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# *Divine Service*



*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.

For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the prayers, hymns, or other parts of the service, please know that you may sit as you find need or comfort.

Don't be embarrassed if your children make noise during worship—all children do. We encourage families to worship together. As needed, there is a staffed nursery available in the basement during the service.

## Service Guidelines

- Don't come if you are sick, have symptoms, or have potentially been exposed to the virus.
- Be gracious & considerate of your neighbors, neither giving nor taking offense.
- Masks are optional, remembering that there are many opinions among us, and that everyone has different health and life situations.

## 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.

## Spiritual Care

Individual confession and absolution, spiritual care, and pastoral counsel are available by appointment. Please contact the church office to schedule a time.

## Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Jeremy Henrikson
Organist	Judy Greenlees
Acolyte	Lars Henrikson

## Prayers for Worship

*For St. James, the Elder (July 25):* O gracious God, Your servant and apostle James was the first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out upon the leaders of Your Church that spirit of self-denying service that they may forsake all false and passing allurements and follow Christ alone, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

*For steadfast faith:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because of Your tender love toward us sinners You have given us Your Son that, believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Cover Image

Jesus Walks on Water by Gustave Doré (1832–1883).

THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 731

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| <p>1 O God, forsake me not!<br/>Your gracious presence lend me;<br/>Lord, lead Your helpless child;<br/>Your Holy Spirit send me<br/>That I my course may run.<br/>O be my light, my lot,<br/>My staff, my rock, my shield—<br/>O God, forsake me not!</p> <p>2 O God, forsake me not!<br/>Take not Your Spirit from me;<br/>Do not permit the might<br/>Of sin to overcome me.<br/>Increase my feeble faith,<br/>Which You alone have wrought.<br/>O be my strength and pow'r—<br/>O God, forsake me not!</p> | <p>3 O God, forsake me not!<br/>Lord, hear my supplication!<br/>In ev'ry evil hour<br/>Help me resist temptation;<br/>And when the prince of hell<br/>My conscience seeks to blot,<br/>Be then not far from me—<br/>O God, forsake me not!</p> <p>4 O God, forsake me not!<br/>Lord, I am Yours forever.<br/>O keep me strong in faith<br/>That I may leave You never.<br/>Grant me a blessed end<br/>When my good fight is fought;<br/>Help me in life and death—<br/>O God, forsake me not!</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 145:5, 1–3, 6–7

*On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,*  
**and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

*I will extol You, my God and King,*  
**and bless Your name forever and ever.**

*Every day I will bless You*  
**and praise your name forever and ever.**

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,*  
**and His greatness is unsearchable.**

*They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,*  
**and I will declare Your greatness.**

*They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness*  
**and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

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 most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; 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: Genesis 9:8–17*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 136:26, 1–9*

*Give thanks to the God of heaven,*

***refrain: for His steadfast love endures forever***

*Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, refrain*

*Give thanks to the God of gods, refrain*

*Give thanks to the Lord of lords, refrain*

*to Him who alone does great wonders, refrain*

*to Him who by understanding made the heavens, refrain*

*to Him who spread out the earth above the waters, refrain*

*to Him who made the great lights, refrain*

*the sun to rule over the day, refrain*

*the moon and stars to rule over the night, refrain*

**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.**

*Give thanks to the God of heaven,*

***for His steadfast love endures forever***

*from the Letters: Ephesians 3:14–21*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Mark 6:45–56*

**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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 540, STS. 1–5



I Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.

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| <p>2 <b>Christ, the living bread from heaven,<br/>Food for body, food for soul;<br/>Christ, the manna daily given,<br/>Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.<br/>Feed us with the food of heaven,<br/>Foretaste of the feast to be;<br/>Quench our thirst with living water<br/>Springing up eternally.</b></p> <p>3 <b>Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant<br/>From the stump of Jesse’s tree;<br/>Christ, true vine, You nurture branches<br/>To bear fruit abundantly.<br/>Graft us into You, O Savior;<br/>Prune our hearts so we remain<br/>Fruitful branches in Your vineyard<br/>Till eternal life we gain.</b></p> | <p>4 <b>Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,<br/>Watching all Your lambs and sheep;<br/>Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,<br/>Never-failing vigil keep.<br/>When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,<br/>Find us, lift us, bear us home;<br/>Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;<br/>Let us hear Your voice alone.</b></p> <p>5 <b>Christ, the way that leads unfailing<br/>To the Father’s home on high,<br/>Christ, the truth that frees the captive,<br/>Christ, the life that cannot die.<br/>Mediator to the Father,<br/>Sacrifice and great High Priest:<br/>Lead us to Your heav’nly mansions,<br/>There to share Your wedding feast.</b></p> |
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## *The Sermon*

*Mark 6:45–56*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 540, ST. 6

- △ 6 **Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church’s glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration and unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit and to You eternally.**

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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 ends with:*

*. . . As we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day, before the night comes when no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by Your power, and receive us into Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.**

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 about 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. <

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 717

> In this hymn (the Navy Hymn), we ask the Holy Trinity to protect and care for all, especially those at sea. <



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard And hushed their rag - ing  
 3 Most Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood Up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
 at Thy word, Who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep And  
 dark and rude, And bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, And  
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: O hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 544

**1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
 That God, the Son of God, should take  
 Our mortal form for mortals' sake!**

**2 He sent no angel to our race,  
 Of higher or of lower place,  
 But wore the robe of human frame,  
 And to this world Himself He came.**

(Continued on the next page.)

3 For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.

4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not Himself but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 444*

1 Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you,  
O Christians, lest the Foe destroy you,  
For Satan has designed your fall.  
Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious!  
Against each foe you'll be victorious;  
Our God will set you o'er them all.  
Is Satan strong and fell? Here is Immanuel.  
Sing hosanna! The strong ones yield,  
With Christ our Shield,  
And we as conqueror's hold the field.

2 Cast afar this world's vain pleasures,  
Aye, boldly fight for heavenly treasures,  
And steadfast be in Jesus' might.  
He will help, whate'er betide you,  
And naught will harm with Christ beside you;  
By faith you'll conquer in the fight.  
Then shame, thou weary soul!  
Look forward to the goal: There joy waits thee.  
The race, then, run; The combat done,  
Thy crown of glory will be won.

3 Wisely fight, for time is fleeting,  
The hours of grace are fast retreating;  
Short, short, is this our earthly way.  
Then the trump the dead is waking  
And sinners all with fear are quaking,  
With joy the saints will greet that Day.  
Bless God, our triumph's sure,  
Tho' long we did endure scorn and trial.  
Thou, Son of God, to Thine abode  
Wilt lead the way Thyself hast trod.

4 Jesus, all Thy children cherish  
And keep them that they never perish  
Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood.  
Let new life to us be given  
That we may look to Thee in heaven  
Whenever fearful is our mood.  
Thy spirit on us pour  
That we may love Thee more—  
Hearts o'erflowing; and then will we  
Be true to Thee in death and life eternally.

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**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 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: LSB 895

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| <p><b>1 Oh, may this bounteous God<br/>Through all our life be near us,<br/>With ever joyful hearts<br/>And blessed peace to cheer us<br/>And keep us in His grace<br/>And guide us when perplexed<br/>And free us from all ills<br/>In this world and the next!</b></p> | <p>△</p> | <p><b>2 All praise and thanks to God<br/>The Father now be given,<br/>The Son, and Him who reigns<br/>With them in highest heaven,<br/>The one eternal God,<br/>Whom earth and heav'n adore;<br/>For thus it was, is now,<br/>And shall be evermore.</b></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.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	1 Samuel 9:1–27	Acts 21:37–22:16
M	1 Samuel 10:1–27	Acts 22:17–29
Tu	1 Samuel 12:1–25	Acts 22:30–23:11
W	1 Samuel 13:1–18	Acts 23:12–35
Th	1 Samuel 14:47–15:9	Acts 24:1–23
F	1 Samuel 15:10–35	Acts 24:24–25:12
Sa	1 Samuel 16:1–23	Acts 25:13–27

### The Apostles' Creed

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

*What is the First Article?* I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

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### Verse for Meditation

Immediately [Jesus] spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."  
*Mark 6:50*

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard  
And hushed their raging at Thy word,  
Who walkedst on the foaming deep  
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

*LSB 717:2*

### 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 most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Readings for next Sunday, August 1

Exodus 16:2–15; Psalm 145:10–21;  
Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:22–35