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.* The Wednesday night class is taking a break until 2013.

Bible Class for Beginners: *Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.* Don't feel like you know enough about the Bible to attend a regular Bible class? Join us for this class designed especially for you! We will be taking a look at some of the important chapters of the Bible to learn not only the truths of God's Word, but how it all fits together!

☞ **FaithBuilders Class:** People often say the Bible is hard to understand. However, if we understand the four key concepts of the Bible, things become much clearer since we realize every page of the Bible deals with one of the key concepts. Those key concepts are sin, grace, faith, and works. FaithBuilders covers these and other topics to help you gain an understanding of the central message of God's Word: Jesus Christ has saved us from sin and given us new life. FaithBuilders is for people interested in becoming members of Our Savior, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. **Classes are held every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.**

☞ **Looking to serve?** Were you greeted by a warm smile as you entered the service today? Would you like to bless someone with your smile on an upcoming Sunday, or put yourself to work in other ways make our guests feel welcome? Then why not serve as an usher or greeter next week? For most of these, just show up about 10:00 am and be ready to smile, shake someone's hand or help serve some coffee and snacks. Contact Pastor Kratz at Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com or 677-8642 for more information about serving opportunities.

☞ **Keep in Your Prayers This Week.** God promises us that the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. He also tells us to pray for one another. Hearing God's powerful promises, confidently bring these requests to the throne of our heavenly Father: *(If you have a prayer request, please contact Pastor Kratz.)*

The families who care for their loved ones, as they quietly bear heavy burdens of love and concern.

Those who have long been absent from hearing the Word. May God bless our efforts to call these fellow members of our family of faith— *I rejoiced with those who said to me 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'.*

☞ **Looking for more information or interested in exploring membership at Our Savior?** If you would like to learn more about Our Savior Lutheran Church, check out our information table in the entryway, speak with Pastor Kratz after the service, send him an email at: Pastor@OurSaviorBirmingham.com, or call the church office at (205) 677-8642.

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This Week at Our Savior

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	FaithBuilders 7:00 pm		Bible Class for Beginners 7:00 pm			Sunday School/ Bible Class 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am

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🔗 Upcoming Schedules

Flowers: 12/2: CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
 12/9: CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
 12/16: CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Cleaning: December: Family B (Burkart/Boyce-Sauer/Elliott/Griffin/Kratz)

Nursery / Children's Church: 12/2: Hallie Keel
 12/9: Yauney Sikes
 12/16: Miriam Roberson



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