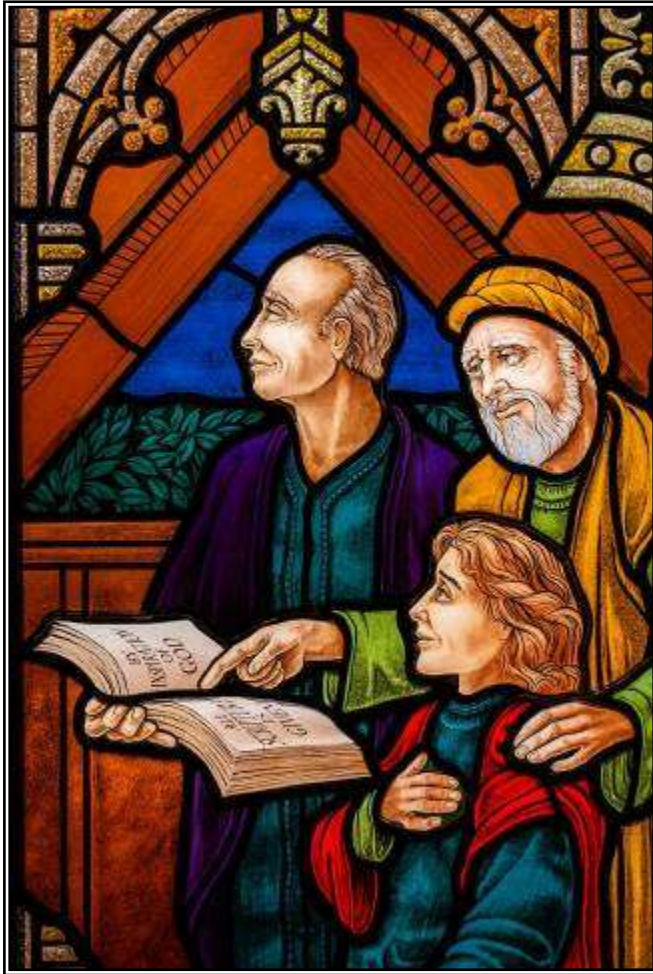


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# *Divine Service*



*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. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Tom Connell
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Simeon Gregory, George Newman

## Prayers for Worship

*For profitable use of the Word:* Most merciful God, You desire everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that by the preaching of Your Gospel we may be given that wisdom that leads to salvation. By the working of Your Holy Spirit keep us attentive to all the teachings of Your Word. Enlighten our minds, control our wills, and purify our affections. Let Your Word be a light for our path that neither the pleasures nor the honors nor the pains of this life may turn away our thoughts from the fullness of life that is found only in You. Enable us in sincerity of heart to follow You, the only true God. By Your holy Word enlighten all who are in error, doubt, or temptation with the sure and certain knowledge of Your truth that all who live in sin may be led to repentance. Show mercy and grace to all those suffering any distress, to those who are sick or hospitalized, and to those facing death. Let them know the sure comfort of Your holy Word. We commit ourselves and all for whom we pray to Your fatherly care and benediction. Be gracious to us and defend us by Your power. Direct us by Your Spirit that we may daily grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Savior until we shall stand before You in the joy of everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 709

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| <p>1 <b>The King of love my shepherd is,<br/>Whose goodness faileth never;<br/>I nothing lack if I am His<br/>And He is mine forever.</b></p> <p>2 <b>Where streams of living water flow,<br/>My ransomed soul He leadeth<br/>And, where the verdant pastures grow,<br/>With food celestial feedeth.</b></p> <p>3 <b>Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,<br/>But yet in love He sought me<br/>And on His shoulder gently laid<br/>And home rejoicing brought me.</b></p> | <p>4 <b>In death's dark vale I fear no ill<br/>With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,<br/>Thy rod and staff my comfort still,<br/>Thy cross before to guide me.</b></p> <p>5 <b>Thou spreadst a table in my sight;<br/>Thine unction grace bestoweth;<br/>And, oh, what transport of delight<br/>From Thy pure chalice floweth!</b></p> <p>6 <b>And so through all the length of days<br/>Thy goodness faileth never;<br/>Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise<br/>Within Thy house forever!</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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism***

*As you witness this baptism, take hold of your own baptism and your daily return to the font  
by again renouncing the devil and confessing faith in the Triune God.*

*The Baptism of Halvor Lennart McDermott*

*During the baptism, the congregation may join in the responses:*

*Do you renounce the devil? **Yes, I renounce him.***

*Do you renounce all his works? **Yes, I renounce them.***

*Do you renounce all his ways? **Yes, I renounce them.***

*Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth? **Yes, I believe.***

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead? **Yes, I believe.***

*Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting? **Yes, I believe.***



*How great are Your works, O LORD,  
Your thoughts are very deep!*

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;  
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,  
and Your faithfulness by night,  
to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.*

*For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;  
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.*

## 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, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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: Ezekiel 33:7–9*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*from the Letters: Romans 13:1–10*

*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 18:1–20*

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

*After the reading:*

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

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 578

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee, while Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation, breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, and our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
 From the cross forever beameth all Thy bright redeeming light.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
- △ 6 God the Father, light-creator, to Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!

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## *The Sermon*

*Matthew 18:1–20*

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 Installation of Sunday School Teachers*

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## *The Prayer of the Church*

*each petition concludes:*

*. . . let us pray to the Lord:  
 Lord, have mercy.*

THE PREFACE

*The Lord be with you.*

2 Timothy 4:22

**And with your spirit.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

[Colossians 3:1]

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

[Psalm 136]

**It is good and right that we do.**

THE PROPER PREFACE

*It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 119:105–112 (antiphon: v. 105)*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 686*

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| <p><b>1</b> Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,<br/>Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;<br/>Streams of mercy, never ceasing,<br/>Call for songs of loudest praise.<br/>While the hope of endless glory<br/>Fills my heart with joy and love,<br/>Teach me ever to adore Thee;<br/>May I still Thy goodness prove.</p> <p><b>2</b> Here I raise my Ebenezer,<br/>Hither by Thy help I've come;<br/>And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,<br/>Safely to arrive at home.<br/>Jesus sought me when a stranger,<br/>Wand'ring from the fold of God;<br/>He, to rescue me from danger,<br/>Interposed His precious blood.</p> | <p><b>3</b> Oh, to grace how great a debtor<br/>Daily I'm constrained to be;<br/>Let that grace now like a fetter<br/>Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:<br/>Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;<br/>Prone to leave the God I love.<br/>Here's my heart, O take and seal it,<br/>Seal it for Thy courts above.</p> <p><b>4</b> Oh, that day when freed from sinning,<br/>I shall see Thy lovely face;<br/>Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,<br/>How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!<br/>Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;<br/>Take my ransom'd soul away;<br/>Send Thine angels soon to carry<br/>Me to realms of endless day.</p> |
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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 239 – TEXT: LSB 864, ALT*

- 1** Shepherd of tender youth, guiding in love and truth  
Through all their ways;  
Christ, our triumphant King, we come Your name to sing  
And here our children bring to join Your praise.
- 2** You are the holy Lord, O all-subduing Word, healer of strife.  
Yourself You did abase that from sin's deep disgrace  
You so might save our race and give us life.
- 3** You are the great High Priest; You have prepared the feast of holy love;  
And in our mortal pain none calls on You in vain;  
Our plea do not disdain; help from above.



- 4 O ever be our guide, our shepherd, and our pride, our staff and song.  
 Jesus, O Christ of God, by Your enduring Word  
 Lead us where You have trod; make our faith strong.
- 5 So now, and till we die, sound we Your praises high and joyful sing:  
 Infants and all the throng, who to the Church belong,  
 Unite to swell the song to Christ, our king!

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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 282 – TEXT: TLH 282, ALT*

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| <p>1 Christians, come! In sweetest measures<br/>         Sing of Him who gave the treasures<br/>         In the Holy Scripture shrined.<br/>         Blessed tidings of salvation!<br/>         "Peace on earth!" their proclamation,<br/>         Love from God to lost mankind.</p> | <p>3 Walk the fields where Jesus feeds us<br/>         As from mount to mount He leads us,<br/>         Earth's temptations far above.<br/>         Loosed from sin's detested tethers,<br/>         Soaring as on eagle's feathers,<br/>         We shall reach the Source of Love.</p> |
| <p>2 Here the rivers flow that gladden<br/>         With their streams a better Eden,<br/>         Planted by our Savior dear.<br/>         Christ the Fountain, these the waters.<br/>         Drink, O Zion's sons and daughters!<br/>         Drink and find salvation here.</p>   | <p>4 Let the written words You gave us<br/>         Guard, enlighten us, and save us<br/>         Till this life is done, O Lord.<br/>         Then shall we in joy unending,<br/>         Through the highest heav'ns ascending,<br/>         Rise to see the Living Word.</p>          |

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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. Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that this heavenly food which we have received will strengthen our faith that we may bear all crosses, sickness, and trials with patience and trust until You grant us deliverance, peace, and health; 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 upon you and be gracious unto you.*

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

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 725

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| <b>1 Children of the heav'nly Father</b>    | <b>3 Neither life nor death shall ever</b> |
| <b>Safely in His bosom gather;</b>          | <b>From the Lord His children sever;</b>   |
| <b>Nestling bird nor star in heaven</b>     | <b>Unto them His grace He showeth,</b>     |
| <b>Such a refuge e'er was given.</b>        | <b>And their sorrows all He knoweth.</b>   |
| <b>2 God His own doth tend and nourish;</b> | <b>4 Though He giveth or He taketh,</b>    |
| <b>In His holy courts they flourish.</b>    | <b>God His children ne'er forsaketh;</b>   |
| <b>From all evil things He spares them;</b> | <b>His the loving purpose solely</b>       |
| <b>In His mighty arms He bears them.</b>    | <b>To preserve them pure and holy.</b>     |

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*This Sunday kicks off our regular Sunday School and Bible class program for the fall.  
Classes for all ages begin after a brief fellowship time in the basement.*

*Adult Bible Class – Pastor Gregory  
meeting in the church sanctuary*

*High School/Junior High – Tom Connell, Sub: Dave Farabaugh  
meeting in pastors' study or, if needed, at the parsonage*

*Upper Elementary/Middle School – Amanda Roach  
meeting in the church basement*

*Lower Elementary – Lisa Crawford  
meeting in the church basement*

*Pre-K/K – Amanda Vega & Cordie Mueller  
meeting in the church basement*

# 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	2 Kgs 9:1–13; 10:18–29	Phil. 2:12–30
M	2 Chronicles 29:1–24	Phil. 3:1–21
Tu	2 Chronicles 31:1–21	Phil. 4:1–23
W	2 Chronicles 32:1–22	Colossians 1:1–23
Th	2 Chronicles 33:1–25	Col. 1:24–2:7
F	2 Chr. 34:1–4, 8–11, 14–33	Colossians 2:8–23
Sa	2 Chr. 35:1–7, 16–25	Colossians 3:1–25

### The Apostles' Creed

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

*What is the Third Article?* I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

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### Verse for Meditation

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

*Psalm 119:105*

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

O ever be our guide, our shepherd, and our pride,  
Our staff and song.  
Jesus, O Christ of God, by Your enduring Word  
Lead us where You have trod;  
Make our faith strong. LSB 864:4

### Daily Prayer

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

### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

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

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

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Collect of the Week

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us,  
Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that  
we may set our minds on the things that are right  
and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them;  
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, September 17

Gen. 50:15–21; Pss 103:1–12 (v. 13) & 32:1–7 (v. 1);  
Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 18:21–35