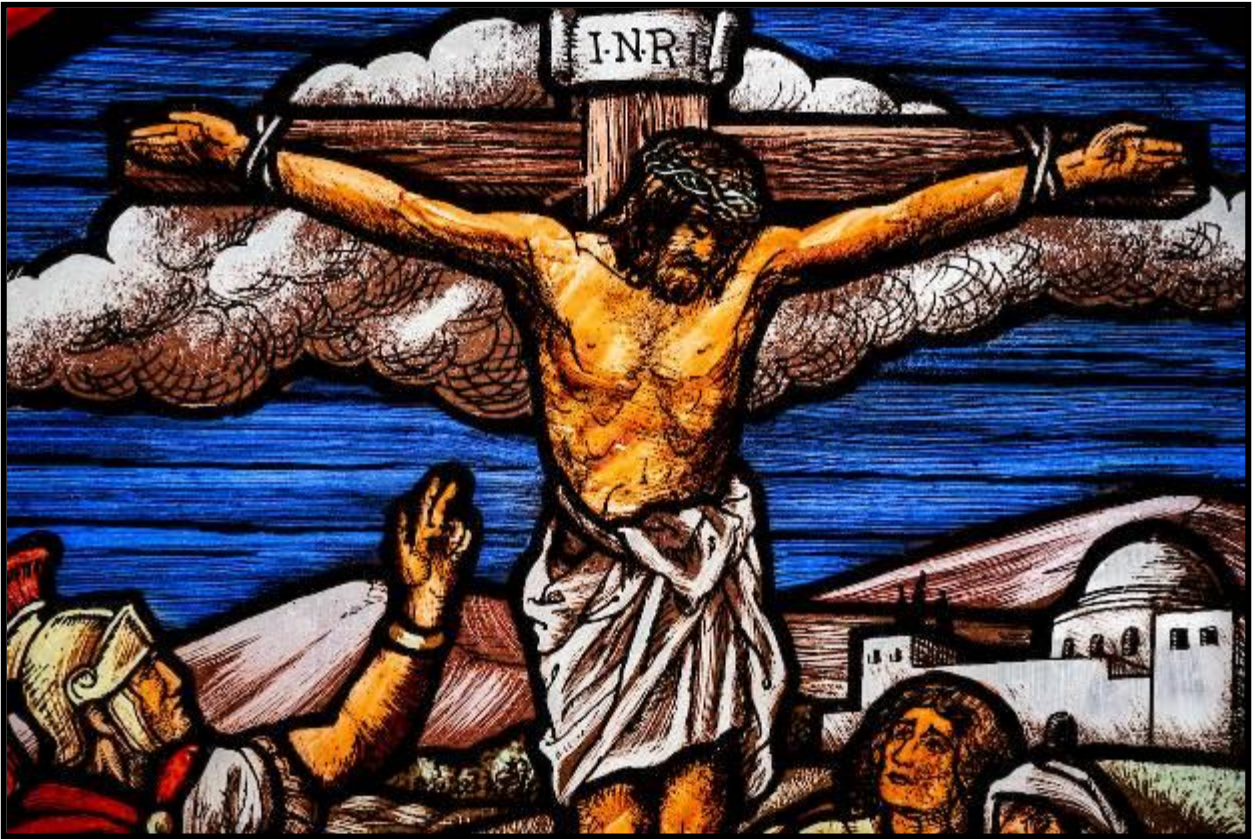


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# *Divine Service*



*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 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 will resume on Sunday, September 11. Coffee and refreshments are served in the basement directly after service.

## Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Paul Duggins
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Mason Suprenant, Laz Gregory

## Prayer for Worship

*For the Holy Spirit:* Almighty and everlasting God, of Your great mercy in Jesus Christ You have granted us forgiveness of sin and all things pertaining to life and godliness. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He may so rule our hearts that we, being ever mindful of Your fatherly mercy, may serve You in holiness and pureness of living and may give You continual thanks for all Your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*For right reception of the Lord's Supper:* Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls 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:* Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN—TUNE & TEXT: LSB 837, STS. 1–4, 6

*Refrain:*

**Lift high the cross,  
The love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore  
His sacred name!**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The host of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain***
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain***
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain***
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain***
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain***

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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 unto 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.**

*It is God who executes judgment,*  
**putting down one and lifting up another.**

*We give thanks to You, O God; we give thanks, for Your name is near.*

**We recount Your wondrous deeds.**

*At the set time that I appoint*

**I will judge with equity.**

*For not from the east or from the west*

**and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.**

*But I will declare it forever;*

**I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.**

## 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. O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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: Proverbs 25:2–10*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 131; antiphon v. 2*

*I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;*  
**like a weaned child is my soul within me.**

*O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;*  
**my eyes are not raised too high;**

*I do not occupy myself with things*  
**too great and too marvelous for me.**

*I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;*  
**like a weaned child is my soul within me.**

*O Israel, hope in the LORD*  
**from this time forth and forevermore.**

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

*I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;*  
**like a weaned child is my soul within me.**

*from the Letters: Hebrews 13:1–17*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospels: Luke 14:1–14*

**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 worshipped 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 402 – TEXT: LSB 731

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>1 O God, forsake me not!</b>        | <b>2 O God, forsake me not!</b>      |
| <b>Your gracious presence lend me;</b> | <b>Take not Your Spirit from me;</b> |
| <b>Lord, lead Your helpless child;</b> | <b>Do not permit the might</b>       |
| <b>Your Holy Spirit send me</b>        | <b>Of sin to overcome me.</b>        |
| <b>That I my course may run.</b>       | <b>Increase my feeble faith,</b>     |
| <b>O be my light, my lot,</b>          | <b>Which You alone have wrought.</b> |
| <b>My staff, my rock, my shield—</b>   | <b>O be my strength and pow'r—</b>   |
| <b>O God, forsake me not!</b>          | <b>O God, forsake me not!</b>        |

3 O God, forsake me not!  
Lord, hear my supplication!  
In ev'ry evil hour  
Help me resist temptation;  
And when the prince of hell  
My conscience seeks to blot,  
Be then not far from me—  
O God, forsake me not!

4 O God, forsake me not!  
Lord, I am Yours forever.  
O keep me strong in faith  
That I may leave You never.  
Grant me a blessed end  
When my good fight is fought;  
Help me in life and death—  
O God, forsake me not!

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## *The Sermon*

*Hebrews 13:1–17*

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 Rite of Admitting to Communion Prior to Confirmation*

*Lars Henrickson and Elsa Henrickson*

### *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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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. <*



*Psalm 118:1–13 (antiphon: verse 6)*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 305 – TEXT: LSB 636*

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving reverence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,  
Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
You once left Your throne in heaven  
On the cross for me to languish  
And to die in bitter anguish,  
To forego all joy and gladness  
And to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living,  
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

**1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.**

**3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling,  
By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing  
That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
Here on earth Your will be done.**

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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 on you and be gracious to you.*  
*The LORD turn His face toward you and ✠ give you peace.*  
**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 46

- 1 **On what has now been sown**  
**Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;**  
**The pow’r is Thine alone**  
**To make it spring and grow.**  
**Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,**  
**And Thou alone shalt have the praise!**
- 2 **To Thee our wants are known,**  
**From Thee are all our pow’rs;**  
**Accept what is Thine own**  
**And pardon what is ours.**  
**Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,**  
**And to Thy Word a blessing give.**
- 3 **Oh, grant that each of us,**  
**Now met before Thee here,**  
**May meet together thus**  
**When Thou and Thine appear**  
**And follow Thee to heav’n, our home.**  
**E’en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!**

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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	1 Kings 11:1–26	2 Cor. 6:1–18
M	1 Kings 11:42–12:19	2 Cor. 7:1–16
Tu	1 Kgs 12:20–13:5, 33–34	2 Cor. 8:1–24
W	1 Kings 16:29–17:24	2 Cor. 9:1–15
Th	1 Kings 18:1–19	Ephesians 1:1–23
F	1 Kings 18:20–40	Ephesians 2:1–22
Sa	1 Kings 19:1–21	Ephesians 3:1–21

### The Ten Commandments

*As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.*

*The Tenth Commandment:*

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

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

*From the Large Catechism:* Thus these commandments are directed especially against envy and miserable covetousness, God's purpose being to destroy all the roots and causes of our injuries to our neighbors. Therefore he sets it forth in plain words: "You shall not covet," etc. Above all, he wants our hearts to be pure, even though as long as we live here we cannot reach that ideal. So this commandment remains, like all the rest, one that constantly accuses us and shows just how upright we really are in God's sight.

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

O God, forsake me not! Lord, I am Yours forever.  
O keep me strong in faith that I may leave You never.  
Grant me a blessed end  
When my good fight is fought;  
Help me in life and death—O God, forsake me not!  
LSB 731:4

### 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 Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Readings for next Sunday, September 4

Deut. 30:15–20; Psalms 1 (v. 6) & 104 (selections);  
Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–35