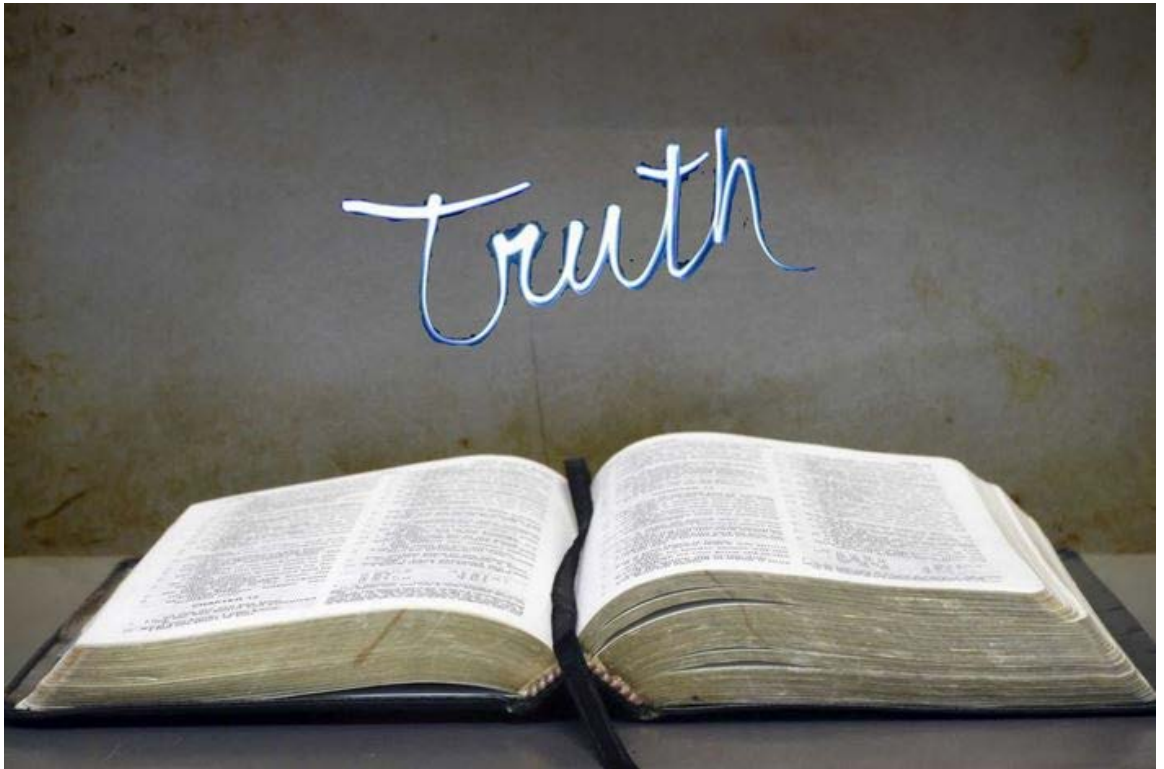


# **Christian Education: A Foundation of Truth!**



**15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
(Christian Education Weekend)**

**September 10/13, 2020**

**VERSICLE:** [Jesus prayed to his Father] “Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” John 17:17

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Dear Father in heaven, in your Son, Jesus, we know the way, the truth and the life. Through your Spirit strengthen our faith in our Savior, about whom we learn in your holy dependable Word of truth. Give us full confidence in your gracious plan of salvation, for you alone have the authority and power to grant forgiveness of sins and eternal life in heaven. Bless all efforts of Christian education which strive to share the Word of truth and lead us and others closer to our Savior, Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.

**WORSHIP NOTES:** Welcome to our celebration of Christian Education Weekend! Our worship today will encourage us to put our full confidence in God’s authority and his Word of truth. May the Lord bless our worship.



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG** “Oh, Blest the House, Whate’er Befall” (p.7)

CW# 506

*(Please stand)*

### **INVOCATION**

L: We worship in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **CONFESSION OF SINS and the ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L: We come before God in true repentance to confess our sins and to receive the assurance of God’s forgiveness in Christ.

C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;  
According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.  
Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.  
Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. (Psalm 51)**

L: The Lord is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love. He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. These blessings are ours only through the perfect obedience and willing sacrifice and death of Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. This is our peace. (Psalm 103)

## **PRAYER**

**L:** Let us pray. Dear Father in heaven, in your Son, Jesus, we know the way, the truth and the life. Through your Spirit strengthen our faith in our Savior, about whom we learn in your holy dependable Word of truth. Give us full confidence in your gracious plan of salvation, for you alone have the authority and power to grant forgiveness of sins and eternal life in heaven. Bless all efforts of Christian education which strive to share the Word of truth and lead us and others closer to our Savior, Jesus. In his name we pray. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **FIRST LESSON – God’s Word is our Strength**      Jeremiah 15:15-21

*While many oppose God’s Word, we, like Jeremiah, find strength and joy in God’s promises. Let us remain faithful to God as we repent of our failings and rely on his saving work of rescue.*

You understand, O Lord; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering – do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty. I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be with me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails? Therefore this is what the Lord says, “If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the Lord. “I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel.”

**SONG**                      “Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening”                      (p.5)                      CW# 283:1-2

## **SECOND LESSON – God’s Word is Transforming**                      Romans 12:1-8

*God has given us the gospel (the good news of what God has done to save us through Jesus) through which we receive God’s mercy. In light of such good news, let us express our love and gratitude by following God’s will and serving him with the gifts he has given us.*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – which is your spiritual worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member

belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

**SONG**

"Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening" (p.5)

CW# 283:3-4

**GOSPEL LESSON- God's Word Reveals Jesus, our Greatest Treasure** Matthew 16:21-26 (EHV)  
(Please stand)

*Jesus describes what it means to follow him, even as he spoke of what he was about to endure for his followers; yes, for all people.*

From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying "May you receive mercy, Lord. This will never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul?"

**APOSTLES' CREED**

(Spoken in unison)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**SONG**

"O Word of God Incarnate" (p.9)

CW# 279

## SERMON

Genesis 1:30b (“And it was so.”) **GOD’S DEPENDABLE WORD OF TRUTH**

## OFFERING

Thank you for your financial support of God’s work at Our Savior through your offerings, whether placed in the plates while at worship, dropped off in the church office, directly mailed from banks, or given online through Vanco or through Vanco’s mobile giving app *GivePlus Church*.

## SONG

“Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds” (p.8)

CW# 512:1, 4-5

*(Please stand)*

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- L: Dear Jesus, you have given us your powerful, dependable Word of truth. Bless those who share this life-giving Word, whether it’s in our homes, our churches or our schools.
- C: Thank you for those who teach the treasures of Holy Scripture in all of our Christian education agencies.**
- L: Dear Father, remind Christian parents of their high responsibility to train their children in the teachings of your holy Word.
- C: Through your Holy Spirit, Lord God, help us and our families to recognize the need for your absolute truth. We seek your blessing as we cling to you as the only authority that can grant perfect confidence. May your Holy Spirit keep our families close to you, dear Savior, and strengthen them in their faith and in their desire to lovingly serve you with the gifts you have given them.**
- L: And now, dear Savior, we bring you our special prayers and requests...

## SPECIAL PRAYERS AND LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

## THE BLESSING

- L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

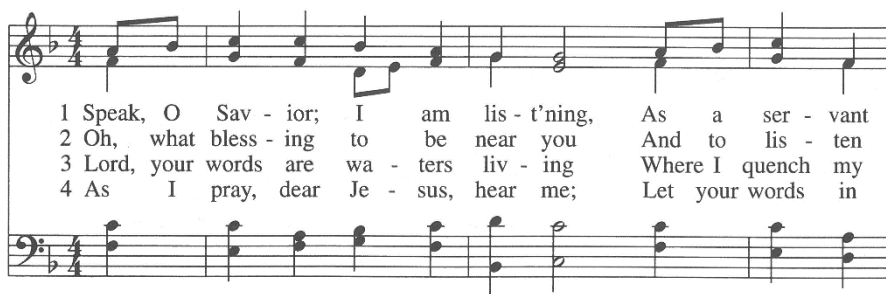
## SONG

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (p.10)

CW# 332

## 283

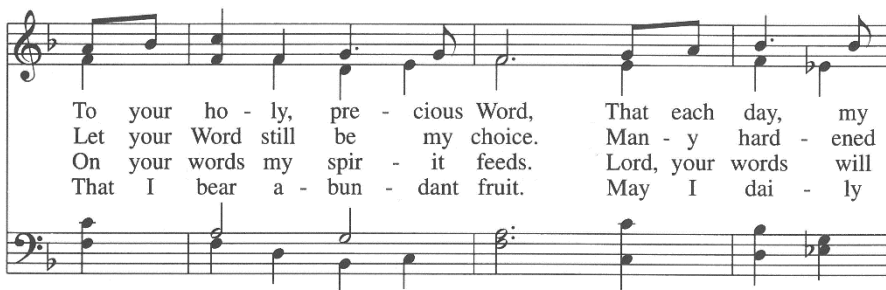
## Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening



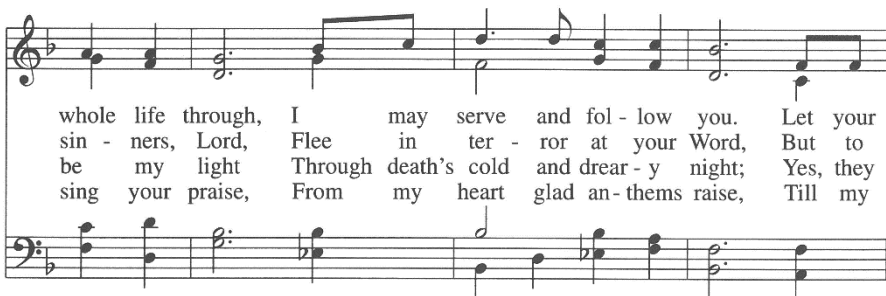
1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant  
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten  
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my  
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or  
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;  
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;  
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my  
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened  
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will  
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low you. Let your  
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your Word, But to  
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y night; Yes, they  
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems raise, Till my

# Werde munter, mein Gemüte

Word e'er be my plea-sure And my heart's most pre - cious trea-sure.  
 all who feel sin's bur-den You give peace and words of par-don.  
 are my sword pre - vail-ing And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.  
 high - est praise is giv - en In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638-83, abr.; tr. composite  
 Tune: Johann Schop, c. 1590-1667

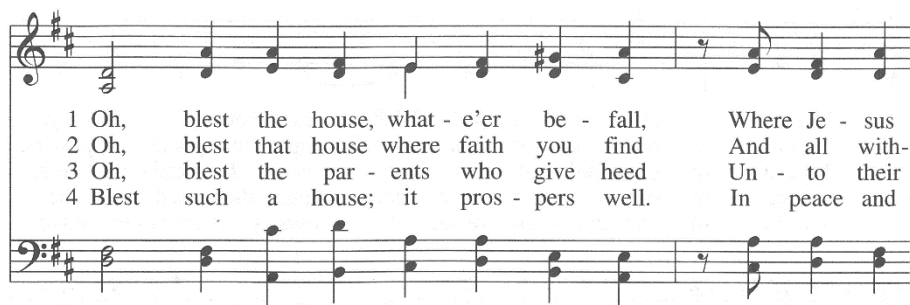
WERDE MUNTER  
 87 87 77 88

Setting © 1993 Elfred Bloedel

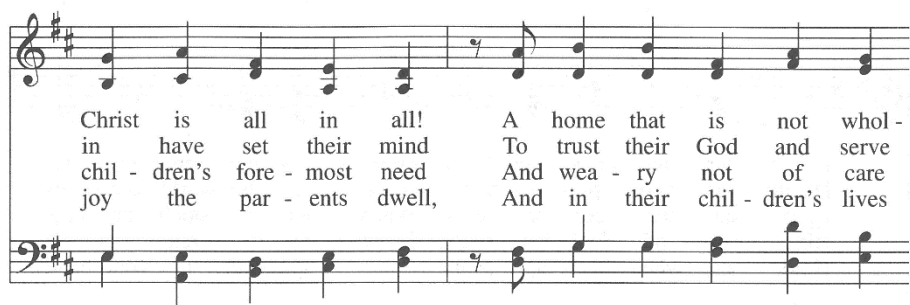
Alternate settings: 147, 408

# Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

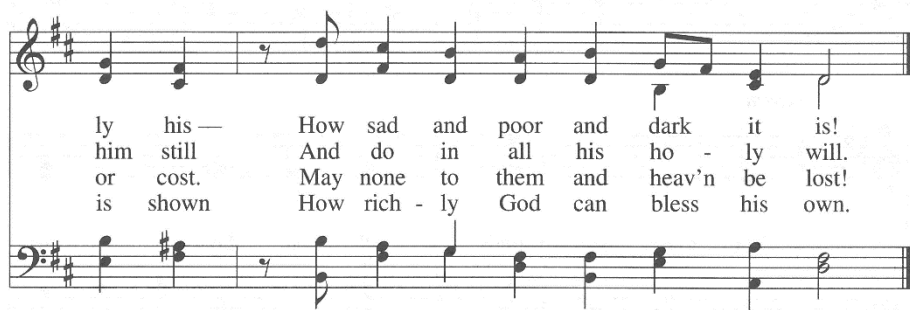
506



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, Where Je - sus  
 2 Oh, blest that house where faith you find And all with-  
 3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed Un - to their  
 4 Blest such a house; it pros - pers well. In peace and



Christ is all in all! A home that is not whol -  
 in have set their mind To trust their God and serve  
 chil - dren's fore - most need And wea - ry not of care  
 joy the par - ents dwell, And in their chil - dren's lives



ly his — How sad and poor and dark it is!  
 him still And do in all his ho - ly will.  
 or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!  
 is shown How rich - ly God can bless his own.

- 5 Then here will I and mine today  
 A solemn promise make and say:  
 Though all the world forsake his Word,  
 I and my house will serve the Lord!



## 512

## Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

1 Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which  
 2 Make un - to them his glo - ries known, His  
 3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons And  
 4 Oh, teach them with all dil - i - gence The

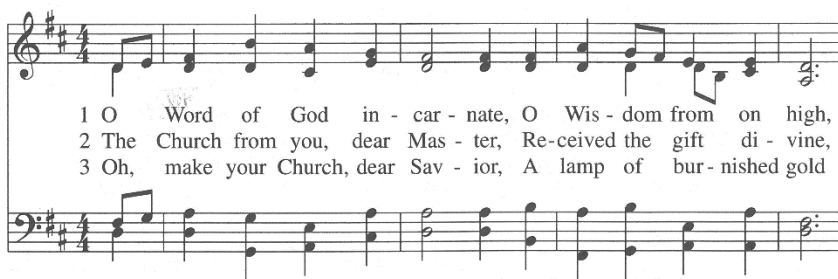
God per - formed of old, Which in our young - er  
 works of pow'r and grace, And we'll con - vey his  
 they a - gain to theirs That gen - er - a - tions  
 truths of God's own Word, To place in him their

years we saw, And which our fa - thers told.  
 won - ders down Through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.  
 yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.  
 con - fi - dence, To fear and trust their Lord,

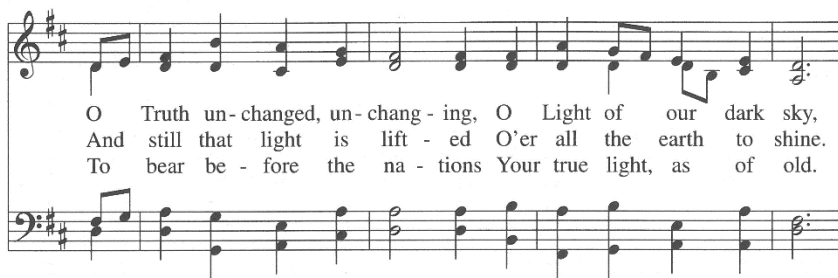
- 5 To learn that in our God alone  
 Their hope securely stands,  
 That they may ne'er forget his works,  
 But walk in his commands.

## O Word of God Incarnate

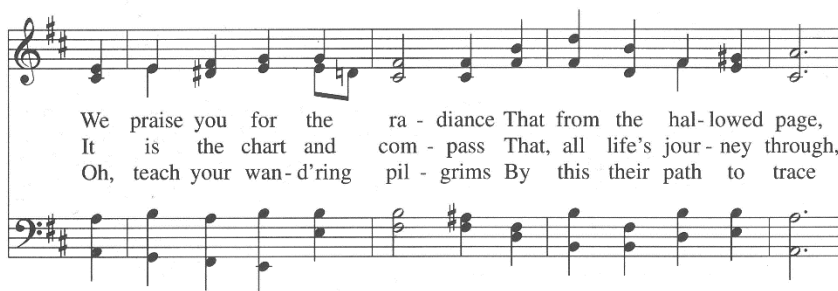
279



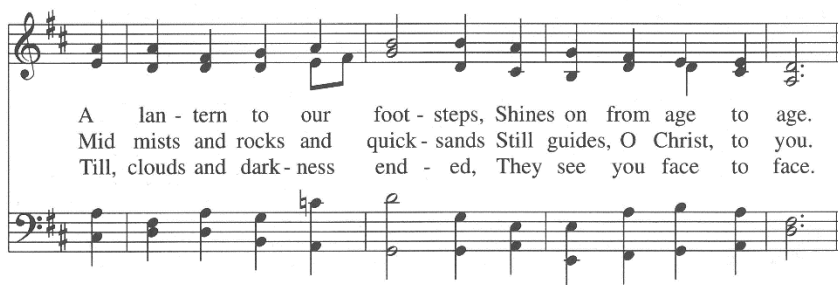
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
 2 The Church from you, dear Mas - ter, Re - ceived the gift di - vine,  
 3 Oh, make your Church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky,  
 And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.  
 To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old.



We praise you for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's jour - ney through,  
 Oh, teach your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.  
 Mid mists and rocks and quick - sands Still guides, O Christ, to you.  
 Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, adapt., alt.  
 Tune: *Neu-vermehrtes* . . . *Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

MUNICH  
 76 76 D

Alternate setting: 78

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

332

F Bb Gm C Bb C7 F

1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

F Bb Gm C Bb C7 F

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace;

Bb F Bb Dm Gm Dm Gm

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched him, saw his  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his ten - der com - fort  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and

C F Bb Gm C Bb C7 F

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing — You are my own.  
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919  
 Tune: Welsh melody, 18th century

AR HYD Y NOS  
 84 84 88 84

Text © 1983 Jaroslav J. Vajda; Setting reprinted by permission of Oxford University Press

Alternate setting: 590

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STAFF**

### **Superintendent**

Pastor Mark C. Wagner

### **Our Savior Lutheran School**

Jon Hahm

Principal

Joel Grulke

Grades 6-8

Aaron Trimmer

Grades 3-5, Athletic Director

Heidi Fischer

Grades 1-2, Music

Annette Favorite

Kindergarten

Amy Grulke

Pre-Kindergarten

Amanda Gronholz

Grades 1-8 Departmentalized

### **Sunday School**

Coordinator

Staff Minister, Thomas P. Hering

Katie Koffman

### **Board of Christian Education**

Chad Bloedel

Chairman

Philip Babler

Member

Dayton Behnke

Member

Jimmy Pautz

Member

Kent Russell

Member

### **K.M.L. Delegates**

Scott Martens (Head Delegate),

Chad Thistle, Robert Klug, Dan Seyfert

# 2020 Fall Bible Study Opportunities at Our Savior

Here are some of the opportunities to study God’s Word at Our Savior during the fall this year.

Day of Week	Age Group	Class Name & Schedule
Sunday	Adults	<b><u>FALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY</u></b> - His Hand Among the Nations – September 13 to November 8 in the Fellowship Hall. In the Old Testament there are many accounts of the rise and fall of kingdoms and family trees. How do these thousands of years of history relate to the gospel of Jesus Christ and our salvation? Based on the book <i>His Hand Among the Nations</i> printed by Northwestern Publishing House, Pastor Hintz will lead a discussion about the nations that surrounded God’s Old Testament people. We will see how God’s guiding hand worked for the good of his chosen ones to finally carry out his great plan of salvation for all nations through Jesus Christ. The study will assure us that even in the most difficult days, God’s hand holds onto us and guides us in saving faith along the way to eternal glory with him.
Sunday	Teens: 8th-high school	Assisting with Sunday School
Sunday	Children (age 4 – 7 <sup>th</sup> grade)	<b>Sunday School</b> – Later start date; watch for details.
Saturday	Men	Studying <b>Acts</b> - every first and third Saturday morning at 7am either outside or in the Fellowship Hall.

# HIS HAND



# AMONG THE NATIONS

## Seeing God's Control in the Old Testament World

- Lesson 1 The World of the Patriarchs (3100–1899 B.C.)
- Lesson 2 Israel in Egypt and in the Wilderness (1899–1406 B.C.)
- Lesson 3 Nations That Stood in the Way of Israel's Inheritance (1406–1380 B.C.)
- Lesson 4 The Time of the Judges (1380–1050 B.C.)
- Lesson 5 Nations Interacting With Israel's United Kingdom (1051–931 B.C.)
- Lesson 6 Foreign Nations and Israel During the Divided Kingdom (930–722 B.C.)
- Lesson 7 Judah During the Divided Kingdom (930–605 B.C.)

***September 13 to November 8***

Adult Bible Study - Taught by Pastor Hintz  
In the Fellowship Hall - 9:15am Sundays

## OUTREACH EVENT FOR SAINT JOHN'S ON THE HILLSIDE

---

For some, times haven't become hard in the last few months...they've always been hard.

---

St. John's on the Hillside knows this, because they live it. Their congregation is located northwest of downtown Milwaukee in a tightly-knit neighborhood -- literally -- having 2,700 people living in a 0.26 square mile.

Over 50% of its population lives below the poverty line and many of the residents live in subsidized housing.

What a beautiful mission field to work in -- souls needing salvation, people needing help. In light of that, St. John's is having a **Baby and Toddler Supply Drive** to provide some of the physical needs that their population could truly use and in turn, seizing that opportunity to meet their spiritual needs by sharing the amazing love of Christ and the truth of His saving Word.

- The Baby and Toddler Supply Drive will be held Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at St. John's.
- *Our Savior will help by collecting needed items through Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.*
- You may drop off donated items between now and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. On Sunday mornings, please place your items in the Family Life Center lower lobby. On Thursday evenings, place items in the church lobby. You may drop off donations in the church office Monday – Thursday between 8 am and 3 pm.

### ARE YOU ABLE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THESE ITEMS?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pack and plays</li><li>• Baby and Toddler clothes (any size, any gender, newborn through size 5T)</li><li>• Diapers (any size)</li><li>• Wipes</li><li>• Pullups</li><li>• Baby blankets</li><li>• Non-perishable food items for babies and toddlers</li><li>• Baby carriers</li><li>• Boppy Pillows</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diaper bags</li><li>• Baby shampoo, soap, lotion</li><li>• Tearless child shampoo, soap, lotion</li><li>• Towels/washcloths</li><li>• Baby playsets (walkers, floor mats, etc)</li><li>• Booster seats (the type used at kitchen tables, NOT booster car seats)</li><li>• Changing pads</li><li>• Bibs</li><li>• Strollers</li></ul> |
|--|--|

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- Car seats of any variety will NOT be accepted.
- Items can be **new or used** – however, please donate **"gently used"** items (no holes, no stains, not threadbare).

Our Savior Lutheran Church | 1332 Arrowhead Rd, Grafton, WI 53024 | 262-377-6363  
| [Oslcoffice@wi.rr.com](mailto:Oslcoffice@wi.rr.com) | [OurSaviorGrafton.org](http://OurSaviorGrafton.org)

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (9/13)	<b>8:00</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	10:30	am	<b>Worship Service</b>
Monday	5:30	pm	Board of Elders Meeting
	5:30	pm	Board of Education Meeting
	5:30	pm	Spiritual Growth Meeting
	7:00	pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	4:00	pm	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	<b>7:00</b>	<b>pm</b>	<b>Worship w/communion</b>
Saturday	7:00	am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday (9/20)	<b>8:00</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/communion</b>
	9:15	am	Adult Bible Study
	<b>10:30</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Worship Service W/communion</b>

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday*

*This service is also recorded for review after livestream.*

*Link on our website (see below).*

## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

**"CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: A  
FOUNDATION OF TRUTH"  
SERVICE THEME**

### WORSHIP LEADER

Staff Minister Tom Hering

### ORGANIST

Ann Petermann

### MUSICIANS

Deanna Edwards &  
Katie Koffman

SONGS 506, 283, 279, 512, 332

### FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

### SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:21-26

### SERMON

Genesis 1:30b

## Flowers

The flowers this  
week are from  
Brian & Heidi Henke  
in celebration of their  
38th Wedding Anniversary!

## **OUR SAVIOR EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**

(Wisconsin Synod)

1332 Arrowhead Rd., Grafton, Wisconsin 53024

Website: [www.OurSaviorGrafton.org](http://www.OurSaviorGrafton.org)

Church: 262-377-6363

School: 262-377-7780

**Mark C. Wagner**

Pastor

[oslc@wi.rr.com](mailto:oslc@wi.rr.com)

**Thomas P. Hering**

Staff Minister

[oslscm@wi.rr.com](mailto:oslscm@wi.rr.com)

**Jonathan J. Hahm**

Principal

[osls@wi.rr.com](mailto:osls@wi.rr.com)