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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 for children under three years old, 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	The Rev. Jason D. Lane
Liturgist	Jeremy Henrikson
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Matthew Connell
	Andrew Gull

## Prayer for Worship

*For the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 24):*

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ. 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:* 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.

## Cover Illustration

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession,  
German School (1617), artist unknown.

THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 16 – TEXT: LSB 904

**1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**  
We are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love You solely.

**2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight**  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.

**3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,**  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

△ **4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,**  
Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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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**

*In God I trust; I shall not be afraid.*

**What can man do to me?**

*I must perform my vows to You, O God;*

**I will render thank offerings to You.**

*Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,*

**though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

*though its waters roar and foam,*

**though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**

*God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;*

**God will help her when morning dawns.**

*The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;*

**He utters his voice, the earth melts.**

## 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. Lord God, heavenly Father, You preserved the teaching of the apostolic Church through the confession of the true faith at Augsburg. Continue to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; 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: Nehemiah 8:1–12*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 138; antiphon Psalm 119:46*

*I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings*  
**and shall not be put to shame.**

*I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;*  
**before the gods I sing Your praise;**

*I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name*  
*for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness,*  
**for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.**

*On the day I called, You answered me;*  
**my strength of soul You increased.**

*All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD,*  
**for they have heard the words of Your mouth,**  
*and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,*  
**for great is the glory of the LORD.**

*For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,*  
**but the haughty He knows from afar.**

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life;*  
**You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,**  
**and Your right hand delivers me.**

*The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;*

**Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

**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 also speak of Your testimonies before kings*

**and shall not be put to shame.**

*from the Letters: 1 Timothy 6:11b–16*

*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 10:26–33*

**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.**

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| <p><b>1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,<br/>You are her one foundation;<br/>In You she trusts, before You bows,<br/>And waits for Your salvation.<br/>Built on this rock secure,<br/>Your Church shall endure<br/>Though all the world decay<br/>And all things pass away.<br/>O hear, O hear us, Jesus!</b></p> <p><b>2 O Lord, let this Your little flock,<br/>Your name alone confessing,<br/>Continue in Your loving care,<br/>True unity possessing.<br/>Your sacraments, O Lord,<br/>And Your saving Word<br/>To us, Lord, pure retain.<br/>Grant that they may remain<br/>Our only strength and comfort.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Help us to serve You evermore<br/>With hearts both pure and lowly;<br/>And may Your Word, that light divine,<br/>Shine on in splendor holy<br/>That we repentance show,<br/>In faith ever grow;<br/>The pow'r of sin destroy<br/>And evils that annoy.<br/>O make us faithful Christians.</b></p> <p><b>4 And for Your Gospel let us dare<br/>To sacrifice all treasure;<br/>Teach us to bear Your blessed cross,<br/>To find in You all pleasure.<br/>O grant us steadfastness<br/>In joy and distress,<br/>Lest we, Lord, You forsake.<br/>Let us by grace partake<br/>Of endless joy and gladness.</b></p> |
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## *The Sermon*

OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE: TLH 283 – TEXT: TLH 582

**God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way, in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, we keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.**

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## *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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servants the elector, princes, and theologians who presented the Augsburg Confession, 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. <

## *The Te Deum Laudamus – We Praise You, O God*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 311 – TEXT: LSB 627, STANZAS 1–2, 4, 7–8, 10

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| <p><b>1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,<br/>Turned away God’s wrath forever;<br/>By His bitter grief and woe<br/>He saved us from the evil foe.</b></p> <p><b>2 As His pledge of love undying,<br/>He, this precious food supplying,<br/>Gives His body with the bread,<br/>And with the wine the blood He shed.</b></p> <p><b>3 Praise the Father, who from heaven<br/>To His own this food has given,<br/>Who, to mend what we have done,<br/>Gave into death His only Son.</b></p> | <p><b>4 Christ says: “Come, all you that labor,<br/>And receive My grace and favor:<br/>Those who feel no pain or ill<br/>Need no physician’s help or skill.</b></p> <p><b>5 “For what purpose was My dying<br/>If not for your justifying?<br/>And what use this precious food<br/>If you yourself were pure and good?”</b></p> <p><b>6 Let this food your faith so nourish<br/>That its fruit of love may flourish<br/>And your neighbor learn from you<br/>How much God’s wondrous love can do.</b></p> |
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE TLH 297 – TEXT: LSB 580

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| <p><b>1 The Gospel shows the Father’s grace,<br/>Who sent His Son to save our race,<br/>Proclaims how Jesus lived and died<br/>That we might thus be justified.</b></p> <p><b>2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,<br/>Who made th’atoning sacrifice,<br/>And calls the souls with guilt oppressed<br/>To come and find eternal rest.</b></p> <p><b>3 It brings the Savior’s righteousness<br/>To robe our souls in royal dress;<br/>From all our guilt it brings release<br/>And gives the troubled conscience peace.</b></p> | <p><b>4 It is the pow’r of God to save<br/>From sin and Satan and the grave;<br/>It works the faith which firmly clings<br/>To all the treasures which it brings.</b></p> <p><b>5 It bears to all the tidings glad<br/>And bids their hearts no more be sad;<br/>The weary, burdened souls it cheers<br/>And banishes their guilty fears.</b></p> <p><b>6 May we in faith its message learn<br/>Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;<br/>May we in faith its truth confess<br/>And praise the Lord, our righteousness.</b></p> |
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- 1 O God, my faithful God,  
True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is,  
All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame,  
And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame,  
A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do  
With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command,  
My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should  
While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good,  
For You must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words  
That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech  
May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place  
I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace  
Lest I offend the weak.
- 4 Lord, let me win my foes  
With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends  
For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as You have taught,  
To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might  
To live in peace with all.

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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

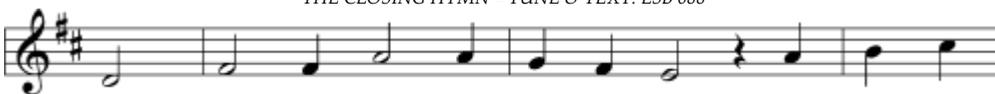
*The LORD bless you and keep you.*

*The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*

*The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.*

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 688



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
 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;  
 love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex - press,  
 soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
 I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
 With meek - ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
 From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
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e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
 well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
 strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
 of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
 bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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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	Proverbs 31:10–31	John 21:1–25
M	Joshua 1:1–18	Acts 8:1–25
Tu	Joshua 2:1–24	Acts 8:26–40
W	Joshua 3:1–17	Acts 9:1–22
Th	Joshua 4:1–24	Acts 9:23–43
F	Joshua 5:1–6:5	Acts 10:1–17
Sa	Joshua 6:6–27	Acts 10:18–33

### The Augsburg Confession

*Article IV of the Augsburg Confession, presented by  
Lutheran princes to the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V  
on June 25, 1530, confesses the doctrine of justification  
on which the Church stands or falls.*

Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ's sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight (Romans 3 and 4).

*The Augsburg Confession, Article IV*

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

And for Your Gospel let us dare  
To sacrifice all treasure;  
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross,  
To find in You all pleasure.  
O grant us steadfastness  
In joy and distress,  
Lest we, Lord, You forsake.

Let us by grace partake  
Of endless joy and gladness. *LSB 647:4*

### Verse for Meditation

The word of the Lord remains forever.  
*Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum (VDMA)*  
*1 Peter 1:24–25*

### 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, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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, July 2

Jer. 28:5–9; Psalms 119:153–160 (v. 154) & 46 (v. 11);  
Romans 7:1–13; Matthew 10:34–42