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Sunday of the Word



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. If needed, there is a nursery available in the basement during service and Bible class.

Out of courtesy to your brothers and sisters, please turn off your cell phone ringer and refrain from leaving or entering the sanctuary during the readings and the prayers.

Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Gregory would be very 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.

Christian Education

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study follow the after-service announcements. This morning everyone meets together in the sanctuary after coffee and refreshments, which are served in the basement.

Serving in Worship Today

Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Dave Farabaugh
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Landon Vega Ben Paradis

Prayers for Worship

Father, sanctify us in the truth; Your word is truth.
Amen. (*John 17:17*)

For profitable use of the Word: Most merciful God, You desire everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that by the preaching of Your Gospel we may be given that wisdom that leads to salvation. By the working of Your Holy Spirit keep us attentive to all the teachings of Your Word. Enlighten our minds, control our wills, and purify our affections. Let Your Word be a light for our path that neither the pleasures nor the honors nor the pains of this life may turn away our thoughts from the fullness of life that is found only in You. Enable us in sincerity of heart to follow You, the only true God. By Your holy Word enlighten all who are in error, doubt, or temptation with the sure and certain knowledge of Your truth that all who live in sin may be led to repentance. Show mercy and grace to all those suffering any distress, to those who are sick or hospitalized, and to those facing death. Let them know the sure comfort of Your holy Word. We commit ourselves and all for whom we pray to Your fatherly care and benediction. Be gracious to us and defend us by Your power. Direct us by Your Spirit that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Savior until we shall stand before You in the joy of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

> 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 282 – TEXT: RMH

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| <p>1 Christians, sing in sweetest measures
Thanks to Him who gave the treasures
In the Holy Scriptures shrined.
Blessed tidings of salvation!
“Peace on earth!” their proclamation,
Love from God to lost mankind.</p> <p>2 Here the rivers flow that gladden
With their streams the better Eden
Planted by our Savior dear.
Christ, the Fountain, these the waters;
Drink, O Zion's sons and daughters!
Drink and find salvation here!</p> | <p>3 Walk the fields where Jesus feeds us
As from mount to mount He leads us
Earth's temptations far above.
Loosed from sin's detested tethers,
Soaring as on eagle's feathers,
We shall reach the Source of Love.</p> <p>4 Let the written words You gave us
Guard, enlighten us, and save us
Till this life is done, O Lord.
Then shall we in joy unending,
Through the highest heav'ns ascending,
Rise to see the Living Word.</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.

My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to Your word!
My soul clings to the dust;
give me life according to Your word!
Your Word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

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. Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 55:10–13

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 119:89–96; antiphon v. 89

Forever, O LORD,

Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;

You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

By Your appointment they stand this day,

for all things are Your servants.

If Your law had not been my delight,

I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget Your precepts,

for by them You have given me life.

I am Yours; save me,

for I have sought Your precepts.

The wicked lie in wait to destroy me,

but I consider Your testimonies.

I have seen a limit to all perfection,

but Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

**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.**

Forever, O LORD,

Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

from the Letters: 2 Peter 1:16–21

After the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospel: John 6:63–69

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 578

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| <p>1 Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!</p> | <p>3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!</p> |
| <p>2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!</p> | <p>4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!</p> |

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send!
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the Holy Trinity!

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The Sermon

John 6:63–69

THE OFFERTORY

Psalm 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.

Installation of Congregational Servants

Elders and Teachers of the Word

The Prayer of the Church

each petition closes with the words:

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us 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.

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. <

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
 Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
 Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
Naught I ask beside Thee.
- 2 In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
 Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
 Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.
- 3 Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
 Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
 While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.
- 4 Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure,
 Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
 Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss, or shame or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.
- 5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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| <p>1 We have a sure, prophetic Word
By inspiration of the Lord;
And though attacked on ev'ry hand,
Jehovah's Word shall ever stand!
Alleluia!</p> <p>2 By kings and empires banned and burned,
By pagan pride rejected, spurned,
The Word still lives, our hope and trust,
While kings and cultures turn to dust.
Alleluia!</p> | <p>3 All that His Word in times of old
Of future days and deeds foretold,
All is fulfilled while ages roll
Just as was written on the scroll.
Alleluia!</p> <p>4 Ancient, abiding, saving, sure,
This world dissolves, these Words endure,
And so do all who trust this Word:
They anchor deep in God the LORD.
Alleluia!</p> |
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| <p>1 Preserve Your Word, O Jesus,
In this, the latter day.
Still drive away the darkness
And grow Your Church, we pray!
To keep our faith from failing,
Keep Your pure Word aglow
And we that light will follow
While trav'ling here below.</p> <p>2 Preserve Your Law, O Jesus!
In righteousness arise;
Expose, disperse, and scatter
The dead, blaspheming lies.
Convince, convict, and capture
The souls lost in the night
And lead them to the Mercy
That sent such ruthless light.</p> | <p>3 Preserve, O Christ, Your Gospel,
The Word that makes us whole,
The Word of love and glory,
The pow'r that saves the soul.
Lord, let this living water,
This cleansing rain of grace,
Keep us alive while living,
Until we see Your face.</p> <p>4 Preserve Your Word, O Jesus!
Preserve Your Word, I pray,
And by Your Word preserve me
Until the final Day.
Your Word—both hard and tender—
Your Word, alive and true,
Your Word alone will shield me
And bring me safe to You.</p> |
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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.

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

And His mercy endures forever!

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

Let us pray. 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 the same Jesus Christ, 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.

THE CLOSING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 588

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| <p>1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.</p> <p>Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.</p> | <p>2 Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
Lets His little child come in.</p> <p>Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.</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 Chronicles 31:1–21	Phil. 4:1–23
M	2 Chronicles 32:1–22	Colossians 1:1–23
Tu	2 Chronicles 33:1–25	Col. 1:24–2:7
W	2 Chr. 34:1–4, 8–11, 14–33	Colossians 2:8–23
Th	2 Chr. 35:1–7, 16–25	Colossians 3:1–25
F	2 Chron. 36:1–23	Colossians 4:1–18
Sa	Nehemiah 1:1–2:10	1 Timothy 1:1–20

The Lord's Prayer

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

*What is the Fifth Petition? And forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us.*

*What does this mean? We pray in this petition that
our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or
deny our prayer because of them. We are neither
worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have
we deserved them, but we ask that He would give
them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and
surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too
will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those
who sin against us.*

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Verse for Meditation

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel
of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners,
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight
is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he
meditate day and night. Psalm 1:1–2 KJV

Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

LSB 578:3

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

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

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so
hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest
them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy
Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the
blessed hope of everlasting life. Amen.

Readings for next Sunday, September 19

Jer. 11:18–20; Ps. 54; James 3:13–4:10; Mark 9:30–37