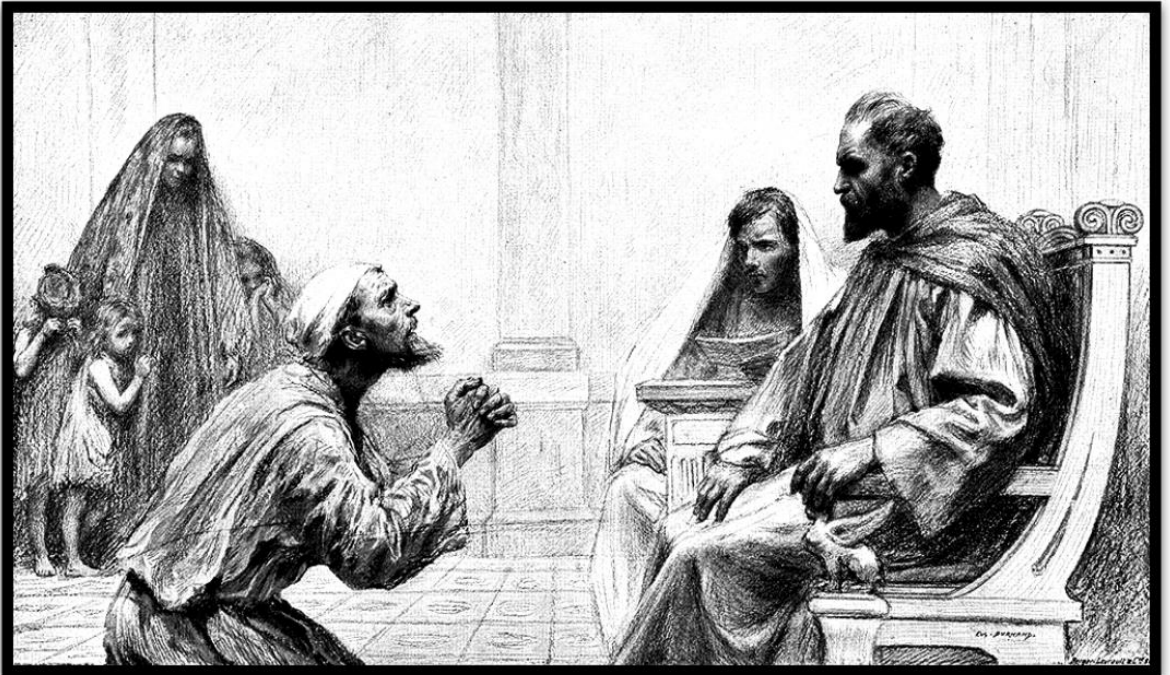


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# *Divine Service*



*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)	Tom Connell
Organist (9:00 & 11:00 am)	Anne Bennet
(7:00 pm)	Deborah Colageo

## Prayers for Worship

*For profitable use of the Word:* Most merciful God, You desire everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that by the preaching of Your Gospel we may be given that wisdom that leads to salvation. By the working of Your Holy Spirit keep us attentive to all the teachings of Your Word. Enlighten our minds, control our wills, and purify our affections. Let Your Word be a light for our path that neither the pleasures nor the honors nor the pains of this life may turn away our thoughts from the fullness of life that is found only in You. Enable us in sincerity of heart to follow You, the only true God. By Your holy Word enlighten all who are in error, doubt, or temptation with the sure and certain knowledge of Your truth that all who live in sin may be led to repentance. Show mercy and grace to all those suffering any distress, to those who are sick or hospitalized, and to those facing death. Let them know the sure comfort of Your holy Word. We commit ourselves and all for whom we pray to Your fatherly care and benediction. Be gracious to us and defend us by Your power. Direct us by Your Spirit that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Savior until we shall stand before You in the joy of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 342/LSB 611 – TEXT: LSB 611

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| <p><b>1 Chief of sinners though I be,<br/>Jesus shed His blood for me,<br/>Died that I might live on high,<br/>Lives that I might never die.<br/>As the branch is to the vine,<br/>I am His, and He is mine.</b></p> <p><b>2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,<br/>Higher than the heav'ns above,<br/>Deeper than the depths of sea,<br/>Lasting as eternity!<br/>Love that found me – wondrous thought!<br/>Found me when I sought Him not.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Only Jesus can impart<br/>Balm to heal the wounded heart,<br/>Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,<br/>Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,<br/>Faith and hope to walk with God<br/>In the way that Enoch trod.</b></p> <p><b>4 Chief of sinners though I be,<br/>Christ is all in all to me;<br/>All my wants to Him are known,<br/>All my sorrows are His own.<br/>He sustains the hidden life<br/>Safe with Him from earthly strife.</b></p> |
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- 5 O my Savior, help afford by Your Spirit and Your Word!  
When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way;  
Grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.**

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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.**

THE INTROIT

Psalm 143:9, 1–2

*Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!*

**I have fled to You for refuge!**

*Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!*

**In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**

*Enter not into judgment with Your servant,*

**for no one living is righteous before You.**

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, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through 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: Genesis 50:15–21*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*from the Letters: Romans 14:1–12*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35*

**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 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be  
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
 Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,  
 And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,  
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,  
 No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

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## *The Sermon*

*Matthew 18:21–35*

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 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:*

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.**

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.**

## *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

Psalms 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.**

TUNE & TEXT: LSB 512, STANZAS 1, 5–7

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| <p><b>1 At the name of Jesus</b><br/>Ev'ry knee shall bow,<br/>Ev'ry tongue confess Him<br/>King of glory now.<br/>'Tis the Father's pleasure<br/>We should call Him Lord,<br/>Who from the beginning<br/>Was the mighty Word.</p> <p><b>2 In your hearts enthrone Him;</b><br/>There let Him subdue<br/>All that is not holy,<br/>All that is not true:<br/>Crown Him as your captain<br/>In temptation's hour;<br/>Let His will enfold you<br/>In its light and pow'r.</p> | <p><b>3 Christians, this Lord Jesus</b><br/>Shall return again<br/>In His Father's glory,<br/>With His angel train;<br/>For all wreaths of empire<br/>Meet upon His brow,<br/>And our hearts confess Him<br/>King of glory now.</p> <p>△ <b>4 Glory then to Jesus,</b><br/>Who, the Prince of light,<br/>To a world in darkness<br/>Brought the gift of sight;<br/>Praise to God the Father;<br/>In the Spirit's love<br/>Praise we all together<br/>Him who reigns above.</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	2 Chronicles 32:1–22	Colossians 1:1–23
M	2 Chronicles 33:1–25	Col. 1:24–2:7
Tu	2 Chr. 34:1–4, 8–11, 14–33	Colossians 2:8–23
W	2 Chr. 35:1–7, 16–25	Colossians 3:1–25
Th	2 Chron. 36:1–23	Colossians 4:1–18
F	Nehemiah 1:1–2:10	1 Timothy 1:1–20
Sa	Neh. 2:11–20; 4:1–6	1 Timothy 2:1–15

### The First Article: Creation

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

*What is the First Article of the Apostles' Creed? I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.*

*From the Large Catechism: For if we believed [this] with our whole heart, we would also act accordingly, and not swagger about and brag and boast as if we had life, riches, power, honor, and such things of ourselves, as if we ourselves were to be feared and served. This is the way the wretched, perverse world acts, drowned in its blindness, misusing all the blessings and gifts of God solely for its own pride and greed, pleasure and enjoyment, and never once turning to God to thank him or acknowledge him as Lord and Creator. . . . For here [in the First Article] we see how the Father has given himself to us, with all his creatures, has abundantly provided for in this life, and, further, has showered us with inexpressible eternal treasures through his Son and the Holy Spirit.*

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LC II.21, 24

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die.  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His, and He is mine.

LSB 611:1

### 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, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Readings for the Sixteenth Sun. aft. Pent., Sept. 20

Isaiah 55:6–9; Phil. 1:12–14, 19–30; Matthew 20:1–16