

SOLA SCRIPTURA ✘ SOLA GRATIA ✘ SOLA FIDE

*Divine Service*  
for the  
*Feast of All Saints' Day*



*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)	Dave Farabaugh
(11:00 am)	Patrick Jackson
Organist (9:00 & 11:00 am)	Judy Greenlees
(6:00 pm)	Deborah Colageo

## Prayers for Worship

*Before service:* Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*For hearing of the Word:* Merciful and gracious Lord, You cause Your Word to be proclaimed in every generation. Stir up our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may receive this proclamation with humility and finally be exalted at the coming of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Thanksgiving for the faithful departed:* Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Cover Illustration

*The Last Judgment* by Fra Angelico (ca. 1425–1430).

The Feast of All Saints' Day..... November 1, 2020

> *The Sacrament of Holy Baptism begins the 11:00 am service.*

*Follow the separate print out for the start of that service. <*

OPENING HYMN—TEXT & TUNE: LSB 904

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| <p><b>1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word</b><br/>We are gathered all to hear You.<br/>Let our hearts and souls be stirred<br/>Now to seek and love and fear You,<br/>By Your teachings, sweet and holy,<br/>Drawn from earth to love You solely.</p> <p><b>2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight</b><br/>Lie in deepest darkness shrouded<br/>Till Your Spirit breaks our night<br/>With the beams of truth unclouded.<br/>You alone to God can win us;<br/>You must work all good within us.</p> | <p><b>3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,</b><br/>Light of Light, from God proceeding,<br/>Open now our heart and mind;<br/>Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.<br/>Hear the cry Your Church now raises;<br/>Hear and bless our prayers and praises.</p> <p>△ <b>4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,</b><br/>Praise to You and adoration!<br/>Grant that we may trust Your Word,<br/>Confident of our salvation,<br/>While we here below must wander,<br/>Till we sing Your praises yonder.</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.**

> *Following the baptism, the 11:00 am service continues with the Introit. <*

THE INTROIT

*These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 31:1, 3, 5*

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

*In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;*

**in Your righteousness deliver me.**

*For You are my Rock and my Fortress;*

**and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**

*Into Your hand I commit my spirit;*

**You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

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 and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; 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***

*The First Reading: Revelation 7:9–17*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

*These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

*Blessèd are those whose strength is in You,*

**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

*The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1–3*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12*

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

*After the reading:*

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

> *Having confessed our faith during the baptism, the Creed is omitted during the 11:00 am service.* <

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. (Continued on the next page.)**

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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY—TEXT & TUNE: LSB 677, STANZAS 1-5



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;  
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

# *The Sermon*

*Matthew 5:1–12*

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 with the Remembrance of the Sainted Dead*

*Each petition concludes with:*

*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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and arch-angels and 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.*

*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.**



*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.*

## CLOSING HYMN—TEXT &amp; TUNE: LSB 677, STANZAS 6–8

- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- △ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**





# 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	Deuteronomy 34:1–12	Matthew 21:1–22
M	Jeremiah 1:1–19	Matthew 21:23–46
Tu	Jeremiah 3:6–4:2	Matthew 22:1–22
W	Jeremiah 5:1–19	Matthew 22:23–46
Th	Jeremiah 7:1–29	Matthew 23:1–12
F	Jeremiah 8:18–9:12	Matthew 23:13–39
Sa	Jeremiah 11:1–23	Matthew 24:1–28

### On the Saints

Our Confession approves giving honor to the saints. This honor is threefold. The first is thanksgiving: we should thank God for showing examples of His mercy, revealing His will to save people, and giving teachers and other gifts to the Church. Since these are His greatest gifts, we should extol them very highly; we should also praise the saints themselves for using these gifts, just as Christ praises faithful businessmen (Matthew 25:21, 23). The second honor is the strengthening of our faith: when we see Peter forgiven after his denial, we are encouraged to believe that grace does indeed abound more than sin (Romans 5:20). The third honor is the imitation, first of their faith and then of their other virtues, which each should imitate in accordance with his calling.

We also grant that the saints in heaven pray for the Church in general, as they prayed for the Church universal while they were on earth. . . . [However,] that does not mean they should be invoked.

Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XXI:4–6, 9, 10

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

LSB 677:1

### 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

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together  
Your faithful people of all times and places into one  
holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son,  
Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed  
saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together  
with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys  
You have prepared for those who love You;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Readings for next Sunday, November 8

Amos 5:18–24; 1 Thess. 4:13–18; Matt. 25:1–13