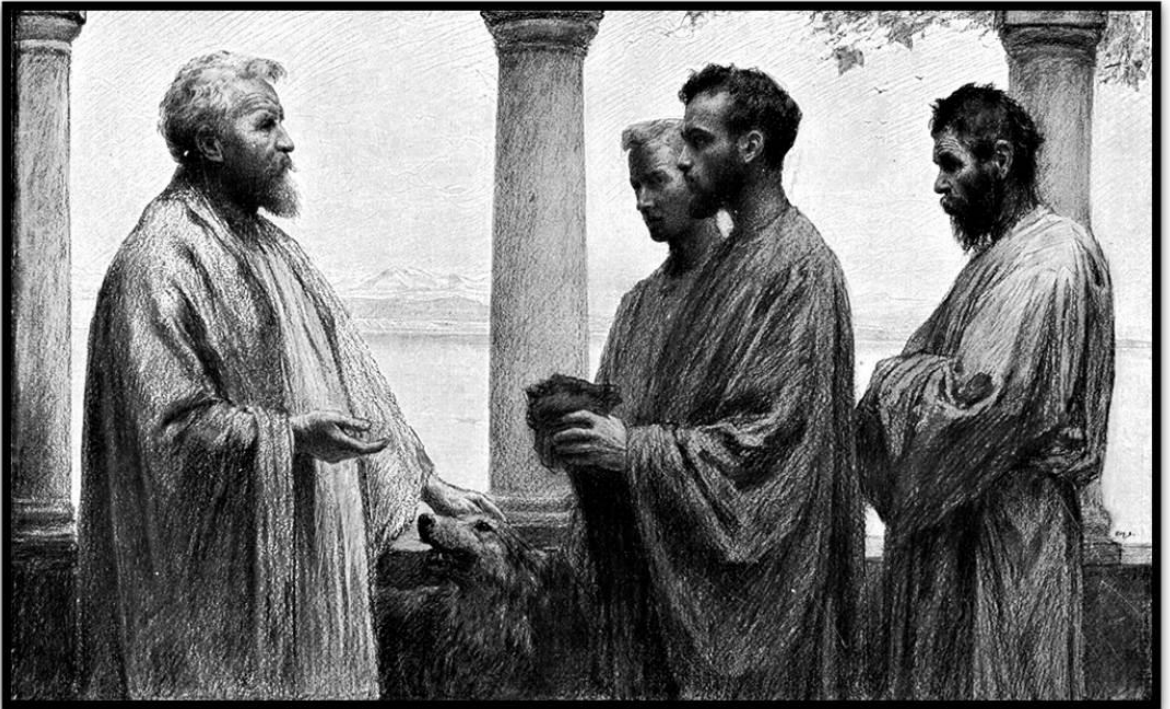


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Divine Service



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 in Worship Today

Preacher & Assistant Vicar Ed Schneeflock
Celebrant Rev. Peter Gregory
Organist (9:00 & 11:00 am) Anne Bennet

Divine Service, Singing, and COVID-19

Along with what we are already doing on Sundays (*masks when coming, going, and moving about; physical distancing; running HEPA filters; multiple services*) and in light of the rising number of cases, including locally, we have made these changes to our Sunday services:

- For all services **masks are required**, especially while singing the liturgy and hymns. *Anyone unable to wear a mask due to medical or health issues should speak with pastor.*
- The 6:00 pm evening service will be entirely spoken. **There will be no singing.**

Prayers for Worship

For courage in these latter days: Lord Jesus, You promised that when we are dragged before kings and governors for the sake of Your name, You will give us a mouth of wisdom to bear witness to Your saving grace. Give us courage in these gray and latter days to proclaim the Gospel, even in the face of those who do not accept our testimony of You; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one eternal God, now and in the endless world to come. Amen.

For the return of our Lord Jesus Christ: O Jesus Christ, do not delay, but hasten our salvation; we often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation. O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty Judge, and set us free from death and every evil. Amen.
(*Lutheran Service Book* 508, stanza 7)

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OPENING HYMN—TUNE: TLH 430—TEXT: LSB 730

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| <p>1 What is the world to me
 With all its vaunted pleasure
When You, and You alone,
 Lord Jesus, are my treasure!
You only, dearest Lord,
 My soul's delight shall be;
You are my peace, my rest.
 What is the world to me!</p> <p>2 The world seeks to be praised
 And honored by the mighty
Yet never once reflects
 That they are frail and flighty.
But what I truly prize
 Above all things is He,
My Jesus, He alone.
 What is the world to me!</p> | <p>3 The world seeks after wealth
 And all that mammon offers
Yet never is content
 Though gold should fill its coffers.
I have a higher good,
 Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my wealth.
 What is the world to me!</p> <p>4 What is the world to me!
 My Jesus is my treasure,
My life, my health, my wealth,
 My friend, my love, my pleasure,
My joy, my crown, my all,
 My bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
 What is the world to me!</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.

THE INTROIT

Psalm 143:1–2, 5–6, 10–11

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.*

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;

I ponder the work of Your hands.

I stretch out my hands to You;

my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!

Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

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 Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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: Zephaniah 1:7–16

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 90; antiphon: v. 17

Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

LORD, You have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.

You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are brought to an end by Your anger;
by Your wrath we are dismayed.

You have set our iniquities before You,
our secret sins in the light of Your presence.

For all our days pass away under Your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

Who considers the power of Your anger,
and Your wrath according to the fear of You?

So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**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.**

Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!

from the Letters: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30

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.

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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.

HYMN OF THE DAY—TEXT & TUNE: LSB 508, STS. 1, 3, 5–6



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;
 6 May Christ our in - ter - ces - sor be And through His blood and mer - it



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been
 Read from His book that we are free With all who life in -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan
 her - it. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!
 saints in that blest place Which He has pur - chased for us.

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The Sermon

THE OFFERTORY HYMN – TEXT & TUNE: LSB 508, ST. 7

**O Jesus Christ, do not delay, but hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free from death and ev'ry evil.**

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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

the prayer concludes with:

. . . one God, now and forever. Amen.

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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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.

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. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.*



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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	Jeremiah 30:1–24	Matthew 26:57–75
M	Jeremiah 31:1–34	Matthew 27:1–10
Tu	Jeremiah 33:1–22	Matthew 27:11–32
W	Jeremiah 37:1–21	Matthew 27:33–56
Th	Jeremiah 38:1–28	Matthew 27:57–66
F	Daniel 1:1–21	Matthew 28:1–20
Sa	Daniel 2:1–23	Revelation 18:1–24

The Third Article: Sanctification

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

*What is the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed? 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.*

*From the Large Catechism: Since holiness has begun
and is growing daily, we await the time when our
flesh will be put to death, will be buried with all its
uncleanness, and will come forth gloriously and
arise to complete and perfect holiness in a new,
eternal life. Now we are only halfway pure and
holy. The Holy Spirit must continue to work in us
through the Word, daily granting forgiveness until
we attain only perfectly pure and holy people, full
of goodness and righteousness, completely freed
from sin, death, and all evil, living in new,
immortal, and glorified bodies.*

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Verse for Meditation

Teach us to number our days that we may get a
heart of wisdom.

Psalm 90:12

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 ever-living God, You have given
exceedingly great and precious promises to those
who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of
darkness and grant us to live in the light of
Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be
found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.

Readings for the Last Sunday of the Church Year (Christ the King) November 22

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 95:1–7a;
1 Corinthians 15:20–28; Matthew 25:31–46