

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Dallas, NC



Sunday, July 5, 2020

‡ THE GATHERING ‡

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *“Fanfare in B Flat Major”*

Charles Ore

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ‡ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matt 28:19)*

C **Amen**

P 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.

C **Amen**

P 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. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **We poor sinners confess unto you, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ‡ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.. *(Ephesians 2:4-5)*

C **Amen**

THE OPENING HYMN *“Before You, Lord, We Bow”*
(please see insert)

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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Cor 13:14*)

C And also with you.

THE KYRIE

(*Mark 10:47*)

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



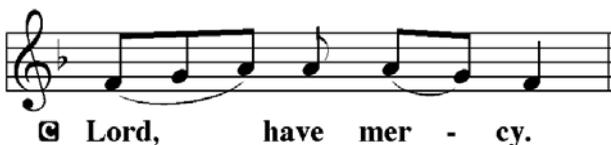
P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

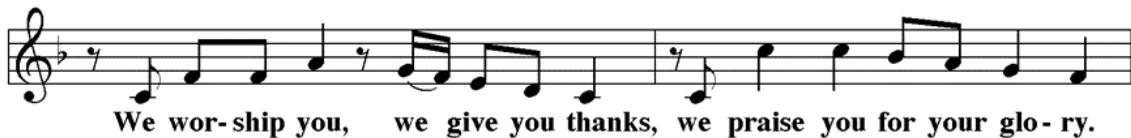


P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



THE HYMN OF PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



5 My enemies say of me in malice,
“When will he die, and his name perish?”

6 And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,
 while his heart gathers iniquity;
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

7 All who hate me whisper together about me;
they imagine the worst for me.

8 They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;
he will not rise again from where he lies.”

9 Even my close friend in whom I trusted,
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

10 But you, O LORD, be gracious to me,
and raise me up, that I may repay them!

11 By this I know that you delight in me:
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

12 But you have upheld me because of my integrity,
and set me in your presence forever.

13 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and Amen.

THE EPISTLE: Colossians 3:12-17 (see back of bulletin)

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, if able)

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

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

GOSPEL

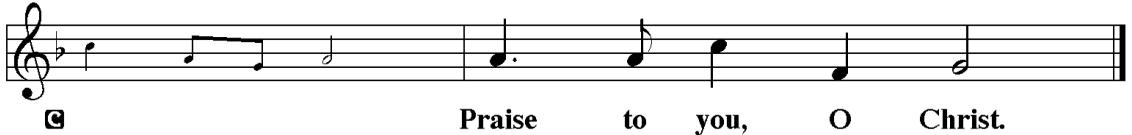
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th Chapter



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL: John 7:53b-8:11 (see back of bulletin)

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Feige

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY “*ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS*”
(please see insert)

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THE APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 OF THE CHURCH

P Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for the nations (*especially the United States, celebrating our nationhood*). Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed (*especially*). Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

A We give thanks for those who have died in faith (*especially those mention in the Prayer List*). Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Heavenly Father, be with the Salvation Army staff as they share with children about Jesus in their day camp. May many children be strengthened in their relationship with You or come to know you for the first time. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We give thanks for those who have died in faith (*especially*). Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PAX DOMINI

(John 20:19)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(The peace is a solemn blessing. The minister and congregation may greet one another with the words: “Peace be with you” while maintaining a minimum distance of 6 feet. Please do not hug or touch each other – as a suggestion, fold your hands and simply say “Peace be with you” and nod.)

We Sit

OFFERING

Disciples of Our Saviour Lutheran Church give sacrificially of their first fruits to support the work of God in the world. Your offerings here allow the life-changing ministries of Our Saviour Lutheran Church to continue and grow. If you are a guest today, please do not feel obligated to contribute but rather accept this time of worship as our gift to you.

ANTHEM: “God Bless America”

Irvin Berlin

Please stand as the offerings are brought forward

THE OFFERTORY HYMN



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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. Amen

✠ **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** ✠

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)



☞ And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

(Colossians 3:1)



☞ We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Psalm 136)



☞ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☞ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.



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.

(Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus 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.

THE 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**

COMMUNION

P: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you;
look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace
and unity in accordance with your will.

C: Amen

We Sit

*The ushers will invite everyone forward to foot of the Chancel to receive the bread and the wine. **Communion will be by individual cups.** Any baptized Christian is welcome to receive the bread and wine and experience the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Simply hold your hands open to signify that you intend to commune.*

Non-communicating children and adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will bring communion to you after the general distribution, so please stand then. If you are unable to partake of alcohol or have allergies to wheat, please be assured that Christ is fully present in either the bread or the wine.

AGNUS DEI

(John 1:29)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: "I Received the Living God"

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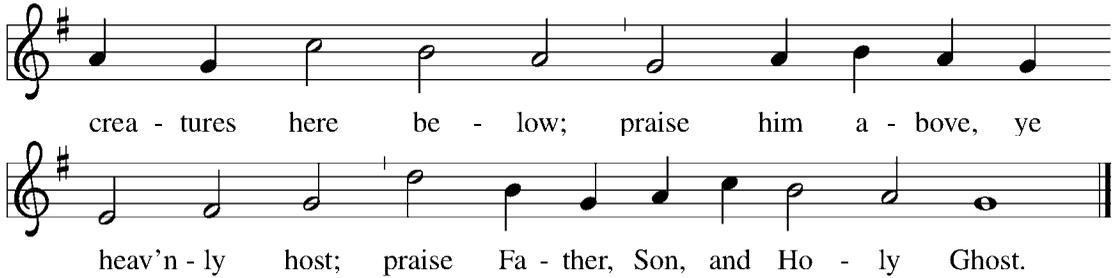
(after all have communed – stand)

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

C Amen

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

P 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.

C Amen

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you,

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ grant you peace.

(Num 6:24-26)



A - men

SENDING HYMN “*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*”
(please see insert)

ELW 888

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “*Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation*” Tune: Westminster Abbey

(The Church will now leave the building and enter the mission field)

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✝ **Privilege to Service** ✝
Today

Lay Reader	Marie Robinson	Greeters	OSLC Members
Worship Asst	Marie Robinson	Ushers	OSLC Members
Acolyte	OSLC Member	Organist	Nancy Wilson
Communion Asst.	OSLC Member	Choir Director	Marie Robinson



**The altar flowers are given in praise and honor to glorify God our
Heavenly Father and
Celebration of the birth of our Nation on the 4th of July
by
Nick and Alice Vlaservich**



W E E K L Y C A L E N D A R

Saturday, July 12: 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday School

9:45 am

Worship/Communion

11:00 am

Monday, July 13:

Team Meetings

7:00 am

2020 JULY MISSION EMPHASIS ~ “SALVATION ARMY”



✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

WELCOME: Our Saviour Lutheran Church affirms that all people are unconditionally welcomed in our congregation to worship the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in the spirit and in truth. (John 4:24). We invite you to worship here often. If you need a Pastor, please contact Pastor Peter Feige at 704-516-2805 or our office at 704-922-4648. Check out our website at oslc-nc.org or email us at oslcdallas@aol.com.

Scripture: To prepare for next Sunday: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), RHONA and ADRIAN Carpenter (parents of Raygen Messick), KAREN Brady, MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad – chronic back pain), NANCY Friday, JASON Hames (friend of the White's), MARK Hovis' FAMILY (Sickness in family), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), CHRIS Messick (intestinal blockage), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's), BUD Penley, ELLEN Pfeiffer (friend of the Gordy's – heart surgery), SONDRÁ Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), , ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), JOE White (stroke), NANCY Wilson.

✠ **The Food** to collect for the month of **JULY** for the Dallas/High Shoals Christian Social Ministry is **PINTO BEANS, CANNED MEAT, PORK-N-BEANS**



THANK YOU for helping decorate our altar this year. A new **FLOWER CALENDAR** for 2020 is in the hallway and hope you will continue to decorate our altar in memory or honor of your love ones.

Sympathy Our Christian sympathy is expressed to the family and loved one of Claude Hovis in their time of grief. As Christians, we are not a people who weep without hope. "As we have been baptized with Christ into a death like His, so shall we be raised with Christ in a resurrection like His." Praise God for His gift of life!

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Parish Treasurer: *Joe Finger*
Parish Secretary: *Melinda White*

Pastor: *Rev. Peter (Pete) Feige*
Parish Administrator: *Nicholas Vlaservich*
Organist: *Nancy Wilson, Interim*
Choir Director: *Marie Robinson, Interim*

Please remember the following members of our church family in your prayers this week



Monday	Allie Trudnak
Tuesday	Will Trudnak
Wednesday	Nick & Alice Vlaservich
Thursday	Jeff & Melinda White
Friday	Jacob White
Saturday	Nancy Wilson
Sunday	Robbie Wooten

	Attendance	Collection	Expenses	Gain/(Loss)
June 7	21	\$2,302.00	\$1,521.00	\$781.00
June 14	19	\$795.00	\$1,561.00	(\$766.00)
June 21	15	\$1045.00	\$1,674.00	(\$629.00)
June 28	23	\$1,041.00	\$1,380.00	(\$339.00)
Year to Date		\$36,751.00	\$37,119.00	(\$368.00)

**(Jan 1 – June 28) Reflects General Fund
ROOFING FUND as of June 28- \$4,260.00**

PLEASE MAIL YOUR OFFERING TO THE CHURCH.....THANK YOU

***Our Saviour Lutheran Church
P.O. Box 54***

In Congress, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, -- That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they

should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our Brittish brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



Our Mission: Continuing to Watch God Work



Today Crisis Pregnancy Center had the honor and opportunity to share nationally what God has been doing through us for Gaston County.

Mission Pre-Born of Indianapolis invited us to be the host for one in a series of national webinars focusing on sharing the Gospel and offering the invitation to join the family of our Savior.

Their mission:

"To glorify Jesus Christ by leading and equipping pregnancy clinics to save more babies and souls."

We were delighted to share how the Lord has been saving "more babies and souls":

**216 salvations
15 babies saved**

**in 2020 so far!
How amazing is that?**

**What better way to begin the celebration of
the 4th of July, the Independence
of this great country we call home!**



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

About the cover

Day after day, more bad news is piled on us and no relief is in sight. News about COVID-19, protests, rioting and mobs vandalizing statues it is easy to slip into a state of fear and hopelessness and the only paths available seem to be gloom and doom.

So how are we to embrace this? How are we to be faithful disciples during these trying times?

We need to constantly remind ourselves and others around us that our hope is not anchored in this world, but in the secure promise of salvation.

Old Testament Reading:

Jeremiah 17:5-13

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

“Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.

⁶ He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought,

for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

¹⁰ “I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”

¹¹ Like the partridge that gathers a brood that she did not hatch, so is he who gets riches but not by justice; in the midst of his days they will leave him, and at his end he will be a fool.

¹² A glorious throne set on high from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

¹³ O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17

¹² Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel: John 7:53-11

⁵³ They went each to his own house, ¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” ⁶ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”