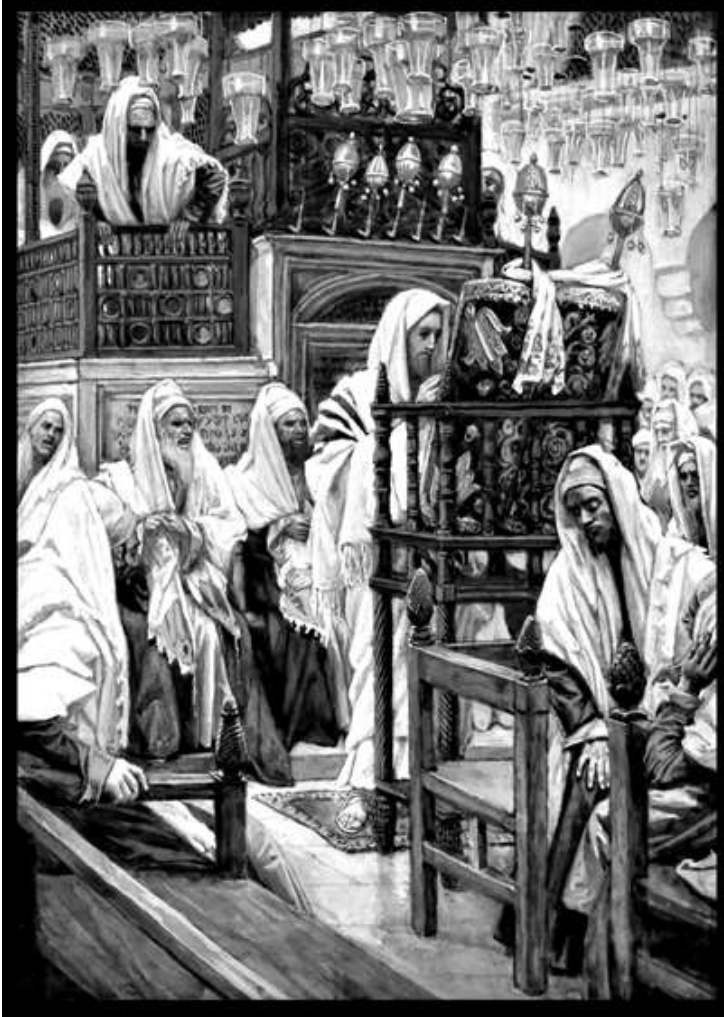


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# *Divine Service*



*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	Eli Roach
	Nate Newman

## 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. Let me find 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, 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*For the Church:* Lord God, heavenly Father, the holy city of Jerusalem rejected the prophets and stoned those who were sent to her, killing Your Son, the final prophet sent to redeem her and the whole world from their sins. Through His innocent suffering and death, gather Your Church into His loving embrace that we may truly be the Body of Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Cover Image

"Jesus Teaches in the Synagogue"  
by James Tissot (1836–1902).

> 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 66 – TEXT: LSB 349

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| <p><b>1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,<br/>The Savior promised long;<br/>Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne<br/>And ev'ry voice a song.</b></p> | <p><b>3 He comes the broken heart to bind,<br/>The bleeding soul to cure,<br/>And with the treasures of His grace<br/>To enrich the humble poor.</b></p> |
| <p><b>2 He comes the pris'ners to release,<br/>In Satan's bondage held.<br/>The gates of brass before Him burst,<br/>The iron fetters yield.</b></p>  | <p><b>4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,<br/>Thy welcome shall proclaim,<br/>And heav'n's eternal arches ring<br/>With Thy belovèd name.</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.**

*You will arise and have pity on Zion;*  
**it is the time to favor her; the appointed time has come.**  
*Let this be recorded for a generation to come,*  
**so that a people yet to be created may praise the LORD:**  
*that He looked down from His holy height;*  
**from heaven the LORD looked at the earth,**  
*to hear the groans of the prisoners,*  
**to set free those who were doomed to die,**  
*that they may declare in Zion the name of the LORD,*  
**and in Jerusalem His praise,**  
*when peoples gather together,*  
**and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.**

## THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

**Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.**

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

*Glory to God on high:*  
**and on earth peace, good will toward men.**  
**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,  
we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**  
**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**  
**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**  
**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**  
**You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**  
**You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.**  
**For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.**  
**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, are most high  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 19:7–14; antiphon v. 14*

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,*

**O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;*

**the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**

*the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;*

**the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

*the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;*

**the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**

*More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;*

**sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

*Moreover, by them is Your servant warned;*

**in keeping them there is great reward.**

*Who can discern his errors?*

**Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

*Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!*

**Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,*

**O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**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.**

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,*

**O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

*from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Luke 4:16–30*

**Glory be to You, O Lord!**

*After the reading:*

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

THE NICENE CREED

*Having heard the Word, what do you believe?*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father, and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: LSB 517 – TEXT: RMH

**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.**

**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.**

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.**

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.**

## *The Sermon*

*Luke 4:16–30*

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*

*after each petition:*

*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; 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 59 – TEXT: LSB 398

**1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity.**

**2 He comes with rescue speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in His sight.**



3 He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before Him  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.

5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
That name to us is Love.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN—TUNE: TLH 126—TEXT: LSB 396

1 Arise and shine in splendor;  
Let night to day surrender.  
Your light is drawing near.  
Above, the day is beaming,  
In matchless beauty gleaming;  
The glory of the Lord is here.

3 The world's remotest races,  
Upon whose weary faces  
The sun looks from the sky,  
Shall run with zeal untiring,  
With joy Your light desiring  
That breaks upon them from on high.

2 See earth in darkness lying,  
The heathen nations dying  
In hopeless gloom and night.  
To you the Lord of heaven—  
Your life, your hope—has given  
Great glory, honor, and delight.

4 Lift up your eyes in wonder—  
See, nations gather yonder  
From sin to be set free.  
The world has heard Your story;  
Her sons come to Your glory;  
Her daughters haste Your light to see.

5 Your heart will leap for gladness  
When from the realms of sadness  
They come from near and far.  
Your eyes will wake from slumber  
As people without number  
Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

- 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!
- 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!
- 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!
- 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!
- 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 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

Psalms 107:1

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!  
And His mercy endures forever!

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. We thank You, All-Powerful God, for refreshing us with this healing gift, and we pray: Father of mercy, by this Holy Food make us strong in faith toward You, and in deep love for each other, that through us other beloved sinners may kneel to You and receive with us grace and life in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

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

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

*Bless we the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God!**

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

*The LORD bless you and keep you.*  
*The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*  
*The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 39

- 1 **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy Health and Salvation!  
Join the full throng; wake, harp and psalter and song;  
Sound forth in glad adoration!
- 2 **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,**  
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?
- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously made thee,**  
Health hath vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.  
What need or grief ever hath failed of relief? –  
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.
- 4 **Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!**  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

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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	Joel 2:18–32	Rom. 11:25–12:13
M	Joel 3:1–21	Rom. 12:14–13:14
Tu	Zechariah 1:1–21	Romans 14:1–23
W	Zechariah 2:1–3:10	Romans 15:1–13
Th	Zechariah 4:1–5:11	Romans 15:14–33
F	Zechariah 6:1–7:14	Romans 16:17–27
Sa	Zechariah 8:1–23	2 Timothy 1:1–18

### The Table of Duties

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

#### *What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors*

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thess. 5:12–13

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.

They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Heb. 13:17

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### 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!

### Verse for Meditation

The eyes of all were fixed on [Jesus].

And He began to say to them,

“Today this Scripture

has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Luke 4:20b–21

### Daily Prayer

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*The following topics may guide your prayer each day.*

- Su For the joy of the resurrection among us  
M For one's calling and daily work, coworkers,  
and the unemployed  
Tu For deliverance against temptation and evil;  
for all who suffer and are afflicted  
W For immediate, extended, and church family;  
for our schools, communities, and  
neighborhoods  
Th For the Church and her pastors, all who serve  
in the congregation, and missionaries  
F For the preaching of the holy cross of our  
Lord Jesus Christ; for the sick and dying  
Sa For faithfulness to the end; for receptive  
hearts and minds to God's Word

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Collect of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Readings for the Fourth Sun. aft. Epiphany, Jan. 30

Jeremiah 1:4–10, 17–19; Psalm 71:1–6;  
1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13; Luke 4:31–44