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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	Tom Connell
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolyte	Ben Paradis
	Eli Roach

## Prayers for Worship

*Mary's Magnificat:* My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! (Luke 1:46–47)

*For receiving the Word:* Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son and made known through her Your gracious regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant that we may receive Your Word in humility and faith, and so be made one with Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Before communion:* Lord Jesus Christ, I am not worthy that you should enter my sinful heart, yet you know my poverty and need. I desire your presence to nourish, comfort and strengthen my poor soul. Say the word and I shall be healed! Amen.

*After communion:* O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee and adore Thee, in thanksgiving bow before Thee. Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, that our sins and sorrows did carry, and Thy blood for us plead in all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy! (LSB 617:1)

## Cover Image

The *Pietà* (1498–1499) by Michelangelo Buonarroti, housed in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City.

The *Pietà* depicts St. Mary, the mother of our Lord, with the body of Jesus on her lap after the crucifixion.

> Note: The offering of tithes and gifts will be received in the offering box as you enter the nave for the service.  
They will be presented before the Lord's altar prior to the Prayer of the Church. <

THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 59 & TEXT: LSB 398

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| <p><b>1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,<br/>Great David's greater Son!<br/>Hail, in the time appointed,<br/>His reign on earth begun!<br/>He comes to break oppression,<br/>To set the captive free,<br/>To take away transgression<br/>And rule in equity.</b></p> <p><b>2 He comes with rescue speedy<br/>To those who suffer wrong,<br/>To help the poor and needy<br/>And bid the weak be strong;<br/>To give them songs for sighing,<br/>Their darkness turn to light,<br/>Whose souls, condemned and dying,<br/>Were precious in His sight.</b></p> | <p><b>3 He shall come down like showers<br/>Upon the fruitful earth;<br/>Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,<br/>Spring in His path to birth.<br/>Before Him on the mountains<br/>Shall peace, the herald, go;<br/>And righteousness in fountains<br/>From hill to valley flow.</b></p> <p><b>4 Kings shall fall down before Him<br/>And gold and incense bring;<br/>All nations shall adore Him,<br/>His praise all people sing.<br/>To Him shall prayer unceasing<br/>And daily vows ascend;<br/>His kingdom still increasing,<br/>A kingdom without end.</b></p> <p><b>5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,<br/>From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.<br/>The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;<br/>His name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.</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*

**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 34:1–5*

*I will bless the LORD at all times;*  
**His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

*My soul makes its boast in the LORD;*  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**

*Oh, magnify the LORD with me,*  
**and let us exalt His name together!**

*I sought the LORD, and He answered me*  
**and delivered me from all my fears.**

*Those who look to Him are radiant,*  
**and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

*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

2 Timothy 4:22

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

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your only Son. Grant that we, who are redeemed by His blood, may share with her in the glory of Your eternal kingdom; 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: Isaiah 61:7–11*

*After the reading:*

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 45:10–17; antiphon v .6

*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.*

**The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness.**

*Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:*

**forget your people and your father's house,**

*and the King will desire your beauty.*

**Since He is your Lord, bow to Him.**

*The people of Tyre will seek your favor with gifts,*

**the richest of the people.**

*All glorious is the princess in her chamber, with robes interwoven with gold.*

**In many-colored robes she is led to the King,**

**with her virgin companions following behind her.**

*With joy and gladness they are led along*

**as they enter the palace of the King.**

*In place of your fathers shall be your sons;*  
**you will make them princes in all the earth.**

*I will cause Your name to be remembered in all generations;*  
**therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.**

**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.**

*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.*

**The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness.**

*from the Letters: Galatians 4:4–7*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Luke 1:46–55*

**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.**

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"  
Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, pow'rs,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"
- 2 O higher than the cherubim,  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises: "Alleluia!"  
Thou bearer of th'eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!"  
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"
- △ 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!"  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

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## *The Sermon*

*Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 1:46–55*

### 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.

### *The Presentation of the Offering*

*I will offer the thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.*

**O LORD, my strength, I love You.**

### *The Prayer of the Church*

*each petition closes with the words:*

*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 by the Holy Spirit Your only-begotten Son was conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary and brought forth in the substance of our human flesh that we might partake of His divine 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: TLH 91 & TEXT: LSB 352

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| <p><b>1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,<br/>Who has truly kept His word<br/>And at last to us did send<br/>Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.</b></p> <p><b>2 What the fathers most desired,<br/>What the prophets’ heart inspired,<br/>What they longed for many_ year,<br/>Stands fulfilled in glory here.</b></p> <p><b>3 Abram’s promised great reward,<br/>Zion’s helper, Jacob’s Lord—<br/>Him of twofold race behold—<br/>Truly came, as long foretold.</b></p> | <p><b>4 As Your coming was in peace,<br/>Quiet, full of gentleness,<br/>Let the same mind dwell in me<br/>Which is Yours eternally.</b></p> <p><b>5 Bruise for me the serpent’s head<br/>That, set free from doubt and dread,<br/>I may cling to You in faith,<br/>Safely kept through life and death.</b></p> <p><b>6 Then when You will come again<br/>As the glorious king to reign,<br/>I with joy will see Your face,<br/>Freely ransomed by Your grace.</b></p> |
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 518, STS. 1, 22, 3

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| <p><b>1 By all Your saints in warfare,<br/>For all Your saints at rest,<br/>Your holy name, O Jesus,<br/>Forevermore be blest!<br/>For You have won the battle<br/>That they might wear the crown;<br/>And now they shine in glory<br/>Reflected from Your throne.</b></p> | <p><b>2 We sing with joy of Mary,<br/>Whose heart with awe was stirred<br/>When, youthful and astonished,<br/>She heard the angel’s word.<br/>Yet she her voice upraises<br/>To magnify God’s name,<br/>As once for our salvation<br/>Your mother she became.</b></p> |
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△ **3 Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow’r and glory  
And praise to God alone.**

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| <p><b>1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence<br/>And with fear and trembling stand;<br/>Ponder nothing earthly-minded,<br/>For with blessing in His hand<br/>Christ our God to earth descending<br/>Comes our homage to demand.</b></p> <p><b>2 King of kings yet born of Mary,<br/>As of old on earth He stood,<br/>Lord of lords in human vesture,<br/>In the body and the blood,<br/>He will give to all the faithful<br/>His own self for heav'nly food.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Rank on rank the host of heaven<br/>Spreads its vanguard on the way<br/>As the Light of Light, descending<br/>From the realms of endless day,<br/>Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish<br/>As the darkness clears away.</b></p> <p><b>4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,<br/>Cherubim with sleepless eye,<br/>Veil their faces to the presence<br/>As with ceaseless voice they cry:<br/>"Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, Lord Most High!"</b></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.**

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 & TEXT: TLH 275

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| <p><b>1</b> My soul doth magnify the Lord,<br/>My spirit shall in God rejoice;<br/>My low estate He did regard,<br/>Exalting me by gracious choice.</p> <p><b>2</b> Henceforth all men shall call me blest,<br/>For great things He hath done to me.<br/>The mighty God is now my Guest;<br/>The Holy One hath set me free.</p> <p><b>3</b> His mercy is on all who fear,<br/>Who trust in Him from age to age;<br/>His arm of strength to all is near,<br/>The proud He scatt' reth tho' they rage.</p> | <p><b>4</b> The strong He casteth from their seat<br/>And raiseth men of low degree;<br/>To hungry souls He giveth meat,<br/>The rich depart in poverty.</p> <p><b>5</b> He helped His servant Israel;<br/>Remembering His eternal grace,<br/>As from of old He did foretell<br/>To Abraham and all his race.</p> <p><b>6</b> So praise with me the Holy One,<br/>Who cometh in humility.<br/>Divine Redeemer, God's own Son,<br/>Eternal glory be to Thee!</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	2 Samuel 5:1–25	1 Cor. 8:1–13
M	2 Samuel 6:1–19	1 Cor. 9:1–23
Tu	2 Samuel 7:1–17	1 Cor. 9:24–10:22
W	2 Samuel 7:18–29	1 Cor. 10:23–11:16
Th	2 Samuel 11:1–27	1 Cor. 11:17–34
F	2 Samuel 12:1–25	1 Cor. 12:1–13
Sa	1 Kings 1:1–4, 15–35	1 Cor. 12:14–31

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*What is the Introduction?* Our Father who art in heaven.

*What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

*What is the First Petition?* Hallowed be Thy name.

*What does this mean?* God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

*How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.      *LSB 621:2*

### 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 God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Readings for next Sunday, August 22

Isaiah 29:11–19; Psalm 14;  
Ephesians 5:22–33; Mark 7:1–13