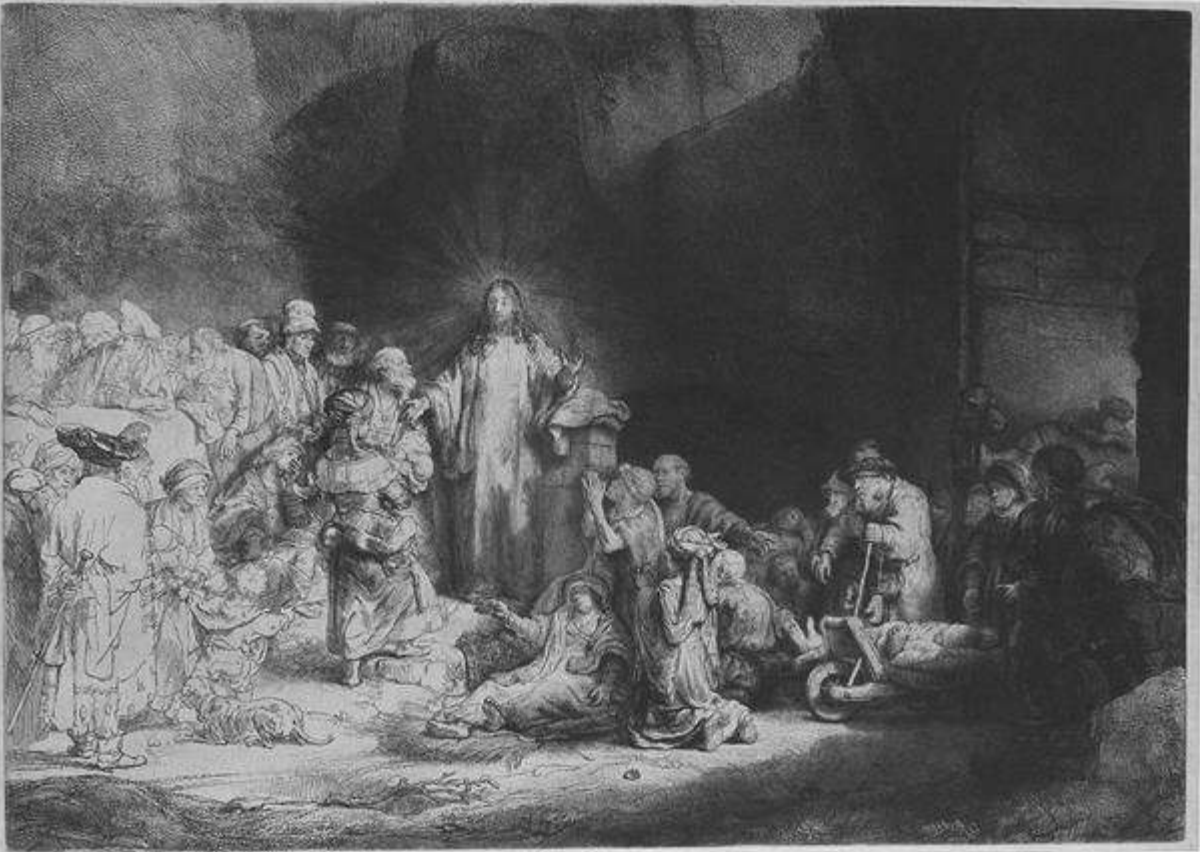


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# *Divine Service*



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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Visitor, you are very welcome here.

Please contact us with questions or prayer requests, and come worship with us again. Our pastor would be very glad to meet with you. May our Lord's Word be a blessing to all who gather in His name.

For those caring for young children or who have difficulty standing for the prayers, hymns, or other parts of the service, please know that you may sit as you find need or comfort.

Don't be embarrassed if your children make noise during worship—all children do. We encourage families to worship together. If needed, there is a nursery available in the basement during service and Bible class.

Out of courtesy to your brothers and sisters, please turn off your cell phone ringer and refrain from leaving or entering the sanctuary during the readings and the prayers.

## Holy Communion

We welcome to the Lord's Table members of Our Savior and members of sister congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Pastor Gregory would be very glad to instruct you so that you can confess Jesus Christ with us and receive His holy body and blood for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

## Spiritual Care

Individual confession and absolution, spiritual care, and pastoral counsel are available by appointment. Please contact the church office to schedule a time.

## Christian Education

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study follow the service. Pre-Kindergarten through seventh grade students meet in the basement, high school students in pastors' study, and adults in the sanctuary.

## Serving in Worship Today

Celebrant & Preacher  
Liturgist  
Organist  
Acolytes

Rev. Peter Gregory  
Dave Farabaugh  
Anne Bennet  
George Newman  
Lazarus Gregory

## Prayers for Worship

*For right reception of the Lord's Supper:* O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:* Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*For unity of faith:* O God, Your infinite love restores to the right way those who err, seeks the scattered, and preserves those whom You have gathered. Of Your tender mercy pour out on Your faithful people the grace of unity that, all schisms being ended, Your flock may be gathered to the true Shepherd of Your Church and may serve You in all faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 457

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| <p><b>1 What a friend we have in Jesus,<br/>All our sins and griefs to bear!<br/>What a privilege to carry<br/>Ev'rything to God in prayer!<br/>Oh, what peace we often forfeit;<br/>Oh, what needless pain we bear—<br/>All because we do not carry<br/>Ev'rything to God in prayer!</b></p> | <p><b>2 Have we trials and temptations?<br/>Is there trouble anywhere?<br/>We should never be discouraged—<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer.<br/>Can we find a friend so faithful<br/>Who will all our sorrows share?<br/>Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—<br/>Take it to the Lord in prayer.</b></p> |
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- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

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THE INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

**Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

*Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with sincere hearts to confess our sins to God, our Father, and to plead in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for His forgiveness.*

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

Psalm 124:8

*I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,  
and You forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Psalm 32:5

**All-Powerful God, merciful Father, I, a poor, pitiful sinner, confess to You all my sins and unrighteousness. By them I have continually offended You and fairly deserved Your punishment, both now and eternally. But from my heart I am sorry for them, and I sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, in Your limitless mercy for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*The Absolution*

[John 20:19–23]

**Amen.**

*I will tell of Your name to My brothers;*  
**in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.**

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,*  
**and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

*For kingship belongs to the LORD,*  
**and He rules over the nations.**

*All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;*  
**before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust,**  
**even the one who could not keep himself alive.**

*Posterity shall serve Him;*  
**it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;**  
*they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn,*  
**that He has done it.**

## THE GLORIA PATRI

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

## THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

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

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

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

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

## THE COLLECT

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

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

*from the Old Testament: Isaiah 9:1–4*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 27:1–9, 13–14; antiphon v. 1*

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

*When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,*

**my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

*Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;*

**though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

*One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:*

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
 to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.**

*For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;*

**He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

*And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,*

*and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;*

**I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

*Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;*

**be gracious to me and answer me!**

*You have said, "Seek My face."*

**My heart says to You, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

*Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger, O You who have been my help.*

**Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

*I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD*  
**in the land of the living!**

*Wait for the LORD;*

**be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for 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.**

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

*from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 1:4–18*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH*

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12–25*

**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.**

- 1 The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been,  
In shades of death have been.
- 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
The gath'ring nations come;  
They joy as when the reapers bear  
Their harvest treasures home,  
Their harvest treasures home.
- 3 To us a Child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is giv'n,  
And on His shoulder ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
- 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored,  
The God by all adored.
- 5 His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.
- △ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

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## *The Sermon*

*Isaiah 9:1–4 & Matthew 4:12–25*

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.  
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.**

THE PROPER PREFACE

*It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

THE SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## *The Words of Institution*

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

**O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## *Holy Communion*

> Note about Holy Communion: All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing. <



*Psalm 40:1–11 (antiphon: v. 3)*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 402 – TEXT: LSB 731*

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| <p><b>1 O God, forsake me not!</b><br/>Your gracious presence lend me;<br/>Lord, lead Your helpless child;<br/>Your Holy Spirit send me<br/>That I my course may run.<br/>O be my light, my lot,<br/>My staff, my rock, my shield—<br/>O God, forsake me not!</p> | <p><b>3 O God, forsake me not!</b><br/>Lord, hear my supplication!<br/>In ev'ry evil hour<br/>Help me resist temptation;<br/>And when the prince of hell<br/>My conscience seeks to blot,<br/>Be then not far from me—<br/>O God, forsake me not!</p>     |
| <p><b>2 O God, forsake me not!</b><br/>Take not Your Spirit from me;<br/>Do not permit the might<br/>Of sin to overcome me.<br/>Increase my feeble faith,<br/>Which You alone have wrought.<br/>O be my strength and pow'r—<br/>O God, forsake me not!</p>        | <p><b>4 O God, forsake me not!</b><br/>Lord, I am Yours forever.<br/>O keep me strong in faith<br/>That I may leave You never.<br/>Grant me a blessed end<br/>When my good fight is fought;<br/>Help me in life and death—<br/>O God, forsake me not!</p> |

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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 473 – TEXT: LSB 644*

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| <p><b>1 The Church's one foundation</b><br/>Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;<br/>She is His new creation<br/>By water and the Word.<br/>From heav'n He came and sought her<br/>To be His holy bride;<br/>With His own blood He bought her,<br/>And for her life He died.</p> | <p><b>3 Though with a scornful wonder</b><br/>The world sees her oppressed,<br/>By schisms rent asunder,<br/>By heresies distressed,<br/>Yet saints their watch are keeping;<br/>Their cry goes up, "How long?"<br/>And soon the night of weeping<br/>Shall be the morn of song.</p> |
| <p><b>2 Elect from ev'ry nation,</b><br/>Yet one o'er all the earth;<br/>Her charter of salvation:<br/>One Lord, one faith, one birth.<br/>One holy name she blesses,<br/>Partakes one holy food,<br/>And to one hope she presses<br/>With ev'ry grace endued.</p>     | <p><b>4 Through toil and tribulation</b><br/>And tumult of her war<br/>She waits the consummation<br/>Of peace forevermore<br/>Till with the vision glorious<br/>Her longing eyes are blest,<br/>And the great Church victorious<br/>Shall be the Church at rest. (Continued.)</p>   |

**5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, may see You face to face.**

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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 126 – TEXT: LSB 396*

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| <b>1 Arise and shine in splendor;<br/>Let night to day surrender.<br/>Your light is drawing near.<br/>Above, the day is beaming,<br/>In matchless beauty gleaming;<br/>The glory of the Lord is here.</b>   | <b>3 The world's remotest races,<br/>Upon whose weary faces<br/>The sun looks from the sky,<br/>Shall run with zeal untiring,<br/>With joy Your light desiring<br/>That breaks upon them from on high.</b>        |
| <b>2 See earth in darkness lying,<br/>The heathen nations dying<br/>In hopeless gloom and night.<br/>To you the Lord of heaven—<br/>Your life, your hope—has given<br/>Great glory, honor, and delight.</b> | <b>4 Lift up your eyes in wonder—<br/>See, nations gather yonder<br/>From sin to be set free.<br/>The world has heard Your story;<br/>Her sons come to Your glory;<br/>Her daughters haste Your light to see.</b> |
- 5 Your heart will leap for gladness  
When from the realms of sadness  
They come from near and far.  
Your eyes will wake from slumber  
As people without number  
Rejoice to see the Morning Star.**

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*THE NUNC DIMITTIS*

*Luke 2:29–32*

**Now, Lord, You dismiss Your servant in peace, as You have promised,  
for my eyes have seen the Salvation You prepared before the face of all people,  
a Light to enlighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*THE THANKSGIVING*

*Psalms 107:1*

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

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

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

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

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

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

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

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 688, STANZAS 1–2, 5

1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the  
way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,  
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I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
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well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
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# God's People at Prayer

## For Home Devotions

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

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

### Readings from Holy Scripture

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

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	Joel 2:1–17	Romans 11:1–24
M	Joel 2:18–32	Rom. 11:25–12:13
Tu	Joel 3:1–21	Rom. 12:14–13:14
W	Zechariah 1:1–21	Romans 14:1–23
Th	Zechariah 2:1–3:10	Romans 15:1–13
F	Zechariah 4:1–5:11	Romans 15:14–33
Sa	Zechariah 6:1–7:14	Romans 16:17–27

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*The Second Petition*

Thy kingdom come.

*What does this mean?* The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also. God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

*From the Large Catechism:* We pray that the kingdom may come to those who are not yet in it, and that it may come by daily growth here and in eternal life hereafter to us who have received it. All this is simply to say: "Dear Father, we pray, give us first Your Word, so that the Gospel may be preached properly throughout the world. Second, may the Gospel be received in faith and work and live in us, so that through the Word and the Holy Spirit's power, Your kingdom may triumph among us."

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one. *(repeat line)* LSB 412:6

### Daily Prayer

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

### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

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

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

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Collect of the Week

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

### Readings for next Sunday, January 29

Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 15 (Ps. 16:1);  
1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12