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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. 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 service. Pre-Kindergarten through seventh grade students meet in the basement, high school students in pastors' study, and adults in the sanctuary.

## Serving in Worship Today

Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Tim <u>Terhune</u>
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Luis Albert
	John Terhune

## Prayers for Worship

*For courage in these latter days:* Lord Jesus, You promised that when we are dragged before kings and governors for the sake of Your name, You will give us a mouth of wisdom to bear witness to Your saving grace. Give us courage in these gray and latter days to proclaim the Gospel, even in the face of those who do not accept our testimony of You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*For the return of our Lord Jesus Christ:* O Jesus Christ, do not delay, but hasten our salvation; we often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation. O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty Judge, and set us free from death and every evil. Amen.  
(*Lutheran Service Book* 508, stanza 7)

*After Holy Communion:* Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Cover Image

"Like Stars Forever and Ever"  
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> 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 & TEXT: TLH 72

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| <p>1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,<br/>    And let your lights appear!<br/>The evening is advancing,<br/>    And darker night is near.<br/>The Bridegroom is arising,<br/>    And soon He draweth nigh;<br/>Up, pray and watch and wrestle!<br/>    At midnight comes the cry.</p> <p>2 The watchers on the mountain<br/>    Proclaim the Bridegroom near;<br/>Go meet Him as He cometh,<br/>    With hallelujahs clear.<br/>The marriage-feast is waiting,<br/>    The gates wide open stand;<br/>Up, up, ye heirs of glory;<br/>    The Bridegroom is at hand!</p> | <p>3 Ye saints, who here in patience<br/>    Your cross and suff'rings bore,<br/>Shall live and reign forever,<br/>    When sorrow is no more.<br/>Around the throne of glory<br/>    The Lamb ye shall behold;<br/>In triumph cast before Him<br/>    Your diadems of gold!</p> <p>4 Our Hope and Expectation,<br/>    O Jesus, now appear;<br/>Arise, Desire of nations,<br/>    O'er this benighted sphere.<br/>With hearts and hands uplifted,<br/>    We plead, O Lord, to see<br/>The day of earth's redemption,<br/>    That brings us unto Thee!</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*

*Mark 13:13b; Psalm 48:11–14*

*The one who endures to the end*  
**will be saved.**

*Let Mount Zion be glad!*

**Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments!**

*Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,*  
**consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,**

*that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.*

**He will guide us forever.**

*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. O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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: Daniel 12:1–3*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 16; antiphon v. 11b, c

*In Your presence there is fullness of joy;*  
**at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*Preserve me, O God,*  
**for in You I take refuge.**

*I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;*  
**I have no good apart from You."**

*As for the saints in the land,*  
**they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**

*The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;*  
**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

*The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;*  
**You hold my lot.**

*The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;*  
**indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

*I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*  
**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

*I have set the LORD always before me;*  
**because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;*  
**my flesh also dwells secure.**

*For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,*  
**or let Your holy one see corruption.**

*You make known to me the path of life;*  
**in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**  
**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.**

*In Your presence there is fullness of joy;*  
**at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

*from the Letters: Hebrews 10:11–25*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1–13*

**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 The day is surely drawing near  
When Jesus, God's anointed,  
In all His power shall appear  
As judge whom God appointed.  
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,  
And flames on flames shall ravage earth  
As Scripture long has warned us.
- 2 The final trumpet then shall sound  
And all the earth be shaken,  
And all who rest beneath the ground  
Shall from their sleep awaken.  
But all who live will in that hour,  
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
Be changed at His commanding.
- 3 The books are opened then to all,  
A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small,  
When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,  
And all be known as they have been  
In thoughts and words and actions.
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised His precious Word  
And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand  
And at the judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.
- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be  
And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free  
With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face,  
With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay, but hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation.  
O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
Come, mighty judge, and set us free from death and ev'ry evil.

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## *The Sermon*

*Daniel 12:1–3*

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.**

## ***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, 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.**



O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

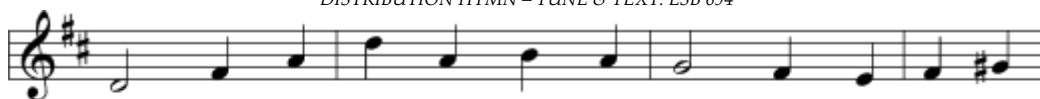
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O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,  
grant us Your peace. Amen.

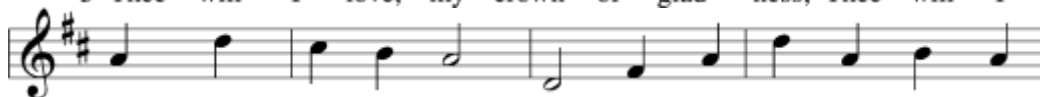
## Holy Communion

> 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. <

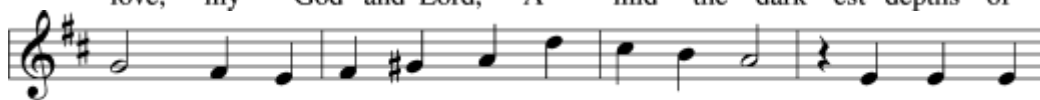
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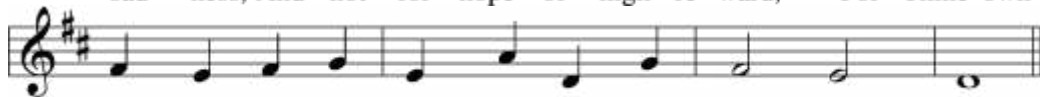
1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me  
5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would  
love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my  
sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

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| <p><b>1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;<br/>To His feet your tribute bring;<br/>Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,<br/>Evermore His praises sing:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Praise the everlasting King.</b></p> <p><b>2 Praise Him for His grace and favor<br/>To His people in distress;<br/>Praise Him still the same as ever,<br/>Slow to chide and swift to bless:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Glorious in His faithfulness.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Fatherlike He tends and spares us;<br/>Well our feeble frame He knows;<br/>In His hand He gently bears us,<br/>Rescues us from all our foes.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Widely yet His mercy flows.</b></p> <p><b>4 Angels, help us to adore Him;<br/>You behold Him face to face;<br/>Sun and moon, bow down before Him,<br/>All who dwell in time and space.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Praise with us the God of grace.</b></p> |
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| <p><b>1 Christ is surely coming<br/>Bringing His reward,<br/>Alpha and Omega,<br/>First and Last and Lord:<br/>Root and Stem of David,<br/>Brilliant Morning Star;<br/>Meet your Judge and Savior,<br/>Nations near and far!</b></p> | <p><b>2 See the holy city!<br/>There they enter in,<br/>All by Christ made holy,<br/>Washed from ev'ry sin:<br/>Thirsty ones, desiring<br/>All He loves to give,<br/>Come for living water,<br/>Freely drink, and live!</b></p> | <p><b>3 Grace be with God's people!<br/>Praise His holy name!<br/>Father, Son and Spirit,<br/>Evermore the same;<br/>Hear the certain promise<br/>From th'eternal home:<br/>"Surely I come quickly!<br/>Come, Lord Jesus, come!"</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. 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

*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: LSB 680

- 1 **Thine the Amen, Thine the praise, alleluias angels raise,  
Thine the everlasting head, Thine the breaking of the bread,  
Thine the glory, Thine the story, Thine the harvest, then the cup;  
Thine the vineyard, then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.**
- 2 **Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise—let there be.  
Thine the vision, Thine the tree; all the earth on bended knee,  
Gone the nailing, gone the railing, gone the pleading, gone the cry,  
Gone the sighing, gone the dying, what was loss lifted high.**
- 3 **Thine the truly, Thine the yes; Thine the table, we the guest.  
Thine the mercy all from Thee; Thine the glory yet to be.  
Then the ringing and the singing, then the end of all the war;  
Thine the living, Thine the loving evermore, evermore.**
- 4 **Thine the kingdom, Thine the prize, Thine the wonderful surprise;  
Thine the banquet, then the praise, then the justice of Thy ways.  
Thine the glory, Thine the story, then the welcome to the least,  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast, at Thy feast.**
- 5 **Thine the glory in the night, no more dying, only light.  
Thine the river, Thine the tree, then the Lamb eternally,  
Then the holy, holy, holy celebration jubilee,  
Thine the splendor, Thine the brightness, only Thee, only Thee.**

# 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	Jeremiah 29:1–19	Matthew 26:36–56
M	Jeremiah 30:1–24	Matthew 26:57–75
Tu	Jeremiah 31:1–34	Matthew 27:1–10
W	Jeremiah 33:1–22	Matthew 27:11–32
Th	Jeremiah 37:1–21	Matthew 27:33–56
F	Jeremiah 38:1–28	Matthew 27:57–66
Sa	Daniel 1:1–21	Matthew 28:1–20

### Confession

*How Christians should be taught to confess*

*What is the Office of the Keys?* The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

*Where is this written?* This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22–23)

*What do you believe according to these words?* I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

See the holy city! There they enter in,  
All by Christ made holy, washed from ev'ry sin:  
Thirsty ones, desiring all He loves to give,  
Come for living water, freely drink, and live!

LSB 509:2

### 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

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Readings for the Last Sunday of the Church Year

Isaiah 51:4–6; Psalm 93;  
Jude 20–25; Mark 13:24–37