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Divine Service



Our Savior Lutheran Church

Westminster, Massachusetts

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Service Guidelines

- Follow the directions of greeters, hosts, Pastor, and elders about how and when to enter, where to sit, how to receive communion, when to exit, and so forth
- Don't come if you are sick, have symptoms, or have potentially been exposed
- No handshakes, hugs, or touches. Keep 6 feet apart unless you are a joint household
- Masks are to be worn at all times (if possible), especially entering, exiting, and moving about
- Movement into & out of the sanctuary should be kept to a minimum
- Be gracious & considerate of your neighbors
- Don't overcrowd – cars, conversations/groups in walkways or doorways, etc.
- Extended conversations are encouraged, but outdoors & after service

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Visitors may come forward with arms crossed for a blessing. Our pastor would be 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.

The body of Christ will be placed into the hand. The blood of Christ will be received from individual glass cups. Distribution will be in a continuous line rather than at the altar rail.

Spiritual Care

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

Serving at 9:00 am

Preacher Vicar Ed Schneeflock
Liturgist Ed Shaffer
Flutist (for hymns) Katharine Smith

Serving at 11:00 am

Preacher Vicar Ed Schneeflock
Liturgist
Organist Deborah Colageo

Serving at 7:00 pm

Preacher & Celebrant Rev. Joe Watson
Liturgist Patrick Jackson
Organist Deborah Colageo

Prayers for Worship

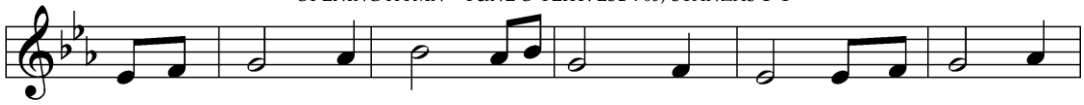
On entering church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name. Amen.

For blessing on the Word: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May the Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

For a right knowledge of Christ: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that following His steps we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Cover image: Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
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OPENING HYMN—TUNE & TEXT: LSB 709, STANZAS 1-4



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

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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 to the Lord,

and You forgave the guilt of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

All-Powerful God, our Maker and our Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are sinful and unclean by nature and also that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. And so we flee to find refuge in Your infinite mercy, looking and pleading for Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, who gave Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake forgive us all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us real knowledge of You and of Your will and real obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace, we will come to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

THE INTROIT

Psalm 105:1, 39–43

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;
make known His deeds among the peoples!

He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and He brought quail,
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

For He remembered His holy promise,
and Abraham, His servant.

So He brought His people out with joy,
His chosen ones with singing.

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.**

(Continued on the next page.)

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 COLLECT

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: Isaiah 55:1–5

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 136:1–9 (*antiphon V. 26*)

Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

to Him who alone does great wonders,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

to Him who by understanding made the heavens,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

to Him who made the great lights,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

the sun to rule over the day,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

**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.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

from the Letters: Romans 9:1–5

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13–21

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Having heard the Word, what do you believe?

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.

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| <p>1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,
 May I in grace possess You.
Let me with holy food be fed,
 In hunger I address You.
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,
And, humbly by my prayer implored,
 Give me Your grace and mercy.</p> <p>2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,
 To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide,
 Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,
Refuge in You alone I seek,
 To share Your cup of healing.</p> | <p>3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,
 For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight
 In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
That I receive You worthily,
 Assured of Your full pardon.</p> <p>4 I do not merit favor, Lord,
 My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord,
 O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me
That You receive me graciously,
 O Christ, my Lord of mercy!</p> |
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The Sermon

THE OFFERTORY

Psalm 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.

Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will take place as you come forward for Holy Communion

The Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

To follow the stanzas, note that the beginning of stanza 4 on this page is marked with this symbol: ➤.

C 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.

1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
 ➤ 4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;

1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
 2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

THE COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN—TUNE & TEXT: LSB 709, STANZAS 5–6

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**
- 6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!**

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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	1 Samuel 17:20–47	Acts 26:24–27:8
M	1 Samuel 17:48–18:9	Acts 27:9–26
Tu	1 Samuel 18:10–30	Acts 27:27–44
W	1 Samuel 19:1–24	Acts 28:1–15
Th	1 Samuel 20:1–23	Acts 28:16–31
F	1 Samuel 20:24–42	1 Cor. 1:1–25
Sa	1 Samuel 24:1–22	1 Cor. 1:26–2:16

The Ten Commandments

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

The Eighth Commandment:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

From the Large Catechism: [This commandment] forbids all sins of the tongue by which we may injure or offend our neighbor. False witness is clearly a work of the tongue. Whatever is done with the tongue against a neighbor, then, is forbidden by God. This applies to false preachers, with their corrupt teaching and blasphemy, to false judges and witnesses with their corrupt behavior in court and their lying and malicious talk outside of court. It applies particularly to the detestable, shameful vice of back-biting or slander by which the devil rides us. . . . It is a common vice of human nature that everyone would rather hear evil than good about his neighbor.

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Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever! *LSB 709:6*

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

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings for the Tenth Sun. a. Pentecost, August 9

Job 38:4–18; Romans 10:5–17; Matthew 14:22–33