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# *Divine Service*



*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*Westminster, Massachusetts*

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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Visitor, you are very welcome here.

Please contact us with questions or prayer requests, and come worship with us again. Our pastor would be very glad to meet with you. May our Lord's Word be a blessing to all who gather in His name.

For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the prayers, hymns, or other parts of the service, please know that you may sit as you find need or comfort.

Don't be embarrassed if your children make noise during worship—all children do. We encourage families to worship together. If needed for children under three years old, there is a nursery available in the basement during service and Bible class.

Out of courtesy to your brothers and sisters, please turn off your cell phone ringer and refrain from leaving or entering the sanctuary during the readings and the prayers.

## Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Gregory would be very glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

## Spiritual Care

Individual confession and absolution, spiritual care, and pastoral counsel are available by appointment. Please contact the church office to schedule a time.

## Christian Education

Adult Bible and High School classes will resume in July. Sunday School classes are on break until mid-August.

## Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Ray Arsenault
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Simeon Gregory, George Newman

## Prayers for Worship

*For the Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles (June 29):*  
Merciful and eternal God, Your holy apostles Peter and Paul received grace and strength to lay down their lives for the sake of Your Son. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may confess Your truth and at all times be ready to lay down our lives for Him who laid down His life for us, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Before communion:* Lord Jesus Christ, be present with us through the gift of Your true body and blood, that we may be Your own, live under You in Your kingdom, and serve You forever. Amen.

## Preparation for Confession

The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

*Questions for self-examination*

- Am I contentious, or have I encouraged disharmony in my congregation, family, or workplace?
- Have I wanted my neighbor's husband or wife, friends, workers, or property to be mine?

## Cover Illustration

*Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles*  
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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 4 & TEXT: LSB 907

- 1 **God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him and with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple; all within keep silence; humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence.  
He alone on His throne is our God and Savior; praise His name forever!**
- 2 **God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding; see the hosts the throne surrounding.  
"Holy, holy, holy!" Hear the hymn ascending, songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear to us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises that Your Church now raises.**
- 3 **Fount of ev'ry blessing, purify my spirit, trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels, worshiping before You, may I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will ever still rule Your Church terrestrial as the hosts celestial.**

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THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

*Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 124:8

*I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
and You forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Psalm 32:5

**All-Powerful God, merciful Father, I, a poor, pitiful sinner, confess to You all my sins and unrighteousness. By them I have continually offended You and fairly deserved Your punishment, both now and eternally. But from my heart I am sorry for them, and I sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, in Your limitless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

***The Absolution***

[John 20:19–23]

**Amen.**

THE INTROIT

Psalm 34:8; 132:13–16

*Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!*

**Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

*For the LORD has chosen Zion;*

**He has desired it for His dwelling place:**

*“This is My resting place forever;*

**here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

*I will abundantly bless her provisions;*

**I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

*Her priests I will clothe with salvation,*

**and her saints will shout for joy.”**

THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

*Mark 10:47*

**Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

*Glory to God on high:*

**and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,  
we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.**

**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION

*2 Timothy 4:22*

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

# *The Reading of God's Word*

*from the Old Testament: Ezekiel 2:1–5*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 123; antiphon v. 1

*To You I lift up my eyes,*

**O You who are enthroned in the heavens!**

*Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,*

*as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,*

**so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.**

*Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,*

**for we have had more than enough of contempt.**

*Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease,*

**of the contempt of the proud.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*To You I lift up my eyes,*

**O You who are enthroned in the heavens!**

*from the Letters: 2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1–13*

**Glory be to You, O Lord!**

*After the reading:*

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

THE NICENE CREED

*Having heard the Word, what do you believe?*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

*(continued on the next page)*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 728



1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply;  
 My sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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# *The Sermon*

*Mark 6:1–13*

THE OFFERTORY

*Psalms 51:10–12*

**Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me out of Your presence,  
nor take Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
and sustain me with a free spirit. Amen.**

## *The Presentation of the Offering*

*Psalms 116:17; 18:1*

*I will offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.*

**O LORD, my strength, I love You.**

## *The Receiving of New Members by Reaffirmation of Faith and Adult Confirmation*

*Russell & Kelly Johnson and Livia, Kaydence LeBlanc, Susan Pelton, and Seth Rice*

## *The Prayer of the Church*

*[1 Timothy 2:1–4]*

*after each petition:*

*Lord, in Your mercy,  
hear our prayer.*

THE PREFACE

*The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.*

*2 Timothy 4:22*

*Lift up your hearts.*

*[Colossians 3:1]*

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

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*[Psalm 136]*

**It is good and right that we do.**

THE PROPER PREFACE

*It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**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.**

## *The Words of Institution*

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 Amen.*

**O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,  
 grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## *Holy Communion*

> *Note about Holy Communion: All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.* <

*Isaiah 52:7–12 (antiphon v. 10)*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLLH 238 & TEXT: LSB 948*

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| <p><b>1 All glory be to God alone,<br/>         Forevermore the highest one,<br/>         Who did our sinful race befriend<br/>         And grace and peace to us extend.<br/>         Among us may His gracious will<br/>         All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.</b></p> | <p><b>2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless<br/>         And worship You in humbleness;<br/>         From day to day we glorify<br/>         The everlasting God on high.<br/>         Of Your great glory do we sing,<br/>         And to Your throne our thanks we bring.</b></p> |
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- 3 Lord God, our King on heaven's throne,  
Our Father, the Almighty One.  
O Lord, the sole-begotten One,  
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,  
True God from all eternity,  
O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
- 4 You take the whole world's sin away;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
You take the whole world's sin away;  
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.  
From God's right hand Your mercy send,  
To all the world Your grace extend.

5 You only are the Holy One  
And over all are Lord alone.  
O Jesus Christ, we glorify  
You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;  
With Him You evermore shall be  
One in the Father's majesty.

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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 425*

*These hymn stanzas can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #425.*

- 1 All depends on our possessing  
God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Tho' all earthly wealth depart.  
He who trusts with faith unshaken  
In his God is not forsaken  
And e'er keeps a dauntless heart.
- 2 He who hitherto hath fed me  
And to many joys hath led me  
Is and ever shall be mine.  
He who did so gently school me,  
He who still doth guide and rule me,  
Will remain my Help divine.
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting  
Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.
- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken,  
Hope my heart anew will quicken;  
All my longing shall be stilled.  
To His loving-kindness tender  
Soul and body I surrender,  
For on Him alone I build.
- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never,—  
As God wills, so be it ever,—  
I commit to Him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth He lengthen,  
He my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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- 1 **God of the prophets, bless the prophets' sons;  
Elijah's mantle o'er Elisha cast.  
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;  
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.**
- 2 **Anoint them prophets, men who are intent  
To be Your witnesses in word and deed,  
Their hearts aflame, their lips made eloquent,  
Their eyes awake to ev'ry human need.**
- 3 **Anoint them priests, strong intercessors they,  
For pardon and for love and hope and peace,  
That, through their pleading, guilty sinners may  
Find Jesus' mercy and from sin release.**
- 4 **Anoint them kings, yes, kingly kings, O Lord.  
Anoint them with the Spirit of Your Son.  
Theirs not a jeweled crown, a bloodstained sword;  
Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a kingdom won.**
- 5 **Make them apostles, heralds of Your cross;  
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.  
Inspired by You, may they count all but loss  
And stand at last with joy before Your face.**

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29–32

**Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised,  
for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people,  
a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

**Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
and His mercy endures forever.**

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. We thank You, all-powerful God, for refreshing us with this healing gift, and we pray:  
Father of mercy, by this holy food make us strong in faith toward You, and in deep love for each other, that  
through us other beloved sinners may kneel to You and receive with us grace and life in Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.*  
**And with your spirit.**

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

*Bless we the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

*The LORD bless you and keep you.*  
*The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*  
*The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.*  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 577, ALT.

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| <p><b>1 God bless our native land.</b><br/><b>By mercy may she stand</b><br/><b>Through storm and night.</b><br/><b>When the wild tempests rave,</b><br/><b>Ruler of wind and wave,</b><br/><b>Do Thou our country save</b><br/><b>By Thy great might.</b></p> | <p><b>2 For her our prayers shall rise</b><br/><b>To Thee above the skies:</b><br/><b>Stretch forth Thine hand!</b><br/><b>Thou who art ever nigh,</b><br/><b>Watching with wakeful eye,</b><br/><b>O Christ, to Thee we cry,</b><br/><b>“God save our land!”</b></p> |
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# God's People at Prayer

## For Home Devotions

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested  
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Judges 2:6–23	Acts 13:13–41
M	Judges 3:7–31	Acts 13:42–52
Tu	Judges 4:1–24	Acts 14:1–18
W	Judges 6:1–24	Acts 14:19–15:5
Th	Judges 6:25–40	Acts 15:6–21
F	Judges 7:1–23	Galatians 1:1–24
Sa	Judges 13:1–25	Galatians 2:1–21

### The Ten Commandments

*As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.*

*The Sixth Commandment:*

You shall not commit adultery.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we lead a chaste and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

*From the Large Catechism:* This commandment requires everyone not only to live chastely in thought, word, and deed in his particular situation (that is, especially in the estate of marriage), but also to love and cherish the wife or husband whom God has given. For marital chastity it is above all things essential that husband and wife live together in love and harmony, cherishing each other wholeheartedly and with perfect fidelity.

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### Verse for Meditation

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is  
the man who takes refuge in Him! Psalm 34:8

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never, —  
As God wills, so be it ever, —  
I commit to Him my way. TLH 425:5

### Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*The following topics may guide your prayer each day.*

- Su For the joy of the resurrection among us
- M For one's calling and daily work, coworkers,  
and the unemployed
- Tu For deliverance against temptation and evil;  
for all who suffer and are afflicted
- W For immediate, extended, and church family;  
for our schools, communities, and  
neighborhoods
- Th For the Church and her pastors, all who serve  
in the congregation, and missionaries
- F For the preaching of the holy cross of our  
Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying
- Sa For faithfulness to the end; for receptive  
hearts and minds to God's Word

### The Lord's Prayer

### Collect of the Week

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Readings for next Sunday, July 14

Amos 7:7–15; Psalm 85 (v. 7);  
Ephesians 1:3–14; Mark 6:14–29