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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)	Dave Farabaugh
(11:00 am)	Ray Arsenault
Organist (9:00 & 11:00 am)	Anne Bennet

## Prayers for Worship

*Before service:* Lord God, heavenly Father, through the prophet Moses, You began the prophetic pattern of teaching Your people the true faith and demonstrating through miracles Your presence in creation to heal it of its brokenness. Grant that Your Church may see in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the final end-times prophet whose teaching and miracles continue in Your Church through the healing medicine of the Gospel and the Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*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:* 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.

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OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 106 – TEXT: LSB 412

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| <p>1 The people that in darkness sat<br/>A glorious light have seen;<br/>The light has shined on them who long<br/>In shades of death have been,<br/>In shades of death have been.</p> <p>2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,<br/>The gath'ring nations come;<br/>They joy as when the reapers bear<br/>Their harvest treasures home,<br/>Their harvest treasures home.</p> <p>3 To us a Child of hope is born,<br/>To us a Son is giv'n,<br/>And on His shoulder ever rests<br/>All pow'r in earth and heav'n,<br/>All pow'r in earth and heav'n.</p> | <p>4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,<br/>The Everlasting Lord,<br/>The Wonderful, the Counselor,<br/>The God by all adored,<br/>The God by all adored.</p> <p>5 His righteous government and pow'r<br/>Shall over all extend;<br/>On judgment and on justice based,<br/>His reign shall have no end,<br/>His reign shall have no end.</p> <p>△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,<br/>And make us Thine alone,<br/>Who with the Father ever art<br/>And Holy Spirit, one,<br/>And Holy Spirit, one.</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 32:10, 1–2, 5–7

*Many are the sorrows of the wicked,*  
**but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

*Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,*  
**whose sin is covered.**

*Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,*  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

*I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;*  
**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”**  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;*  
**surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**

*You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble;*  
**You surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

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

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: Deuteronomy 18:15–20*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 111; antiphon v. 3*

*Full of splendor and majesty is His work,  
and His righteousness endures forever.*

*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

*Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.*

*Full of splendor and majesty is His work,  
and His righteousness endures forever.*

*He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.*

*He provides food for those who fear Him;  
He remembers His covenant forever.*

*He has shown His people the power of His works,  
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.*

*The works of His hands are faithful and just;  
all His precepts are trustworthy;*

*they are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

*He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is His name!*

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.*  
**His praise endures forever!**

**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.**

*Full of splendor and majesty is His work,*  
**and His righteousness endures forever.**

*from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospels: Mark 1:14–28*

**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.**

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| <p><b>1 Joyful fear and trembling praise,<br/>O Lord Christ, to You we raise,<br/>Like the Gentiles from afar<br/>Summoned by the calling star.<br/>Righteous Branch of Jesse’s Stem,<br/>Shepherd-King of Bethlehem,<br/>Pow’r and love around You shine,<br/>God Incarnate! Man Divine!</b></p> <p><b>2 Baptized here for us below<br/>In earth’s water and earth’s woe,<br/>Filled with might and full of grace<br/>In the Holy Ghost’s embrace,<br/>Underneath the tearing sky,<br/>God’s Beloved from on high!<br/>Pow’r and love around You shine,<br/>God Incarnate! Man Divine!</b></p> | <p><b>3 Son of Man and sinners’ King,<br/>All our sorrows carrying,<br/>In Your mercy making whole<br/>Crippled limb and crippled soul,<br/>God of God and Light of Light,<br/>Granting eyes and spirits sight,<br/>Pow’r and love around You shine,<br/>God Incarnate! Man Divine!</b></p> <p><b>4 Christ, who hearts and bodies fed<br/>Sudden wine and wondrous bread,<br/>Christ, who walked upon the sea,<br/>Stilling storms in majesty,<br/>Christ, who spoke and demons fled,<br/>Christ, who spoke and waked the dead,<br/>Pow’r and love around You shine,<br/>God Incarnate! Man Divine!</b></p> |
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## *The Sermon*

*Mark 1:21–28*

- 5 Grant us grace to see You, Lord,  
Mirrored in Your Holy Word.  
May we imitate You here  
And be pure when You appear  
That we all like You may be  
At Your Great Epiphany,  
And like stars around You shine,  
God Incarnate! Man Divine!**

*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.*

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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.**



**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. 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 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 & TEXT: LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!



# 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	Zechariah 10:1–11:3	2 Timothy 3:1–17
M	Zechariah 11:4–17	2 Timothy 4:1–18
Tu	Zechariah 12:1–13:9	Titus 1:1–2:6
W	Zechariah 14:1–21	Titus 2:7–3:15
Th	Job 1:1–22	John 1:1–18
F	Job 2:1–3:10	John 1:19–34
Sa	Job 3:11–26	John 1:35–51

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*The Seventh Petition*

But deliver us from evil.

*What does this mean?* We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

*From the Large Catechism:* In the Greek text, this petition reads, "Deliver or preserve us from the evil one," or "the hateful one." It looks like Jesus was speaking about the devil, like He would summarize every petition in this one. So the entire substance of all our prayer is directed against our chief enemy. For it is he who hinders among us everything that we pray for: God's name or honor, God's kingdom and will, our daily bread, a cheerful good conscience, and so forth. . . . You see again how God wishes us to pray to Him also for all things that affect our bodily interest, so that we seek and expect help nowhere else except in Him.

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Son of Man and sinners' King,  
All our sorrows carrying,  
In Your mercy making whole  
Crippled limb and crippled soul,  
God of God and Light of Light,  
Granting eyes and spirits sight,  
Pow'r and love around You shine,  
God Incarnate! Man Divine!

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### 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, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### Readings for next Sunday, February 7

Is. 40:21–31; Ps. 147:1–11; 1 Cor. 9:16–27; Mark 1:29–39