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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	Jeremy Henrikson
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Lars Henrikson, Landon Vega

## Epiphany

Epiphany means to "reveal" or "make manifest." The season of Epiphany focuses on the revelation of who Jesus really is: true God as well as true man. He is that for all people, not just for the children of Israel, as we see in the visit of the magi from the East (Matthew 2:1–12). "For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the know-ledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:6).

## Prayers for Worship

*Before communing:* Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Grant me favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:* Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## Cover Image

Mosaic of the Adoration of the Magi (19th century) from Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Gregory, The Lady Chapel, Warwick Street Parish in London.

> 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. <

OPENING HYMN—TUNE: TLH 126 – TEXT: LSB 396

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| <p><b>1 Arise and shine in splendor;<br/>Let night to day surrender.<br/>Your light is drawing near.<br/>Above, the day is beaming,<br/>In matchless beauty gleaming;<br/>The glory of the Lord is here.</b></p> <p><b>2 See earth in darkness lying,<br/>The heathen nations dying<br/>In hopeless gloom and night.<br/>To you the Lord of heaven—<br/>Your life, your hope—has given<br/>Great glory, honor, and delight.</b></p> | <p><b>3 The world's remotest races,<br/>Upon whose weary faces<br/>The sun looks from the sky,<br/>Shall run with zeal untiring,<br/>With joy Your light desiring<br/>That breaks upon them from on high.</b></p> <p><b>4 Lift up your eyes in wonder—<br/>See, nations gather yonder<br/>From sin to be set free.<br/>The world has heard Your story;<br/>Her sons come to Your glory;<br/>Her daughters haste Your light to see.</b></p> <p><b>5 Your heart will leap for gladness<br/>When from the realms of sadness<br/>They come from near and far.<br/>Your eyes will wake from slumber<br/>As people without number<br/>Rejoice to see the Morning Star.</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 45:17, 6–8a*

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

*Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;*  
**You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.**

*Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions;*  
**Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.**

*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

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

## THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 60:1–6*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 72:1–11; antiphon v. 18*

*Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,*  
**who alone does wondrous things.**

*Give the king Your justice, O God,*  
**and Your righteousness to the royal Son!**

*May He judge Your people with righteousness,*  
**and Your poor with justice!**

*Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,*  
**and the hills, in righteousness!**

*May He defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy,*  
**and crush the oppressor!**

*May they fear You while the sun endures,*  
**and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!**

*May He be like rain that falls on the mown grass,*  
**like showers that water the earth!**

*In His days may the righteous flourish,*  
**and peace abound, till the moon be no more!**

*May He have dominion from sea to sea,*  
**and from the River to the ends of the earth!**

*May desert tribes bow down before Him*  
**and His enemies lick the dust!**

*May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render Him tribute;*  
**may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**

*May all kings fall down before Him,*  
**all nations serve Him!**

**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.**

*Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,*  
**who alone does wondrous things.**

*from the Letters: Ephesians 3:1–12*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH*

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1–12*

**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 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,  
All victorious, rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
- 2 Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying!  
In Your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness  
May perplex us and distress us,  
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.
- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
You are our dearest treasure!  
Let Your mercy warm and cheer us!  
O draw near us! For You teach us  
God's own love through You has reached us.
- 4 Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above:  
This is Your great salvation.  
Alleluia! Christ the living,  
To us giving life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

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## The Sermon

*Isaiah 60:1–6*

OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE: TLH 343 – TEXT: LSB 395, STANZAS 5–6

- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!

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## ***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***

*after each petition:*

*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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 127 & TEXT: LSB 397

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| <p><b>1 As with gladness men of old<br/>Did the guiding star behold;<br/>As with joy they hailed its light,<br/>Leading onward, beaming bright;<br/>So, most gracious Lord, may we<br/>Evermore be led by Thee.</b></p> <p><b>2 As with joyful steps they sped,<br/>Savior, to Thy lowly bed,<br/>There to bend the knee before<br/>Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;<br/>So may we with willing feet<br/>Ever seek Thy mercy seat.</b></p> <p><b>5 In the heav'nly country bright need they no created light;<br/>Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;<br/>There forever may we sing alleluias to our King.</b></p> | <p><b>3 As they offered gifts most rare<br/>At Thy cradle, rude and bare,<br/>So may we with holy joy,<br/>Pure and free from sin's alloy,<br/>All our costliest treasures bring,<br/>Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.</b></p> <p><b>4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day<br/>Keep us in the narrow way;<br/>And when earthly things are past,<br/>Bring our ransomed souls at last<br/>Where they need no star to guide,<br/>Where no clouds Thy glory hide.</b></p> |
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| <p>1 The first Noel, the wondrous star<br/>Called eastern sages from afar.<br/>To find the King was their delight,<br/>To worship the Lord of love and light.<br/>Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!<br/>Born is the King of Israel.</p> <p>2 In Judah's sky it shone again<br/>And led the way to Bethlehem.<br/>And there the royal sign did stay<br/>Just o'er the house where Jesus lay.<br/>Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!<br/>Born is the King of Israel.</p> | <p>3 Then entered in the wise men all<br/>And prostrate joyfully did fall<br/>And offered there in His presence<br/>Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.<br/>Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!<br/>Born is the King of Israel.</p> <p>4 So let us all with glad accord<br/>Bring tribute to our heav'nly Lord<br/>Who hath made Heav'n and earth of naught<br/>And with His blood our souls hath bought.<br/>Noel! Noel! Noel! Noel!<br/>Born is the King of Israel.</p> |
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| <p>1 Angels from the realms of glory,<br/>Wing your flight o'er all the earth;<br/>Ye who sang creation's story,<br/>Now proclaim Messiah's birth. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><i>Refrain</i> Come and worship, come and worship;<br/>Worship Christ, the newborn King.</p> <p>2 Shepherds in the field abiding,<br/>Watching o'er your flocks by night,<br/>God with us is now residing,<br/>Yonder shines the Infant Light. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>3 Sages, leave your contemplations,<br/>Brighter visions beam afar;<br/>Seek the great Desire of nations,<br/>Ye have seen His natal star. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4 Saints before the altar bending,<br/>Watching long in hope and fear,<br/>Suddenly the Lord, descending,<br/>In His temple shall appear. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>△ 5 All creation, join in praising<br/>God the Father, Spirit, Son,<br/>Evermore your voices raising<br/>To th'eternal Three in One. <i>Refrain</i></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. 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: TLH 106 – TEXT: LSB 412, STANZAS 1–3, 6

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| <p><b>1</b> The people that in darkness sat<br/>A glorious light have seen;<br/>The light has shined on them who long<br/>In shades of death have been,<br/>In shades of death have been.</p> | <p><b>3</b> To us a Child of hope is born,<br/>To us a Son is giv'n,<br/>And on His shoulder ever rests<br/>All pow'r in earth and heav'n,<br/>All pow'r in earth and heav'n.</p> |
| <p><b>2</b> To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,<br/>The gath'ring nations come;<br/>They joy as when the reapers bear<br/>Their harvest treasures home,<br/>Their harvest treasures home.</p> | <p>△ <b>4</b> Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,<br/>And make us Thine alone,<br/>Who with the Father ever art<br/>And Holy Spirit, one,<br/>And Holy Spirit, one.</p>             |

# 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	Ezekiel 3:12–27	Romans 2:1–16
M	Ezekiel 18:1–4, 19–32	Romans 2:17–29
Tu	Ezekiel 33:1–20	Romans 3:1–18
W	Ezekiel 34:1–24	Romans 3:19–31
Th	Ezekiel 36:13–28	Romans 4:1–25
F	Ezekiel 36:33–37:14	Romans 5:1–21
Sa	Ezekiel 37:15–28	Romans 6:1–23

### The Table of Duties

*Certain passages of Scripture for various holy orders and positions,  
admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities.*

*To Bishops, Pastors, and Preachers*

The overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. 1 Tim. 3:2–4  
He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 1 Tim. 3:6

He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. Titus 1:9

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### Verse for Meditation

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been,  
In shades of death have been.      LSB 412:1

### 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 God, by the leading of a star You made known  
Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us,  
who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the  
fullness of Your divine presence; through the same  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Readings for the Second Sun. aft. Epiphany, Jan. 16

Isaiah 62:1–5; Psalm 128;  
1 Corinthians 12:1–11; John 2:1–11