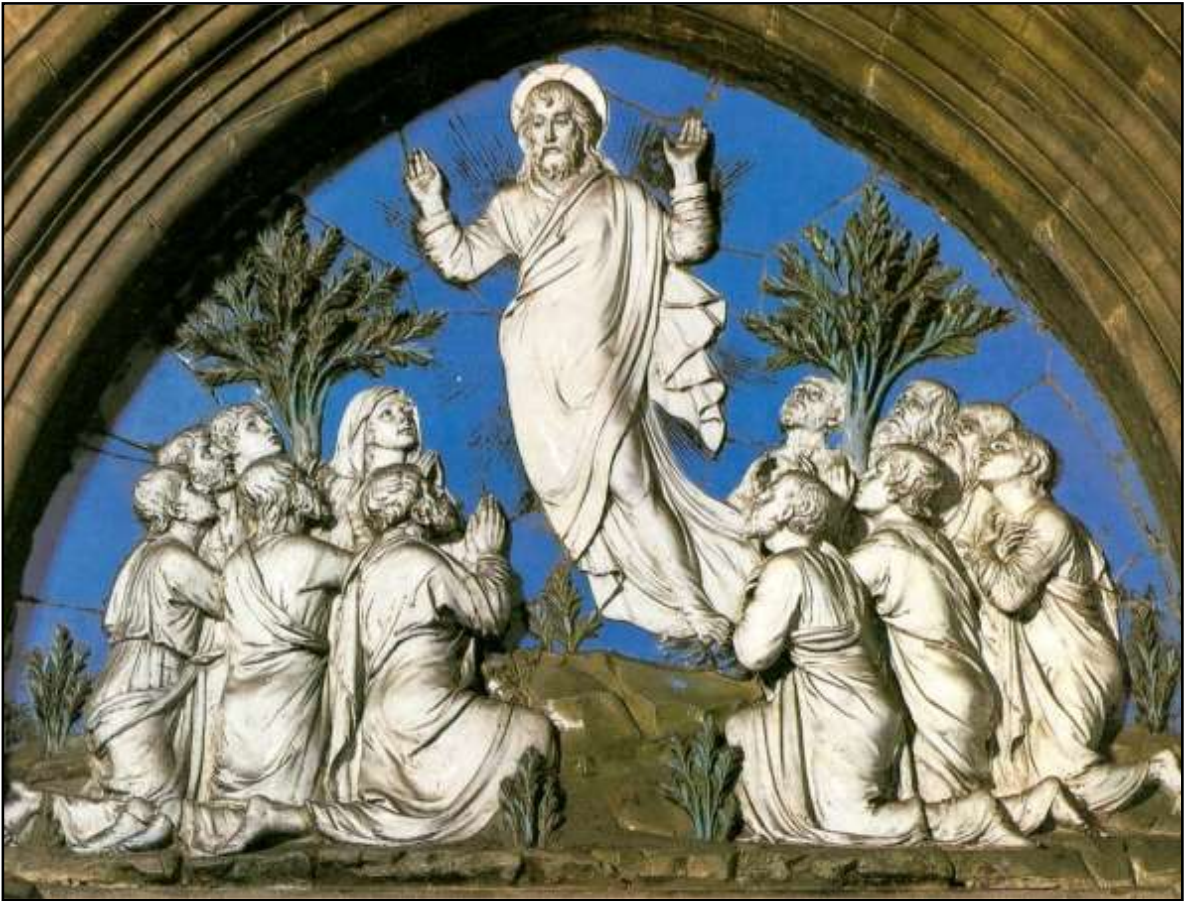


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# *Service of the Word*



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*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 silence your cell phone 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

Sermon prepared by	The Rev. Peter Gregory
delivered by	Dave Farabaugh, elder
Liturgist	Ed Shaffer
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Lazarus Gregory, Eli Roach

## Prayer for Worship

*For the Ascension of Our Lord:* O LORD of Hosts, our Brother Jesus, You are the King of Glory, who ascended far above all heavens to fill the universe; You are the King of Power, who upholds the universe by Your powerful word; and You are the King of Grace, the mighty Savior. Send us Your Spirit through Your Word and Sacraments that we may receive Your salvation, so that we who walk with You here may also ascend with You there, where You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*For the Holy Spirit:* O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father, for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*For the Visitation (May 31):* Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son and made known through her Your gracious regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant that we may receive Your Word in humility and faith, and so be made one with Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Cover Illustration

"The Ascension" by Luca della Robbia (1400–1482)  
from the Museum Duomo, Florence.

OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 339, STANZAS 1–2, 4, 6–7

*These hymn stanzas can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #339, stanzas 1–2, 4, 6–7.*

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| <p><b>1 All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!<br/>Let angels prostrate fall;<br/>Bring forth the royal diadem<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.<br/>Bring forth the royal diadem<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.</b></p> <p><b>2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,<br/>Who from His altar call;<br/>Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.<br/>Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.</b></p> <p><b>5 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!<br/>We’ll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.<br/>We’ll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Hail Him, ye heirs of David’s line,<br/>Whom David Lord did call,<br/>The God incarnate, Man divine,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.<br/>The God incarnate, Man divine,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.</b></p> <p><b>4 Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe,<br/>On this terrestrial ball<br/>To Him all majesty ascribe<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.<br/>To Him all majesty ascribe<br/>And crown Him Lord of all.</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

*Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven.*  
**Amen.**

THE INTROIT

Psalm 47:5; 110:1, 4-5

*God has gone up with a shout,*  
**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

*The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand,*  
**until I make Your enemies Your footstool."**

*The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,*  
**"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."**

*The Lord is at Your right hand;*  
**He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.**

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 COLLECT

*Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## ***The Reading of God's Word***

*the First Reading: Acts 1:1–11*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

*Psalm 47; antiphon v. 5*

*God has gone up with a shout,*  
**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

*Clap your hands, all peoples!*  
**Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

*For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,*  
**a great King over all the earth.**

*He subdued peoples under us,*  
**and nations under our feet.**

*He chose our heritage for us,*  
**the pride of Jacob whom He loves.**

*God has gone up with a shout,*  
**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

*Sing praises to God, sing praises!*  
**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

*For God is the King of all the earth;*  
**sing praises with a psalm!**

*God reigns over the nations;*  
**God sits on His holy throne.**

*The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.*

**For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!**

**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.**

*God has gone up with a shout,*  
**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

*the Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15–23*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*HYMN – TUNE: LSB 578 – TEXT: LSB 494*

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| <p><b>1 See, the Lord ascends in triumph;<br/>Conqu’ring King in royal state,<br/>Riding on the clouds, His chariot,<br/>To His heav’nly palace gate.<br/>Hark! The choirs of angel voices<br/>Joyful alleluias sing,<br/>And the portals high are lifted<br/>To receive their heav’nly King.</b></p> <p><b>2 Who is this that comes in glory<br/>With the trump of jubilee?<br/>Lord of battles, God of armies,<br/>He has gained the victory.<br/>He who on the cross did suffer,<br/>He who from the grave arose,<br/>He has vanquished sin and Satan;<br/>He by death has crushed His foes.</b></p> | <p><b>3 While He lifts His hands in blessing,<br/>He is parted from His friends;<br/>While their eager eyes behold Him,<br/>He upon the clouds ascends.<br/>He who walked with God and pleased Him,<br/>Preaching truth and doom to come,<br/>He, our Enoch, is translated<br/>To His everlasting home.</b></p> <p><b>4 Now our heav’nly Aaron enters<br/>With His blood within the veil;<br/>Joshua now is come to Canaan,<br/>And the kings before Him quail.<br/>Now He plants the tribes of Israel<br/>In their promised resting place;<br/>Now our great Elijah offers<br/>Double portion of His grace.</b></p> <p><b>5 He has raised our human nature<br/>On the clouds to God’s right hand;<br/>There we sit in heav’nly places,<br/>There with Him in glory stand.<br/>Jesus reigns, adored by angels;<br/>Man with God is on the throne.<br/>By our mighty Lord’s ascension<br/>We by faith behold our own.</b></p> |
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*the Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44–53*

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

*After the reading:*

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

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*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: TLH 212 – TEXT: LSB 493

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| <p><b>1 A hymn of glory let us sing!</b><br/>New hymns throughout the world shall ring:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Christ, by a road before untrod,<br/>Ascends unto the throne of God.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p><b>3 To them the shining angels cry,</b><br/>“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>“This is the Savior,” thus they say;<br/>“This is His glorious triumph day!”<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
| <p><b>2 The holy apostolic band</b><br/>Upon the Mount of Olives stand.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>And with His faithful foll’wers see<br/>Their Lord ascend in majesty.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>                | <p><b>4 “You see Him now, ascending high</b><br/>Up to the portals of the sky.”<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>“Hereafter Jesus you shall see<br/>Returning in great majesty.”<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>                 |

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5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## *The Sermon*

*Luke 24:44–53*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: TUNE & TEXT: TLH 223, STANAS 1–3 & 5

1 We thank Thee, Jesus, dearest Friend,  
That Thou didst into heaven ascend.  
O blessèd Savior, bid us live  
And strength to soul and body give.  
Hallelujah!

2 Ascended to His throne on high,  
Hid from our sight, yet always nigh;  
He rules and reigns at God's right hand  
And has all power at His command.  
Hallelujah!

3 The man who trusts in Him is blest  
And finds in Him eternal rest;  
This world's allurements we despise  
And fix on Christ alone our eyes.  
Hallelujah!

4 Through Him we heirs of heaven are made;  
O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid  
That we may firmly trust in Thee  
And through Thee live eternally.  
Hallelujah!

## *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.*



**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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE – TUNE &amp; TEXT: LSB 512, STANZAS 1, 3–7

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| <p><b>1 At the name of Jesus</b><br/>         Ev'ry knee shall bow,<br/>     Ev'ry tongue confess Him<br/>         King of glory now.<br/>     'Tis the Father's pleasure<br/>         We should call Him Lord,<br/>     Who from the beginning<br/>         Was the mighty Word.</p> <p><b>2 Humbled for a season,</b><br/>         To receive a name<br/>     From the lips of sinners<br/>         Unto whom He came,<br/>     Faithfully He bore it<br/>         Spotless to the last,<br/>     Brought it back victorious<br/>         When from death He passed;</p> <p><b>3 Bore it up triumphant</b><br/>         With its human light,<br/>     Through all ranks of creatures<br/>         To the central height,<br/>     To the throne of Godhead,<br/>         To the Father's breast,<br/>     Filled it with the glory<br/>         Of that perfect rest.</p> | <p><b>4 In your hearts enthrone Him;</b><br/>         There let Him subdue<br/>     All that is not holy,<br/>         All that is not true:<br/>     Crown Him as your captain<br/>         In temptation's hour;<br/>     Let His will enfold you<br/>         In its light and pow'r.</p> <p><b>5 Christians, this Lord Jesus</b><br/>         Shall return again<br/>     In His Father's glory,<br/>         With His angel train;<br/>     For all wreaths of empire<br/>         Meet upon His brow,<br/>     And our hearts confess Him<br/>         King of glory now.</p> <p>△ <b>6 Glory then to Jesus,</b><br/>         Who, the Prince of light,<br/>     To a world in darkness<br/>         Brought the gift of sight;<br/>     Praise to God the Father;<br/>         In the Spirit's love<br/>     Praise we all together<br/>         Him who reigns above.</p> |
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COLLECT TO OUR ASCENDED LORD

*Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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 us all.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 341, STANZAS 1, 3, 5

*These hymn stanzas can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #341, stanzas 1, 3, 5.*

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| <p><b>1 Crown Him with many crowns,<br/>The Lamb upon His throne;<br/>Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns<br/>All music but its own.<br/>Awake, my soul, and sing<br/>Of Him who died for thee,<br/>And hail Him as thy matchless king<br/>Through all eternity.</b></p>                 | <p><b>2 Crown Him the Lord of love.<br/>Behold His hands and side,<br/>Rich wounds, yet visible above,<br/>In beauty glorified.<br/>No angel in the sky<br/>Can fully bear that sight,<br/>But downward bends his wond'ring eyes<br/>At mysteries so bright.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,<br/>Enthroned in worlds above,<br/>Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n<br/>The wondrous name of Love.<br/>Crown Him with many crowns<br/>As thrones before Him fall;<br/>Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,<br/>For He is king of all.</b></p> |  |

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# God's People at Prayer

## For Home Devotions

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

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

### Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested  
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Numbers 14:1–25	Luke 18:18–34
M	Numbers 14:26–45	Luke 18:35–19:10
Tu	Numbers 16:1–22	Luke 19:11–28
W	Numbers 16:23–40	Luke 19:29–48
Th	Numbers 16:41–17:13	Luke 20:1–18
F	Numbers 20:1–21	Luke 20:19–44
Sa	Numbers 20:22–21:9	Luke 20:45–21:19

### On Christ's Ascension

*What does it mean that our Lord Jesus Christ  
ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty?*

By these words the majesty of the man Christ is declared. Christ has received this majesty, according to His humanity, at the right hand of God's majesty and power. So also, according to His received human nature and with the same, He can be, and also is, present where He wants to be. He is present especially in His Church and congregation on earth as Mediator, Head, King, and High Priest. This presence is not a part, or only one half of Him. Christ's entire person is present, to which both natures belong, the divine and the human—not only according to His divinity, but also according to, and with, His received human nature. He is our Brother, and we are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone. He has instituted His Holy Supper for the certain assurance and confirmation of this, so that He will be with us, and dwell, work, and be effective in us also according to that nature from which He has flesh and blood.

The Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration, Article VIII, 78–79.

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures to the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

*LSB 512:4*

### 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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Readings for the Feast of Pentecost, June 5

Genesis 11:1–9; Psalm 143 (v. 10) & 85 (v. 11);  
Acts 2:1–21; John 14:23–31