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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. Children meet in the basement, high school students in pastors' study, and adults in the sanctuary. Coffee and refreshments are served in the basement directly after service.

## Serving in Worship Today

Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Doug Newman
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Andrew Gull, Nate Newman

## The Divine Service in Lent

During Lent, our practice is to use a simplified order of service. The "high points" remain the same—absolution, the readings, and Holy Communion—and draw us to Christ Jesus in repentance and faith.

## Prayers for Worship

*That the Lord would be our refuge:* You have mercy on all, O Lord, and abhor nothing You have made. You look past the sins of men that they may repent. You spare them all because You are our Lord, our God. Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by. I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me. He will send from heaven and save me. God will send out His steadfast love and His faithfulness! Amen.

*For our congregation:* Glory and honor, praise and thanks be to You, God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for all the mercy and faithfulness You have shown to this congregation. Your Word has not returned to You void, but You have here gathered a people that knows You and fears Your name. Bless Your Word in times to come that it may preserve the faithful in Your grace, convert those who do not yet belong to You, and bring back the erring and straying. Gather Your people as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and shelter Your congregation with Your love; for You live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Cover Image

"His Gathering" by Angela Johnson.

> 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 INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

OPENING VERSES

Psalm 130:3-4; 139:23-24; Ex. 15:26; Is. 53:5

*If You, O LORD, should count our sins,  
O LORD, who could stand?*

*But with You there is forgiveness,  
that You may be feared.*

**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my ways.  
See where there is sin in me; lead me in the everlasting way, O Lord Jesus.**

**Thou art the LORD that healeth me; by Thy wounds I am healed.  
Thou art my Redeemer; rescue me and draw me after Thee, O Lord Jesus.**

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: EXODUS 20

*Thus says the LORD: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of bondage.*

**You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

> Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination through the Ten Commandments. <

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

*All-Powerful God, our Maker and our Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are sinful and unclean by nature, and also that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. And so we flee to find refuge in Your limitless mercy, looking and pleading for Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Most merciful God, who gave Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake forgive us all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us real knowledge of You and of Your will and real obedience to Your Word so that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## *The Absolution*

[John 20:19–23]

**Amen.**

THE INTROIT

*Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9*

*For zeal for Your house has consumed Me,*

**and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on Me.**

*O God, why do You cast us off forever?*

**Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?**

*Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old,*

*which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage!*

**Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.**

*Direct Your steps to the perpetual ruins;*

**the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!**

**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.**

*For zeal for Your house has consumed Me,*

**and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on Me.**

HYMN – TUNE: TLH 295 – TEXT: LSB 579

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| <b>1</b> The Law of God is good and wise<br>And sets His will before our eyes,<br>Shows us the way of righteousness,<br>And dooms to death when we transgress. | <b>3</b> To those who help in Christ have found<br>And would in works of love abound<br>It shows what deeds are His delight<br>And should be done as good and right. |
| <b>2</b> Its light of holiness imparts<br>The knowledge of our sinful hearts<br>That we may see our lost estate<br>And turn from sin before too late.          | <b>4</b> But those who scornfully disdain<br>God's Law shall then in sin remain;<br>Its terror in their ear resounds<br>And keeps their wickedness in bounds.        |

5 **The Law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow'r to justify.**

6 **To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.**

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THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

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

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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: Jeremiah 26:8–15*

*After the reading:*

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

THE PSALM

Psalm 4; antiphon v.

*In peace I will both lie down and sleep;*  
**for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

*Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress.*  
**Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**

*O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?*  
**How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

*But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;*  
**the LORD hears when I call to Him.**

*Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.*  
**Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.**

*There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?"*  
**Lift up the light of Your face upon us, O LORD!"**

*You have put more joy in my heart*  
**than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

*In peace I will both lie down and sleep;*  
**for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

**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 peace I will both lie down and sleep;*  
**for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

*from the Letters: Philippians 3:17–4:1*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE VERSE

Luke 13:35

*Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say,*  
**“Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

*from the Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31–35*

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

*After the reading:*

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

## ***The Sacrament of Holy Baptism***

*As you witness these baptisms, take hold of your own baptism and your daily return to the font  
by again renouncing the devil and confessing faith in the Triune God.*

*The Baptisms of Ethan Michael Albert and Riley Jacob Albert*

*During the baptism, the congregation may join in the responses:*

*Do you renounce the devil? **Yes, I renounce him.***

*Do you renounce all his works? **Yes, I renounce them.***

*Do you renounce all his ways? **Yes, I renounce them.***

*Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth? **Yes, I believe.***

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the  
virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the  
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the  
Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead? **Yes, I believe.***

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of  
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting? **Yes, I believe.***





1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not  
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
 3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's  
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of  
 meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful  
 cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -  
 woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,  
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
 down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
 Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
 Be with us in our anguish still;  
 Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day  
 To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
 Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
 And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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## *The Sermon*

*Luke 13:31–35*

OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE: TLH 179 – TEXT: LSB 422

On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
 That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase;  
 Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
 Is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!

### *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 Rite of Admitting to Communion Prior to Confirmation for Luis Albert*

## ***The Prayer of the Church***

*after each petition:*

*Lord, in Your mercy,  
hear our prayer.*

THE PREFACE

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

2 Timothy 4:22

*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.**

*It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

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.**

*In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:*

## ***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.**

**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.* <

### *Psalm 121*

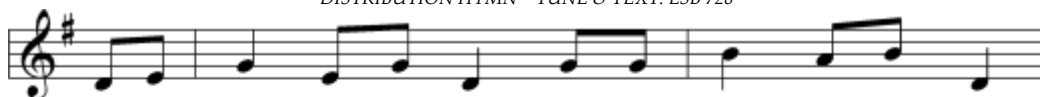
*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 611 – TEXT: LSB 508*

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| <p><b>1 The day is surely drawing near<br/>When Jesus, God’s anointed,<br/>In all His power shall appear<br/>As judge whom God appointed.<br/>Then fright shall banish idle mirth,<br/>And flames on flames shall ravage earth<br/>As Scripture long has warned us.</b></p>      | <p><b>4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord<br/>And sought but carnal pleasures,<br/>Who here despised His precious Word<br/>And loved their earthly treasures!<br/>With shame and trembling they will stand<br/>And at the judge’s stern command<br/>To Satan be delivered.</b></p> |
| <p><b>2 The final trumpet then shall sound<br/>And all the earth be shaken,<br/>And all who rest beneath the ground<br/>Shall from their sleep awaken.<br/>But all who live will in that hour,<br/>By God’s almighty, boundless pow’r,<br/>Be changed at His commanding.</b></p> | <p><b>5 My Savior paid the debt I owe<br/>And for my sin was smitten;<br/>Within the Book of Life I know<br/>My name has now been written.<br/>I will not doubt, for I am free,<br/>And Satan cannot threaten me;<br/>There is no condemnation!</b></p>                                 |
| <p><b>3 The books are opened then to all,<br/>A record truly telling<br/>What each has done, both great and small,<br/>When he on earth was dwelling,<br/>And ev’ry heart be clearly seen,<br/>And all be known as they have been<br/>In thoughts and words and actions.</b></p> | <p><b>6 May Christ our intercessor be<br/>And through His blood and merit<br/>Read from His book that we are free<br/>With all who life inherit.<br/>Then we shall see Him face to face,<br/>With all His saints in that blest place<br/>Which He has purchased for us.</b></p>         |

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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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 728



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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| <p><b>1 Children of the heav'nly Father<br/>Safely in His bosom gather;<br/>Nestling bird nor star in heaven<br/>Such a refuge e'er was given.</b></p> <p><b>2 God His own doth tend and nourish;<br/>In His holy courts they flourish.<br/>From all evil things He spares them;<br/>In His mighty arms He bears them.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Neither life nor death shall ever<br/>From the Lord His children sever;<br/>Unto them His grace He showeth,<br/>And their sorrows all He knoweth.</b></p> <p><b>4 Though He giveth or He taketh,<br/>God His children ne'er forsaketh;<br/>His the loving purpose solely<br/>To preserve them pure and holy.</b></p> |
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THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 385, STANZA 4

**O depths of love, to me revealing  
The sea where my sins disappear!  
In Christ, my wounds find perfect healing,  
There is no condemnation here.  
For Jesus' blood through earth and skies  
Forever, "Mercy! Mercy!" cries.**

COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

*Let us pray. Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be restrained, but have the free rein it deserves and be proclaimed for the salvation of souls and for the joy and the strength of Christ's holy people, so that we serve You with steadfast faith and confess Your name to the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
Amen.*

# 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
M	Genesis 18:1–15	Mark 6:14–34
Tu	Genesis 21:1–21	Mark 6:35–56
W	Genesis 22:1–19	Mark 7:1–23
Th	Genesis 24:1–31	Mark 7:24–37
F	Gen. 24:32–52, 61–67	Mark 8:1–21
Sa	Genesis 27:1–29	Mark 8:22–38

### The Table of Duties

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

#### To Youth

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5–6

#### To Widows

The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. 1 Tim. 5:5–6

#### To Everyone

The commandments ... are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Rom. 13:9 I urge ... that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. 1 Tim. 2:1

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

For You have promised, Lord, to heed  
Your children's cries in time of need  
Through Him whose name alone is great,  
Our Savior and our advocate.

LSB 516:3

### Daily Prayer

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

#### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*As children of the heavenly Father, we are bold to pray.*

- Su For God's name to be kept holy through pure teaching and holy living
- M For God's kingdom to come and increase through the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Tu For God to hinder every evil plan and purpose of the world, the devil, and the sinful nature
- W For daily bread and contentment in all things
- Th For forgiveness of our sins and of those who sin against us
- F For protection in the midst of temptation
- Sa For rescue from all evils of body and soul and, when our last hour comes, a blessed end

#### The Lord's Prayer

##### Collect of the Week

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Third Sun. in Lent, March 20

Ezekiel 33:7–20; Psalm 85;  
1 Corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9