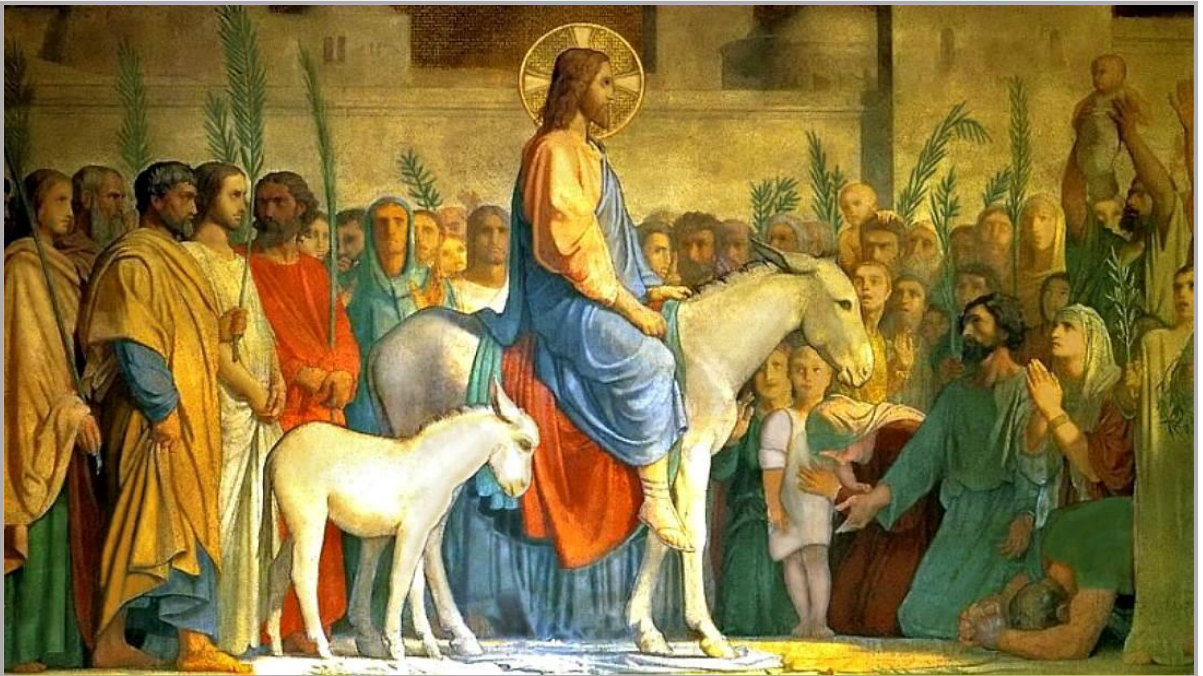


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# *Divine Service*



*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, those with medical or health issues excepted
- 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)	Patrick Jackson
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 right reception of the Lord's Supper:* O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to 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 Illustration

Fresco of Christ's Entry into Jerusalem  
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OPENING HYMN—TUNE: TLH 55 – TEXT: LSB 350

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| <p>1 <b>Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,<br/>Only hope for sinful mortals!<br/>Come, O Savior of the world!<br/>Open are to Thee all portals.<br/>Come, Thy beauty let us see;<br/>Anxiously we wait for Thee.</b></p>     | <p>3 <b>My hosannas and my palms<br/>Graciously receive, I pray Thee;<br/>Evermore, as best I can,<br/>Savior, I will homage pay Thee,<br/>And in faith I will embrace,<br/>Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.</b></p> |
| <p>2 <b>Enter now my waiting heart,<br/>Glorious King and Lord most holy.<br/>Dwell in me and ne'er depart,<br/>Though I am but poor and lowly.<br/>Ah, what riches will be mine<br/>When Thou art my guest divine!</b></p> | <p>4 <b>Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!<br/>Jesus, hear our supplication!<br/>Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,<br/>Bring us blessing and salvation,<br/>That forever we may sing:<br/>Hail! Hosanna to our King.</b></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

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

*Almighty God, our Maker and our Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. And so we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

# *The Absolution*

[John 20:19–23]

**Amen.**

THE INTROIT

Zechariah 9:9b; Psalm 25:1–3

*Behold, your King is coming to you;*  
**righteous and having salvation.**

*To You, O LORD,*  
**I lift up my soul.**

*O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;*  
**let not my enemies exult over me.**

*Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;*  
**they shall be ashamed who are treacherous without cause.**

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 SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.*  
**And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## *The Reading of God's Word*

*from the Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1–9*

*After the reading:*

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

*Restore us, O God of hosts;*

**let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

*Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock!*

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

*Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,*

**stir up Your might and come to save us!**

*Restore us, O God;*

**let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

*O LORD God of hosts,*

**how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?**

*You have fed them with the bread of tears*

**and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

*You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,*

**and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

*Restore us, O God of hosts;*

**let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**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.**

*Restore us, O God of hosts;*

**let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

*from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 24:7

*Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates!*

**And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

*The Holy Gospel: Mark 11:1–10*

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

*After the reading:*

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

*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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY—TUNE: TLH 95 – TEXT: LSB 332, STS. 1–6

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| <p><b>1 Savior of the nations, come,<br/>Virgin's Son, make here Your home!<br/>Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,<br/>That the Lord chose such a birth.</b></p> <p><b>2 Not by human flesh and blood,<br/>By the Spirit of our God,<br/>Was the Word of God made flesh—<br/>Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.</b></p> <p><b>3 Here a maid was found with child,<br/>Yet remained a virgin mild.<br/>In her womb this truth was shown:<br/>God was there upon His throne.</b></p> | <p><b>4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all<br/>From His pure and kingly hall;<br/>God of God, yet fully man,<br/>His heroic course began.</b></p> <p><b>5 God the Father was His source,<br/>Back to God He ran His course.<br/>Into hell His road went down,<br/>Back then to His throne and crown.</b></p> <p><b>6 For You are the Father's Son<br/>Who in flesh the vict'ry won.<br/>By Your mighty pow'r make whole<br/>All our ills of flesh and soul.</b></p> |
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## *The Sermon*

*Matthew 11:1–10*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN—TUNE: TLH 73, THIRD TUNE—TEXT: LSB 341, STS. 1 & 5

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!**  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.
- 2 Redeemer, come and open wide**  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

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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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*We give You thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Send Your Spirit, we pray, on this bread and wine that they may also be the Body and Blood of Him who is coming in the clouds, that even now He may come to us and into us with grace and pardon. Amen.*

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.**

PRE-COMMUNION HYMN—TUNE: TLH 62—TEXT: LSB 357, ST. 1

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,**  
**That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

# 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 POST-COMMUNION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 936, STS. 1, 4

Following the common dismissal for Holy Communion, we stand and sing these hymn stanzas based on the Benedictus (Luke 1:68–79), the Song of Zechariah, father of John the Baptist.



1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His  
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,  
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a  
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!  
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!



*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
**And His mercy endures forever.***

## THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.***

## THE COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

*Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the 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.***

## HYMN TO DEPART—TUNE &amp; TEXT: TLH 56, ALT. RMH

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| <p><b>1</b> Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,<br/>         Came in peace from realms on high,<br/>         Came in flesh for our redemption,<br/>         Lowly came to earth to die.<br/>         Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>         Came in deep humility.</p> | <p><b>2</b> He shall come in clouds of glory;<br/>         We shall see Him with our eyes.<br/>         He shall come, the Judge and Bridegroom;<br/>         We in flesh, like Him, shall rise.<br/>         Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>         Singing through the shouting skies!</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.*

*We begin Advent by reading Isaiah and 1 & 2 Peter.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Isaiah 5:1–25	1 Peter 2:1–12
M	Isaiah 6:1–7:9	1 Peter 2:13–25
Tu	Isaiah 7:10–8:8	1 Peter 3:1–22
W	Isaiah 8:9–9:7	1 Peter 4:1–19
Th	Isaiah 9:8–10:11	1 Peter 5:1–14
F	Isaiah 10:12–34	2 Peter 1:1–21
Sa	Isaiah 11:1–12:6	2 Peter 2:1–22

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*From the Large Catechism:* We have heard what we are to do [the Ten Commandments] and believe [the Apostles' Creed]. The best and most blessed life consists of these things. Now follows the third part, how we are to pray. Mankind is in such a situation that no one can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly, even though he has begun to believe. Besides, the devil, along with the world and our flesh, resists our efforts with all his power. Therefore nothing is so necessary as to call upon God continually and drum into His ears our prayer that He may give, preserve, and increase in us faith and obedience to the Ten Commandments and remove all that stands in our way and hinders us from fulfilling them. That we may know what and how to pray, our Lord Christ Himself has taught us both the way and the words.

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.

For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul. LSB 332:1, 6

### Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*As children of the heavenly Father, we are bold to pray.*

- Su For God's name to be kept holy through pure teaching and holy living
- M For God's kingdom to come and increase through the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Tu For God to hinder every evil plan and purpose of the world, the devil, and the sinful nature
- W For daily bread and contentment in all things
- Th For forgiveness of our sins and of those who sin against us
- F For protection in the midst of temptation
- Sa For rescue from all evils of body and soul and, when our last hour comes, a blessed end

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Collect of the Week

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Readings for the Second Sunday in Advent, Dec. 6

Isa. 40:1–11; Psalm 85; 2 Peter 3:8–14; Mark 1:1–8