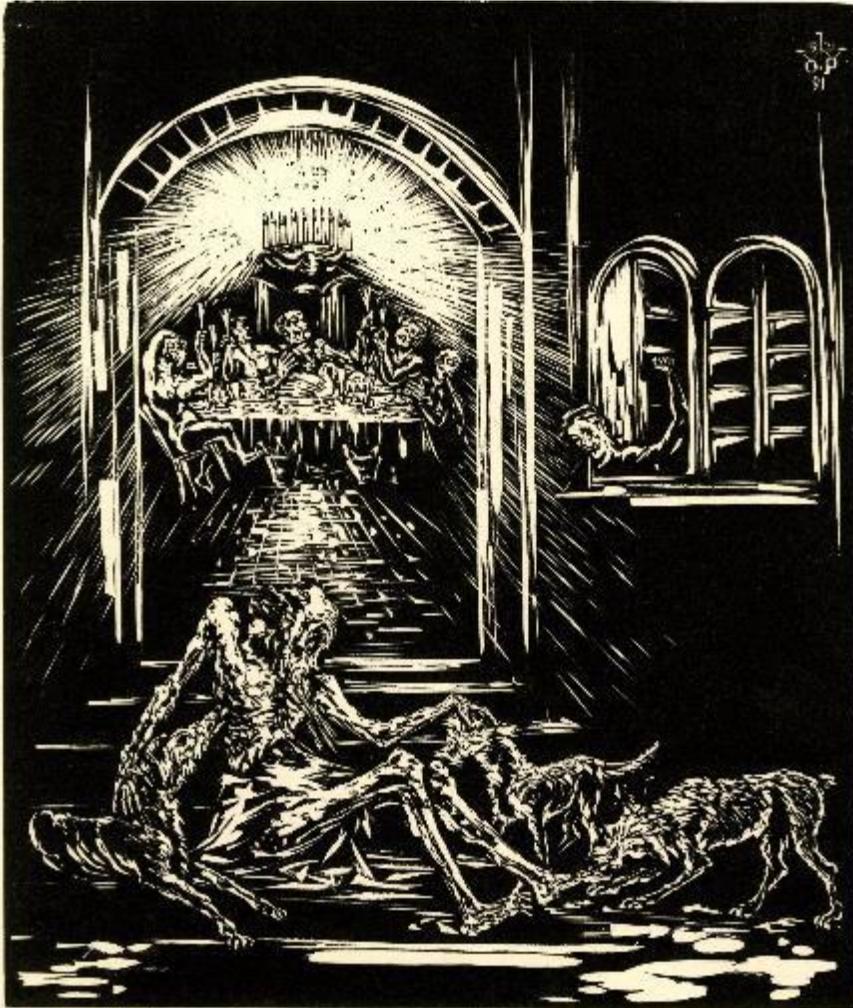


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# *Divine Service*



*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 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

Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Tim Terhune
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Mason Suprenant, Luis Albert

## Prayers for Worship

*For St. Michael & All Angels (Sept. 29):* Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Against the love of money:* Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called us to be Your children and heirs of Your gracious promises in Christ Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may forsake all covetous desires and the inordinate love of riches. Deliver us from the pursuit of passing things that we may seek the kingdom of Your Son and trust in His righteousness and so find blessedness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*For joy and thankfulness in spiritual riches:* O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Cover Illustration

Der reiche Mann und der arme Lazarus  
(The rich man and the poor Lazarus)  
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OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 261 – TEXT: LSB 522

*The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (September 29) is a principal feast of Christ.*

*As we give thanks to the Lord God for the angels, we also remember the promise of Jesus about the little ones:  
"I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 18:10).*

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| <p><b>1 Lord God, to Thee we give all praise,<br/>With grateful hearts our voices raise,<br/>That angel hosts Thou didst create<br/>Around Thy glorious throne to wait.</b></p> <p><b>2 They shine with light and heav'nly grace<br/>And constantly behold Thy face;<br/>They heed Thy voice, they know it well,<br/>In godly wisdom they excel.</b></p> <p><b>3 They never rest nor sleep as we;<br/>Their whole delight is but to be<br/>With Thee, Lord Jesus, and to keep<br/>Thy little flock, Thy lambs and sheep.</b></p> <p><b>4 The ancient dragon is their foe;<br/>His envy and his wrath they know.<br/>It always is his aim and pride<br/>Thy Christian people to divide.</b></p> | <p><b>5 As he of old deceived the world<br/>And into sin and death has hurled,<br/>So now he subtly lies in wait<br/>To undermine both Church and state.</b></p> <p><b>6 A roaring lion, round he goes,<br/>No halt nor rest he ever knows;<br/>He seeks the Christians to devour<br/>And slay them by his dreadful pow'r.</b></p> <p><b>7 But watchful is the angel band<br/>That follows Christ on ev'ry hand<br/>To guard His people where they go<br/>And break the counsel of the foe.</b></p> <p><b>8 For this, now and in days to be,<br/>Our praise shall rise, O Lord, to Thee,<br/>Whom all the angel hosts adore<br/>With grateful songs forevermore.</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 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.**

THE INTROIT

Psalm 119:76, 73–75, 77

*Let Your steadfast love comfort me*  
**according to Your promise to Your servant.**

*Your hands have made and fashioned me;*  
**give me understanding that I may learn Your commandments.**

*Those who fear You shall see me and rejoice,*  
**because I have hoped in Your word.**

*I know, O LORD, that Your just decrees are righteous,*  
**and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.**

*Let Your mercy come to me, that I may live;*  
**for Your law is my delight.**

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

2 Timothy 4:22

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

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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: Amos 6:1–7*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 146; antiphon v. 2

*I will praise the LORD as long as I live;*  
**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

*Praise the LORD!*

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

*I will praise the LORD as long as I live;*  
**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

*Put not your trust in princes,*  
**in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

*When his breath departs he returns to the earth;*  
**on that very day his plans perish.**

*Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,*  
**whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

*who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,*  
**who keeps faith forever;**

*who executes justice for the oppressed,*  
**who gives food to the hungry.**

*The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.*

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

*The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless,*  
**but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.**

*The LORD will reign forever,*

**your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**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 will praise the LORD as long as I live;*

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

*from the Letters: 1 Timothy 3:1–13*

*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 16:19–31*

**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 & TEXT: TLH 240*

*These hymn stanzas can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #240.*

- 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender;  
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender,  
Light never waning;**
- 2 Trinity blessed, unity unshaken,  
Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,  
Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken,  
Hope of all living,**
- 3 Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;  
All for Thy worship were and are created;  
Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly,  
Hear Thou our voices.**
- △ 4 Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,  
One in three persons, over all exalted!  
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee,  
Now and forever.**

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## ***The Sermon***

*Luke 16:19–31*

*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:*

**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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.**

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 106:1–12 (antiphon: v. 47)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: BEECHER – TEXT: LSB 700

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| <p><b>1 Love divine, all loves excelling,<br/>       Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!<br/>       Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,<br/>       All Thy faithful mercies crown.<br/>       Jesus, Thou art all compassion,<br/>       Pure, unbounded love Thou art;<br/>       Visit us with Thy salvation,<br/>       Enter ev'ry trembling heart.</b></p> <p><b>2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit<br/>       Into ev'ry troubled breast;<br/>       Let us all in Thee inherit;<br/>       Let us find Thy promised rest.<br/>       Take away the love of sinning;<br/>       Alpha and Omega be;<br/>       End of faith, as its beginning,<br/>       Set our hearts at liberty.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;<br/>       Let us all Thy life receive;<br/>       Suddenly return, and never,<br/>       Nevermore Thy temples leave.<br/>       Thee we would be always blessing,<br/>       Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,<br/>       Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,<br/>       Glory in Thy perfect love.</b></p> <p><b>4 Finish then Thy new creation,<br/>       Pure and spotless let us be;<br/>       Let us see Thy great salvation<br/>       Perfectly restored in Thee,<br/>       Changed from glory into glory,<br/>       Till in heav'n we take our place,<br/>       Till we cast our crowns before Thee,<br/>       Lost in wonder, love, and praise!</b></p> |
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 633

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| <p><b>1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing<br/>       Praise to our victorious King,<br/>       Who has washed us in the tide<br/>       Flowing from His pierced side.<br/>       Alleluia!</b></p> | <p><b>2 Praise we Him, whose love divine<br/>       Gives His sacred blood for wine,<br/>       Gives His body for the feast—<br/>       Christ the victim, Christ the priest.<br/>       Alleluia!</b></p> |
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3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 206 – TEXT: LSB 741, STANZAS 1–6*

1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense  
And my Savior, now is living!  
Knowing this, my confidence  
Rests upon the hope here given,  
Though the night of death be fraught  
Still with many'n anxious thought.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;  
Likewise I to life shall waken.  
He will bring me where He is;  
Shall my courage then be shaken?  
Shall I fear, or could the Head  
Rise and leave His members dead?

3 No, too closely I am bound  
By my hope to Christ forever;  
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,  
Grasped it, and will leave it never;  
Even death now cannot part  
From its Lord the trusting heart.

4 I am flesh and must return  
To the dust, whence I am taken;  
But by faith I now discern  
That from death I shall awaken  
With my Savior to abide  
In His glory, at His side.

5 Glorified, I shall anew  
With this flesh then be enshrouded;  
In this body I shall view  
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;  
In this flesh I then shall see  
Jesus Christ eternally.

6 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
For His members Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, they will hear His voice;  
Dying, they will never perish;  
For the very grave is stirred  
When the trumpet's blast is heard.

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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.**

## THE THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
and His mercy endures forever.*

## THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. 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, 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 lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

## HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE: TLH 206 – TEXT: LSB 741, STANZAS 7–8

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| <p><b>7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave<br/>And at death no longer tremble;<br/>He, the Lord, who came to save<br/>Will at last His own assemble.<br/>They will go their Lord to meet,<br/>Treading death beneath their feet.</b></p> | <p><b>8 O, then, draw away your hearts<br/>From all pleasures base and hollow;<br/>Strive to share what He imparts<br/>While you here His footsteps follow.<br/>As you now still wait to rise,<br/>Fix your hearts beyond the skies!</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	Malachi 1:1–14	Matthew 3:1–17
M	Malachi 2:1–3:5	Matthew 4:1–11
Tu	Malachi 3:6–4:6	Matthew 4:12–25
W	Deuteronomy 1:1–18	Matthew 5:1–20
Th	Deuteronomy 1:19–36	Matthew 5:21–48
F	Deut. 1:37–2:15	Matthew 6:1–15
Sa	Deuteronomy 2:16–37	Matthew 6:16–34

### The Apostles' Creed

*What is the First Article of the Apostles' Creed?* I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?* I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

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### Verse for Meditation

But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

*Micah 7:7*

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

I am flesh and must return  
To the dust, whence I am taken;  
But by faith I now discern  
That from death I shall awaken  
With my Savior to abide  
In His glory, at His side.

LSB 741:41

### 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, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Readings for next Sunday, October 2

Hab. 1:1–4; 2:1–4; Ps. 62 (v. 1) & Hab. 3:13–19 (v. 18);  
2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:1–10