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# Alleluia! Christ is risen!



*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*Westminster, Massachusetts*

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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Visitor, you are very welcome here.

Please contact us with questions or prayer requests, and come worship with us again. Our pastor would be very glad to meet with you. May our Lord's Word be a blessing to all who gather in His name.

## 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.

## Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant  
Liturgist (9:00 am)  
(11:00 am)  
Organist

Rev. Peter Gregory  
Dave Farabaugh  
Ray Arsenault  
Anne Bennet

## Prayer for Worship

*For steadfast faith:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You have given to all who believe exceedingly great and precious promises. Grant Your Holy Spirit to us that we may without all doubt trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ, so that our faith in Your sight 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.

*Before confession and absolution:* Almighty, everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In Your mercy You sent Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession that, dead to sin, we may be raised up by Your life-giving absolution. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be ever watchful and live true and godly lives in Your service; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Baptismal life:* Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Cover Image

“The Incredulity of Thomas”  
from the Maestà altarpiece  
by Duccio di Buoninsegna (1308–1311)  
in the Museo dell’Opera del Duomo in Siena, Italy.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

THE OPENING HYMN -- TUNE: TLH 223 -- TEXT: TLH 211, ALT. RMH

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| <p><b>1 Lo, Judah's Lion wins the war!</b><br/>The ancient serpent boasts no more!<br/>Our Gideon, in the realms of night,<br/>His trumpet blows and blazes light!<br/>Hallelujah!</p> <p><b>2 The Stronger Man, alive again,</b><br/>Has bound the dragon in His chain!<br/>Our Samson storms death's citadel<br/>And carries off the gates of hell!<br/>Hallelujah!</p> | <p><b>3 See the old slanderer cast down</b><br/>With crippled jaw and crumpled crown!<br/>Our greater David from the dead<br/>Returns, and holds Goliath's head!<br/>Hallelujah!</p> <p><b>4 Lion of Judah, Israel's Pride,</b><br/>Who can accuse us at Your side?<br/>Seed of the Woman, Brother True,<br/>We will be ruled by none but You!<br/>Hallelujah!</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.**

*Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation —*  
**if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name;*  
**make known His deeds among the peoples!**

*Sing to Him, sing praises to Him;*  
**tell of all His wondrous works!**

*Glory in His holy name;*  
**let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

*Seek the LORD and His strength;*  
**seek His presence continually!**

*Remember the wondrous works that He has done,*  
**His miracles, and the judgments He uttered.**

*He remembers His covenant forever,*  
**the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

## 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 God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: Acts 4:32–35*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 148; antiphon: v. 13*

*Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;*  
**His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;*  
**praise Him in the heights!**

*Praise Him, all His angels;*  
**praise Him, all His hosts!**

*Praise Him, sun and moon,*  
**praise Him, all you shining stars!**

*Praise Him, you highest heavens,*  
**and you waters above the heavens!**

*Let them praise the name of the LORD!*  
**For He commanded and they were created.**

*And He established them forever and ever;*  
**He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

*Praise the LORD from the earth,*  
**you great sea creatures and all deeps,**  
*fire and hail, snow and mist,*  
**stormy wind fulfilling His word!**

*Mountains and all hills,*  
**fruit trees and all cedars!**

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*Beasts and all livestock,*  
**creeping things and flying birds!**

*Kings of the earth and all peoples,*  
**princes and all rulers of the earth!**

*Young men and maidens together,*  
**old men and children!**

*Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;*  
**His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

*He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints,*  
**for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!**

**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 them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;*  
**His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

*the Second Reading: 1 John 1:1–2:2*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*the reading from the Holy Gospel: John 20:19–31*

**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.**

*HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 208 – TEXT: LSB 470, STS. 1–6*

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| <p><b>1 O sons and daughters of the King,<br/>Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,<br/>Today the grave has lost its sting!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>2 That Easter morn, at break of day,<br/>The faithful women went their way<br/>To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>3 An angel clad in white they see,<br/>Who sits and speaks unto the three,<br/>“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> | <p><b>4 That night th’apostles met in fear;<br/>Among them came their master dear<br/>And said, “My peace be with you here.”<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard<br/>That they had seen the risen Lord,<br/>He doubted the disciples’ word.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>6 “My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,<br/>And look upon My hands, My feet;<br/>Not faithless but believing be.”<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> |
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## *The Sermon*

*John 20:19–31*

*HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 208 – TEXT: LSB 470, STS. 7–9*

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| <p><b>7 No longer Thomas then denied;<br/>He saw the feet, the hands, the side;<br/>“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> <p><b>9 On this most holy day of days<br/>Be laud and jubilee and praise:<br/>To God your hearts and voices raise.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> | <p><b>8 How blest are they who have not seen<br/>And yet whose faith has constant been,<br/>For they eternal life shall win.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p> |
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> Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will take place as you come forward for Holy Communion. <

## ***The Public Recognition of Holy Baptism (11:00 am)***

*for Jack Willis Gould & Mark Henry Gould*

### ***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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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.**

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*

*Note on Holy Communion: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise His very body and blood are really present, so that we come into direct communion with the exalted Christ and His forgiveness. As we do so, we also bear witness to the oneness in doctrine of those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we kindly ask guests to speak with pastor before communing so that all who receive Holy Communion with us might first be properly instructed. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 201 – TEXT: LSB 490

**1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.**

**2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.**

**3 Jesus lives! For me He died,  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.**

**4 Jesus lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.**

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5 Jesus lives! And now is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
Jesus is my confidence!

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11:00 AM – DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 188

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| <p>1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!<br/>He is now the Living One;<br/>From the gloomy halls of death<br/>Christ the Conqueror has gone,<br/>Bright Forerunner to the skies<br/>Of His people, yet to rise.</p> <p>2 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice!<br/>Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.<br/>Praise Him in a nobler song,<br/>Cherubim of heav'nly birth.<br/>Praise the Victor-King, whose sway<br/>Sin and death and hell obey.</p> <p>3 Jesus lives! Why weepst thou?<br/>Why that sad and frequent sigh?<br/>He who died our Brother here<br/>Lives our Brother still on high.<br/>Lives forever to bestow<br/>Blessings on His Church below.</p> | <p>4 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,<br/>Life eternal waits for thee;<br/>Joined to Him, thy living Head,<br/>Where He is, thou, too shalt be;<br/>With Himself, at His right hand,<br/>Victor over death shalt stand.</p> <p>5 Jesus lives! To Him my heart<br/>Draws with ever new delight.<br/>Earthly vanities, depart,<br/>Hinder not my heavenward flight.<br/>Let this spirit ever rise<br/>To its Magnet in the skies.</p> <p>6 Hallelujah, angels, sing!<br/>Join us in our hymn of praise;<br/>Let your chorus swell the strain<br/>Which our feebler voices raise;<br/>Glory to our God above<br/>And on earth His peace and love!</p> |
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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. 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 on you and be gracious to you.*  
*The LORD turn His face toward you and ✠ give you peace.*  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE &amp; TEXT: LSB 633, STS. 5–6, 8

- 1 **Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**
- 2 **Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthrall;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!**
- △ 3 **Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!**

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**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	Exodus 20:1–24	Luke 4:1–15
M	Exodus 22:20–23:13	Luke 4:16–30
Tu	Exodus 23:14–33	Luke 4:31–44
W	Exodus 24:1–18	Luke 5:1–16
Th	Exodus 25:1–22	Luke 5:17–39
F	Exodus 31:1–18	Luke 6:1–19
Sa	Exodus 32:1–14	Luke 6:20–38

### The Sacrament of the Altar

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

*Where is the benefit of this eating and drinking?* These words, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

*From the Large Catechism:* [The Sacrament] is called a food of souls, which nourishes and strengthens the new man. For by Baptism we are first born anew. But . . . there still remains the old vicious nature of flesh and blood in mankind. There are so many hindrances and temptations of the devil and of the world that we often become weary and faint, and sometimes we also stumble. Therefore, the Sacrament is given as a daily pasture and sustenance, that faith may refresh and strengthen itself so that it will not fall back in such a battle, but become ever stronger and stronger. The new life must be guided so that it continually increases and progresses.

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LSB 470:8

### 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, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Readings for the Third Sun. of Easter, April 18

Acts 3:11–21; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1–7; Luke 24:36–49