



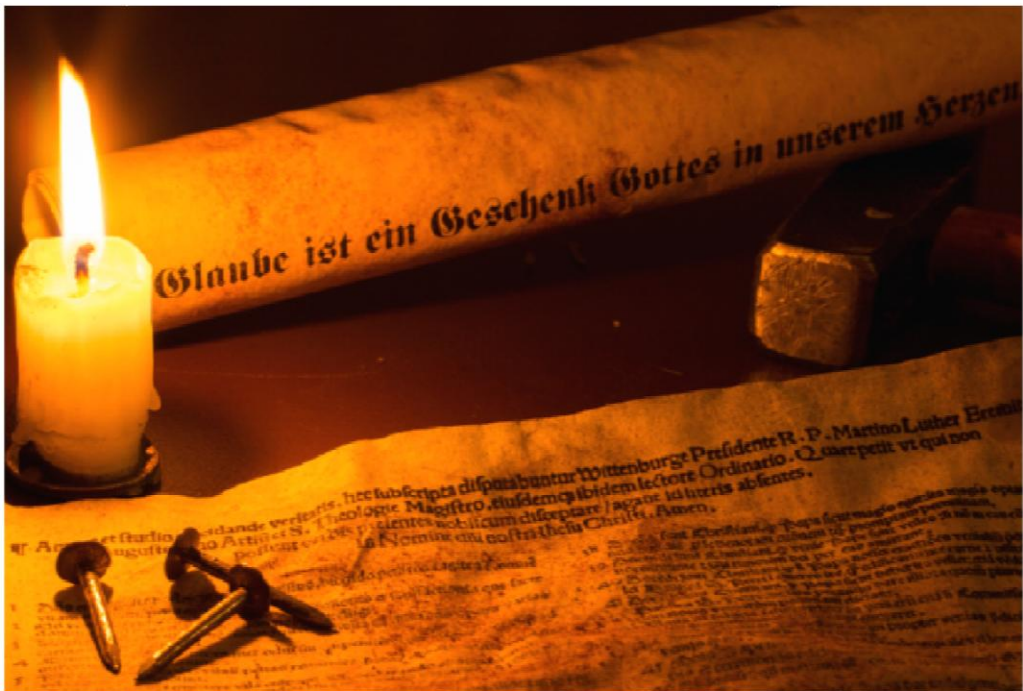
GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

GROWING IN OUR SAVIOR

GOING OUT TO SHARE HIS LOVE

OCTOBER 26, 2025

10:00AM



Welcome!
Reformation Sunday!

Opening Hymn

658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior *sts. 1-4*



1 Pre - serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
2 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your hon - or, The bold blas - phem - er smite;
3 Pre - serve, O Lord, Your Zi - on, Bought dear - ly with Your blood;
4 Pre - serve Your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole,



And let Your king - dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
Con - vince, con - vert, en - light - en The souls in er - ror's night.
Pro - tect what You have cho - sen A - gainst the hell - ish flood.
The mir - ror of Your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
Re - veal Your will, dear Sav - ior, To all who dwell be - low,
Be al - ways our de - fend - er When dan - gers gath - er round;
Oh, may this liv - ing wa - ter, This dew of heav'n - ly grace,



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
Great light of all the liv - ing, That all Your name may know.
When all the earth is crum - bling, Safe may Your Church be found.
Sus - tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see Your face.

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C. **who made heaven and earth.**

P. If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C. **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P. Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot

free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism you declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sharing in the Peace

(People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He

said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

A. This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9–17

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

Sermon

Vicar Mark Chaffee

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Offertory

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (LSB 805)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Service of the Sacrament +

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for you have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

The Words of Our Lord

C Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

"Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution

Communion Songs

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of His body and blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life; for He lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - qual.
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Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Preparing for Holy Communion: The Bible teaches us that we need to examine ourselves before coming to the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11: (I Cor11:23-31). Please examine yourself with these four questions.

1. Are you sorry for your sins? (I John 1:8)
2. Do you believe that Jesus is your Savior who forgives all your sins? (I Timothy 1:15)
3. Are you determined to live a holy life? (Ephesians 2:10)
4. Do you believe that Christ's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper, thus you receive all four elements? (Matthew 26:26-28)

New Email: The Church Office has a new email. Please use **oslsecretary@ourssavior's** now and not OSLOffice@aol.com.

A Voters Assembly will be held this morning following the worship service to take action on a recommendation from our Call Committee to extend a call to Mark Chaffee to serve as pastor of Our Savior's after he is ordained in 2026. Voting members are encouraged to stay for this important meeting. Please sign in if you plan on voting.

Taste of Korea sponsored by Good News Church, Albany, will be held at Our Savior's on Saturday, November 1st, noon until 5. All are invited to come and enjoy the Korean cooking and other activities planned for that afternoon.

Clergy Appreciation Month. We are blessed by the loving pastoral care, wise counsel and inspiring preaching provided by Vicar Mark and Pastor Patrick. Hopefully, we express our appreciation to these faithful servants on a regular basis. However, this month is a special time to send notes or cards of appreciation to these faithful men (and their wives) for their ministry among us.

Volunteers are needed to help with Night To Shine, a prom night for people with disabilities, that will be held at Our Savior's on February, 13, 2026. Help is needed in many areas including: serving as buddies for our honored guests, decorating, set up and take down, security, parking, making corsages, serving parents and caregivers in the respite room. You may sign up as a volunteer on our church website: oslabany.org.

Vicar Mark Chaffee's office hours are 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. You may also reach him by cell phone: 518/763-1085 or via email:

mark.chaffee@oursaviors.com **Pastor Patrick Singh** is serving as part time vacancy pastor at Our Savior's, providing pastoral care and leadership in cooperation with Vicar Mark. You may contact Pastor Singh by email (patrick204642003@yahoo.com) or by cell phone (917/254-2597) if you wish to talk or schedule a time to meet with him.

Prayer needs:

Healing: Christine Baird, Barbara Bruso, Fred Dignon, Kathy Hawley, Anne Kocsis, Phyllis Lubiniecki, Barbara MacGowan, Jennifer Noble, Patty Marshall, Nora Schoonmaker, George Swint, Eric Unright, Al & Helen Walck, Joan & Walter Weis, Lori & Peter Whitehouse, Dave Wolcott, Tim Zuelsdorf,

-Homebound: Inge Glidden

-in Assisted Living: Christine Baird, Hazel Gutkoska, Marga Hildenbrandt, Lois O'Brien

Comfort and Support: Tom and Jan Aery and family

-Prayer for Alicia Murray, teacher of the first graders at Our Savior's Christian School
Thank God for the ways Alicia leads her students in joyous worship throughout the day, drawing them closer to their loving Savior.

-Clergy Appreciation Month: Thank God for all the pastors serving churches in the Atlantic District. May they be filled with joy and not grow weary in service. May their ministry bear fruit in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

This Mornings Servers:

Worship Leaders: Heather Baird

Reader: Jen Noble

Communion Servers: Jeremy & Jen Noble

Pray-ers: Ike & Sue Wallace



Our Savior's Daily Bread Food Pantry

Thank you to all who have contributed time and donated items to our food pantry! We are truly blessed to be a blessing and are happy to serve our neighbors by providing for their needs. We are currently supporting 4 families within our neighborhood and church community. Please contact Heather Baird if you would like to serve in this ministry. Collection boxes for the pantry are located in the church Breezeway and in the entryway outside of the church office. Please help us continue to stock the pantry with the following needed staple items, and items that will be an added blessing during the upcoming Holidays. Donations of checks (made out to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and indicated for Food Pantry) and gift cards are also welcome.

November 2- Instant coffee and powdered creamer, box of tea bags, hot chocolate packets, shelf stable milk

Blessed to be a Blessing!



TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 26C) (2 November 2025)

Isaiah 1:10-18

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5 (6-10) 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

The Lord Comes to Save and Call Us to Himself by the Tree of His Cross

God will judge *“those who do not obey the gospel”* (2 Thess. 1:8), but *“when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven”* (2 Thess. 1:7), He will *“be glorified in his saints”* (2 Thess. 1:10). For by His cross, you are *“considered worthy of the kingdom of God”* (2 Thess. 1:5). Therefore, *“give ear to the teaching of our God”* (Is. 1:10), and *“let us reason together”* by faith in His Gospel (Is. 1:18). *“Make yourselves clean”* (Is. 1:16), not by *“the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats”* (Is. 1:11), but by the blood of Christ. His salvation comes to you by grace, as it came to Zacchaeus. That man sought *“to see who Jesus was,”* but he could not *“because he was small in stature”* (Luke 19:3). It is by way of a tree that Zacchaeus is found by the One he sought, for Jesus Himself *“was about to pass that way”* (Luke 19:4). The Lord calls Zacchaeus down and goes *“in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner”* (Luke 19:7). So also, He visits us as sinners, securing eternal redemption for us through the tree of His holy cross.

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*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!” (Psalm 100:4)*

