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# *Divine Service*



*Our Savior Lutheran Church*

*Westminster, Massachusetts*

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# Our Savior Lutheran Church

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## Visitor, you are very welcome here.

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

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

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

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

## Holy Communion

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

## Spiritual Care

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

## Christian Education

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study follow the service. 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

Preacher & Celebrant	Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Doug Newman
Organist	Mary Gregory
Acolytes	Ethan Albert, Nate Newman

## Prayer for Worship

*For Christ to abide with us:* Abide with us, Lord, and with Your whole Church. Abide with us through the end of the day, the end of our life, the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever. Amen.

*Praise and supplication:* Lord God, creator of heaven and earth, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You for the abundant mercy that You this day so richly have provided for us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. Grant that Your living and powerful Word may abide in our hearts, working mightily in us to Your glory and for our salvation. We commit ourselves to Your divine protection and fatherly care. Let Your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us. Look in mercy on Your Church and deliver it from all danger and adversities. By Your Holy Spirit comfort and strengthen all who are in affliction or distress, and grant Your abiding peace to us all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Cover Illustration

*The Supper at Emmaus* by Jacopo Pontorno (1525)  
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THE EASTER ACCLAMATION  
*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 482



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

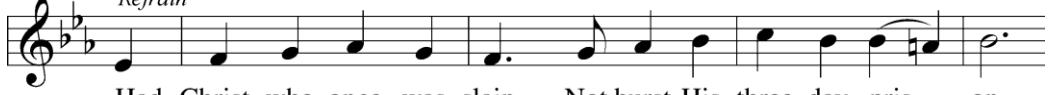


sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:  
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

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 133*

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!*

*It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!*

*It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!*

**For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

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, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through 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: Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 116:1–14; antiphon v. 5

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;*  
**our God is merciful.**

*I love the LORD, because He has heard*  
**my voice and my pleas for mercy.**

*Because He inclined His ear to me,*  
**therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.**

*The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;*  
**I suffered distress and anguish.**

*Then I called on the name of the LORD:*  
**"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;*  
**our God is merciful.**

*The LORD preserves the simple;*  
**when I was brought low, He saved me.**

*Return, O my soul, to your rest;*  
**for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.**

*For You have delivered my soul from death,*  
**my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

*I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.*  
**I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted";**

*I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."*  
**What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits to me?**

*I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,*  
**I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all His people.**

**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.**

*Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;*  
**our God is merciful.**

*from the Letters: 1 Peter 1:17–25*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE TRIPLE ALLELUIA FOR EASTER

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*from the Holy Gospel: Luke 24:13–35*

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

*After the reading:*

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

*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: LS 129, ALT. – TEXT: LSB 475*

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| <b>1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!<br/>Now is the triumph of our King!<br/>To all the world glad news we bring:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b> | <b>3 Praise we in songs of victory<br/>That love, that life which cannot die,<br/>And sing with hearts uplifted high:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b> |
| <b>2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;<br/>Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;<br/>Let all the world rejoice and say:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b> | <b>4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,<br/>And sing today with one accord<br/>The life laid down, the life restored:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b>  |

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## *The Sermon*

*Luke 24:13–35*

*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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 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 on Holy Communion: In the Lord's Supper, the Risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise His very body and blood are really present, so that we come into direct communion with the exalted Christ and His forgiveness. As we do so, we also bear witness to the oneness in doctrine of those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we kindly ask guests to speak with pastor before communing so that all who receive Holy Communion with us might first be properly instructed. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

*1 Peter 1:3–9 (antiphon: verse 3a)*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 347 – TEXT: LSB 743*

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| <p><b>1 Jesus, priceless treasure,<br/>Fount of purest pleasure,<br/>Truest friend to me,<br/>Ah, how long in anguish<br/>Shall my spirit languish,<br/>Yearning, Lord, for Thee?<br/>Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!<br/>I will suffer naught to hide Thee;<br/>Naught I ask beside Thee.</b></p>   | <p><b>3 Satan, I defy thee;<br/>Death, I now decry thee;<br/>Fear, I bid thee cease.<br/>World, thou shalt not harm me<br/>Nor thy threats alarm me<br/>While I sing of peace.<br/>God's great pow'r guards ev'ry hour;<br/>Earth and all its depths adore Him,<br/>Silent bow before Him.</b></p> |
| <p><b>2 In Thine arms I rest me;<br/>Foes who would molest me<br/>Cannot reach me here.<br/>Though the earth be shaking,<br/>Ev'ry heart be quaking,<br/>Jesus calms my fear.<br/>Lightnings flash and thunders crash;<br/>Yet, though sin and hell assail me,<br/>Jesus will not fail me.</b></p> | <p><b>4 Hence, all earthly treasure!<br/>Jesus is my pleasure,<br/>Jesus is my choice.<br/>Hence, all empty glory!<br/>Naught to me thy story<br/>Told with tempting voice.<br/>Pain or loss, or shame or cross,<br/>Shall not from my Savior move me<br/>Since He deigns to love me.</b></p>      |

5 Evil world, I leave thee;  
 Thou canst not deceive me,  
 Thine appeal is vain.  
 Sin that once did blind me,  
 Get thee far behind me,  
 Come not forth again.  
 Past thy hour, O pride and pow'r;  
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,  
 Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!  
 For the Lord of gladness,  
 Jesus, enters in.  
 Those who love the Father,  
 Though the storms may gather,  
 Still have peace within.  
 Yea, whate'er I here must bear,  
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,  
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 352*

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,  
 Who has truly kept His word  
 And at last to us did send  
 Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

4 As Your coming was in peace,  
 Quiet, full of gentleness,  
 Let the same mind dwell in me  
 Which is Yours eternally.

2 What the fathers most desired,  
 What the prophets' heart inspired,  
 What they longed for many'a year,  
 Stands fulfilled in glory here.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
 That, set free from doubt and dread,  
 I may cling to You in faith,  
 Safely kept through life and death.

3 Abram's promised great reward,  
 Zion's helper, Jacob's Lord—  
 Him of twofold race behold—  
 Truly came, as long foretold.

6 Then when You will come again  
 As the glorious king to reign,  
 I with joy will see Your face,  
 Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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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. O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have given us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father 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.**

THE CLOSING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 576

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| <p><b>1 My hope is built on nothing less<br/>Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;<br/>No merit of my own I claim<br/>But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain</b></p> <p><i>Refrain</i> On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;<br/>All other ground is sinking sand,<br/>All other ground is sinking sand.</p> <p><b>2 When darkness veils His lovely face,<br/>I rest on His unchanging grace;<br/>In ev'ry high and stormy gale<br/>My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain</b></p> | <p><b>3 His oath, His covenant and blood<br/>Support me in the raging flood;<br/>When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,<br/>He then is all my hope and stay.</b></p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> <p><b>4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,<br/>Oh, may I then in Him be found,<br/>Clothed in His righteousness alone,<br/>Redeemed to stand before His throne!</b></p> <p><i>Refrain</i></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	Exodus 32:15–35	Luke 6:39–49
M	Exodus 33:1–23	Luke 7:1–17
Tu	Exodus 34:1–28	Luke 7:18–35
W	Exodus 34:29–35:21	Luke 7:36–50
Th	Ex. 38:21–39:8, 22–31	Luke 8:1–21
F	Ex. 39:32–40:16	Luke 8:22–39
Sa	Exodus 40:17–38	Luke 8:40–56

### The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*As the head of the family should teach it to his household.*

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?* It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?* St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)

*From the Large Catechism:* Therefore, every Christian has enough in Baptism to learn and to do all his life. For he has always enough to do by believing firmly what Baptism promises and brings: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts. In short, Baptism is so far beyond us that if timid nature could realize this, it might well doubt whether it could be true. . . . Here in Baptism there is freely brought to everyone's door such a treasure and medicine that it utterly destroys death and preserves all people alive.

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

LSB 475:3

### 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, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.. Amen.

### Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 30

Acts 2:42–47; Ps 23 (v. 1) & Jer. 31:10–14 (v. 10b);  
1 Peter 2:19–25; John 10:1–10