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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, 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)	Jeremey Henrickson
Organist (9:00 & 11:00 am)	Anne Bennet

Hallelujah! Praise Yahweh!

The Hebrew word *hallelu-yah* means "Praise Yah[weh]." ("Alleluia" is the Greek spelling.) The divine name *Yahweh* appears frequently in the Old Testament. In English, it is translated as "LORD" in capital letters. Hallelujah is a word of joy and gladness and an expression of thankful praise to the one true God.

In the Divine Service, a joyous triple "Hallelujah" follows the Epistle reading (the reading from the New Testament letters) and prepares us for the Gospel reading. The first half of the service reaches its highest point as we hear the very words and deeds of Jesus in the Holy Gospel.

An ancient Church custom is to refrain from using "Hallelujah" during the season of Lent. This practice sets apart the penitential Lenten season from the exuberance of the Easter season that follows.

On this Last Sunday in Epiphany, sing joyfully the hallelujahs/alleluias! This word of praise will not be heard again in church until it bursts forth from the grave with Jesus on Easter. Today we bid "farewell" to hallelujah until we meet again in the joy of the resurrection.

"Praise the Lord! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being." *Psalms 146:1-2*

Alleluia! Praise the LORD!

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The Transfiguration by Fra Angelico (ca. 1440–1442)..

OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 473 – TEXT: RMH

- 1 **The humble veil is parted: The Light of Light appears.
This Man, so lowly-hearted, is Lord of countless years.
Fall down! Fall down and fear Him as Baal and Pharaoh fell!
Know He is God and hear Him, the Lord Immanuel.**
- 2 **Soon men will tear asunder the veil of flesh He wears,
The God of fire and thunder be seen in blood and tears.
Behold the love outflowing that cancels all our shame.
This Pow'r beyond all knowing our Sacrifice became.**
- 3 **For Your transfiguration, my Christ, be glorified,
My Light and my Salvation, my Maker crucified.
Transfigure me, O Jesus, while I this vision share;
Transfigure me, O Jesus, till I Your likeness bear.**
- 4 **Look up! The skies are tearing! He comes in glory bare
And, changed by His appearing, we rise through shining air.
'Mid lightnings of Your splendor and thund'ring shouts of praise,
O Terrible and Tender, we see You face to face!**

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 99:9, 1–5

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

He is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

Holy is He!

The King in His might loves justice.

You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!

Holy is He!

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. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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: Exodus 34:29–35

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 50:1–6; antiphon v. 2

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

Our God comes; He does not keep silence;
before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that He may judge His people:

"Gather to Me My faithful ones,
who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!"

The heavens declare His righteousness,
for God Himself is judge!

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.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

from the Letters: 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:6

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospels: Mark 9:1–9

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 worshipped 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 **Lo, Fire upon the mountain
And brighter than Sinai!
Love's Sun, salvation's Fountain,
He lights our darkened sky.
The hellish dark surprising,
Behold the Morningstar:
The Lord's own Glory rising
On sinners near and far!**
- 2 **O Dawn from heav'n appointed!
O glad and early Morn!
He shines, the Man anointed,
Our God, the Virgin-born.
He swallows up death for us
In immortality
And opens wide before us
His bright eternity.**
- 3 **Lord Christ, our hearts awaken
To know and love You more,
By faith to stand unshaken,
To trust You and adore.
While here to heaven hasting
We breathe the morning air
While here the joy foretasting
Which we shall enter there.**
- △ 4 **O Father, let us hear Him
And gladly keep His law;
O Spirit, draw us near Him
To claim His grace with awe.
O Jesus, Son of Mary,
O Life for love laid down,
Let us our crosses carry
Until we share Your crown.**

The Sermon

Mark 9:2–9

THE OFFERTORY

Psalms 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 Installation of the Church Council

The Prayer of the Church

after each petition:

*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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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. 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.

HYMN TO DEPART — TUNE: LSB 373 -- TEXT: RMH

- 1 Heaven's Glory glad and bright, shining on the barren height:
Christ reveals His matchless worth to poor sinners still on earth.
Weak and foolish, yet they see in the dark His majesty.
Let me learn with them the price of His coming sacrifice.**
- 2 Did He hold this glory in, shedding blood instead for sin?
Was this Splendor crucified? Was it God the Son who died?
Shamed and cursed, in weakness veiled, naked on a cross impaled.
Lord of Glory — can it be? Yes, He spent Himself for me.**
- 3 Jesus, burn away my pride by Your glory crucified;
By Your love for me within, Lord, consume my love of sin
Like th'apostles flood my sight with Your mercy and Your might
Till, like them, I rise to see only You who died for me.**

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	Job 4:1–21	John 2:1–12
M	Job 5:1–27	John 2:13–25
Tu	Job 6:1–13	John 3:1–21
W	Job 6:14–30	John 3:22–4:6
Th	Job 7:1–21	John 4:7–26
F	Job 8:1–22	John 4:27–45
Sa	Job 9:1–35	John 4:46–54

Holy Baptism

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

What is Baptism? Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)

From the Large Catechism: We ought to value Baptism . . . because God has commanded it. Besides, it is done in His name. . . . To be baptized in God's name is to be baptized not by men, but by God Himself. Therefore, although it is performed by human hands, it is still truly God's own work. From this fact everyone may readily conclude that Baptism is a far higher work than any work performed by a man or a saint. For what work can we do that is greater than God's work?

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Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love. LSB 413:3

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, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the First Sunday in Lent, February 21

Gen. 22:1–18; Psalm 25:1–10; James 1:12–18; Mark 1:9–15