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# *Divine Service*



*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*Westminster, Massachusetts*

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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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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 in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Assisting (9:00 am)	Ed Shaffer
(11:00 am)	Ray Arsenault
Organist (9:00 & 11:00 am)	Anne Bennet
(7:00 pm)	Deborah Colageo

## Prayers for Worship

*Cross and resurrection:* Almighty and everlasting God and Father, You sent Your Son to take our nature upon Himself and to suffer death on the cross that all should follow the example of His great humility. Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in His patience and also have our portion in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*For right reception of the Lord's Supper:* Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:* Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.

*Cover image: Jesus Predicts His Passion  
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OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 175, FIRST/LSB 425 – TEXT: LSB 425

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| <p>1 When I survey the wondrous cross<br/>On which the Prince of Glory died,<br/>My richest gain I count but loss<br/>And pour contempt on all my pride.</p> <p>2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast<br/>Save in the death of Christ, my God;<br/>All the vain things that charm me most,<br/>I sacrifice them to His blood.</p> | <p>3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet<br/>Sorrow and love flow mingled down!<br/>Did e'er such love and sorrow meet<br/>Or thorns compose so rich a crown?</p> <p>4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,<br/>That were a tribute far too small;<br/>Love so amazing, so divine,<br/>Demands my soul, my life, my all!</p> |
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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, 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.**

*Delight yourself in the LORD,*  
**and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

*Commit your way to the LORD;*  
**trust in Him, and He will act.**

*He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,*  
**and your justice as the noonday.**

*Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;*  
**do not fret over the one who prospers in his way,**  
**over the man who carries out evil devices!**

## 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. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same 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: Jeremiah 15:15–21*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*from the Letters: Romans 12:9–21*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21–28*

**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.**

**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.**



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -  
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on  
 3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er  
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
 Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast  
 to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed  
 to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
 full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en  
 at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;  
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
 Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the  
 There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us  
 All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
 gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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*The Sermon*  
 Matthew 16:21–28

**God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.**

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*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:*

*Let us pray to the Lord:*

**Lord, have mercy.**

#### THE PREFACE

*The Lord be with you.*

2 Timothy 4:22

**And with your spirit.**

*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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

#### THE SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**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 PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

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

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

**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*

*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.*

*For those who will be receiving Holy Communion, please follow the directions of the hosts and pastor. Distribution will be in a continuous line, not at the altar rail. The body of Christ will be given into the hand. The blood of Christ will be received from individual glass cups.*

*During the distribution, silently pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ present and absent, for those in need, for your own family and friends, and for yourselves.*

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. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through 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.*

CLOSING HYMN—TUNE: TLH 401/LSB 692 – TEXT: LSB 692

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| <b>1 Praise to You and adoration,<br/>Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,<br/>Who, to serve Your own creation,<br/>Came to share our flesh and blood.<br/>Guide me that I never may<br/>From Your fold or pastures stray,<br/>But with zeal and joy exceeding<br/>Follow where Your steps are leading.</b> | <b>2 Hold me ever in Your keeping;<br/>Comfort me in pain and strife.<br/>In my laughter and my weeping<br/>Be with me throughout my life.<br/>Give me greater love for You,<br/>And my faith and hope renew<br/>In Your birth, Your life, and passion,<br/>In Your death and resurrection.</b> |
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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 Kgs 12:20–13:5, 33–34	2 Cor. 8:1–24
M	1 Kings 16:29–17:24	2 Cor. 9:1–15
Tu	1 Kings 18:1–19	Ephesians 1:1–23
W	1 Kings 18:20–40	Ephesians 2:1–22
Th	1 Kings 19:1–21	Ephesians 3:1–21
F	2 Kings 2:1–18	Ephesians 4:1–24
Sa	2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7	Eph. 4:25–5:14

### The Apostles' Creed

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

*What is the Apostles' Creed?* 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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*From the Large Catechism:* The Creed [sets] forth all that we must expect and receive from God; in brief, it teaches us to know him perfectly. It is given in order to help us do what the Ten Commandments require of us. For the Commandments are set on so high a plane that all human ability is far too feeble and weak to keep them. Therefore it is as necessary to learn this part [of Christian doctrine] as it is the [Commandments] so that we may know where and how to obtain strength for this task. If we could by our own strength keep the Ten Commandments as

they ought to be kept, we would need neither the Creed nor the Lord's Prayer.

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

See, from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown? *LSB 425:3*

### 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

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Readings for the Fourteenth Sun. aft. Pent., Sept. 6

Ezekiel 33:7–9; Romans 13:1–10; Matthew 18:1–20