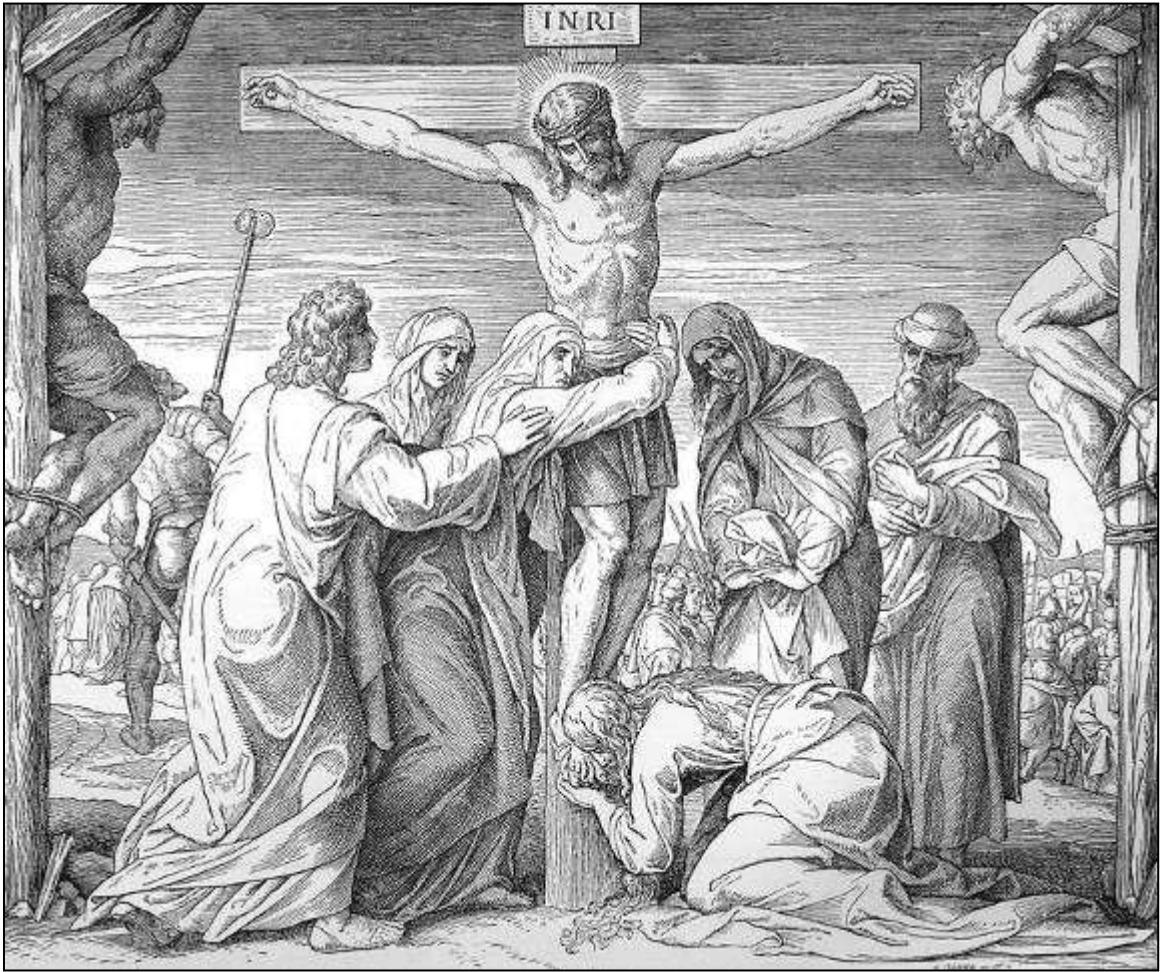


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# *Divine Service*



*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	Paul Duggins
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Lazarus Gregory, Jack Gould

## Prayers for Worship

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

*For Sunday:* For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to hear God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts, we pray: Lord, have mercy. Amen.

*Before partaking of the Holy Supper:* My Lord Christ, I have fallen and would like to be strong. And for this reason You instituted this Sacrament, that by it we might kindle and strengthen our faith and so be helped. Therefore I am here and intend to receive it. Lord, behold, there is the Word; here is my deficiency and sickness. And You Yourself said, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened; I will refresh you." Therefore I come and allow myself to be helped. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 339, STANZAS 1–2, 4–7

*These hymn stanzas can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #339, stanzas 1–5.*

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| <p><b>1 All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!<br/>Let angels prostrate fall;<br/>Bring forth the royal diadem<br/>And crown Him Lord of all. (x2)</b></p> <p><b>2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,<br/>Who from His altar call;<br/>Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod<br/>And crown Him Lord of all. (x2)</b></p> | <p><b>3 Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race,<br/>Ye ransomed from the Fall,<br/>Hail Him who saves you by His grace<br/>And crown Him Lord of all. (x2)</b></p> <p><b>4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David’s line,<br/>Whom David Lord did call,<br/>The God incarnate, Man divine,<br/>And crown Him Lord of all. (x2)</b></p> <p><b>5 Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget<br/>The wormwood and the gall,<br/>Go, spread your trophies at His feet<br/>And crown Him Lord of all. (x2)</b></p> |
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THE INVOCATION

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

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

**Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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

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

*Psalm 124:8*

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

*Psalm 32:5*

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

# *The Absolution*

[John 20:19–23]

**Amen**

THE INTROIT

Psalm 147:6, 1–5

*The LORD lifts up the humble;*

**He casts the wicked to the ground.**

*Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.*

*The LORD builds up Jerusalem;*

**He gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

*He heals the brokenhearted*

**and binds up their wounds.**

*He determines the number of the stars;*

**He gives to all of them their names.**

*Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;*

**His understanding is beyond measure.**

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 God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same 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: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon v. 4*

*Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;*  
**teach me Your paths.**

*To you, O LORD,*  
**I lift up my soul.**

*O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame;*  
**let not my enemies exult over me.**

*Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame;*  
**they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

*Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;*  
**teach me Your paths.**

*Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;*  
**for You I wait all the day long.**

*Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,*  
**for they have been from of old.**

*Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;*  
**according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

*Good and upright is the LORD;*  
**therefore He instructs sinners in the way.**

*He leads the humble in what is right,*  
**and teaches the humble His way.**

*All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.*

**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.**

*Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;  
teach me Your paths.*

*from the Letters: Philippians 2:1–18*

*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 21:23–32*

**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 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

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## *The Sermon*

*Philippians 2:1–18*

### THE OFFERTORY

*Psalms 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*

*each petition concludes:*

*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. Through Him Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with them 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 24 (antiphon: vv. 9–10)*



- 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Stone and leaf and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to You we raise, this, our hymn of grateful praise.
- 3 For the Autumn of the year swiftly passing from our eyes,  
For the Summer drawing near in the endless Paradise,  
Christ our God, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1 O God, my faithful God,<br/>True fountain ever flowing,<br/>Without whom nothing is,<br/>All perfect gifts bestowing:<br/>Give me a healthy frame,<br/>And may I have within<br/>A conscience free from blame,<br/>A soul unstained by sin.</li><li>2 Grant me the strength to do<br/>With ready heart and willing<br/>Whatever You command,<br/>My calling here fulfilling;<br/>That I do what I should<br/>While trusting You to bless<br/>The outcome for my good,<br/>For You must give success.</li><li>3 Keep me from saying words<br/>That later need recalling;<br/>Guard me lest idle speech<br/>May from my lips be falling;<br/>But when within my place<br/>I must and ought to speak,<br/>Then to my words give grace<br/>Lest I offend the weak.</li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 Lord, let me win my foes<br/>With kindly words and actions,<br/>And let me find good friends<br/>For counsel and correction.<br/>Help me, as You have taught,<br/>To love both great and small<br/>And by Your Spirit's might<br/>To live in peace with all.</li><li>5 Let me depart this life<br/>Confiding in my Savior;<br/>By grace receive my soul<br/>That it may live forever;<br/>And let my body have<br/>A quiet resting place<br/>Within a Christian grave;<br/>And let it sleep in peace.</li><li>6 And on that final day<br/>When all the dead are waking,<br/>Stretch out Your mighty hand,<br/>My deathly slumber breaking.<br/>Then let me hear Your voice,<br/>Redeem this earthly frame,<br/>And bid me to rejoice<br/>With those who love Your name.</li></ol> |
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*These hymn stanzas can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #341.*

- 1 **Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.**
- 2 **Crown Him the Virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
As of that rose the stem;  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The Babe of Bethlehem.**
- 3 **Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.**
- 4 **Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.**
- 5 **Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of 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.

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

## THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through 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.***

## HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE &amp; TEXT: TLH 339, STANZAS 6–7

*These hymn stanzas can also be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal #339, stanzas 6–7.*

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| <p><b>6</b> Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,<br/>On this terrestrial ball<br/>To Him all majesty ascribe<br/>And crown Him Lord of all. (x2)</p> | <p><b>7</b> Oh, that with yonder sacred throng<br/>We at His feet may fall!<br/>We'll join the everlasting song<br/>And crown Him Lord of all. (x2)</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	Deuteronomy 2:16–37	Matthew 6:16–34
M	Deuteronomy 3:1–29	Matthew 7:1–12
Tu	Deuteronomy 4:1–20	Matthew 7:13–29
W	Deuteronomy 4:21–40	Matthew 8:1–17
Th	Deuteronomy 5:1–21	Matthew 8:18–34
F	Deuteronomy 5:22–6:9	Matthew 9:1–17
Sa	Deuteronomy 6:10–25	Matthew 9:18–38

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*What is the Fourth Petition?* Give us this day our daily bread.

*What does this mean?* God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What is meant by daily bread?* Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

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### Verse for Meditation

Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth  
has been given to Me. *Matthew 28:19b*

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally. *LSB 655:2*

### 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 God, You exalted Your Son to the place of  
all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by  
Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we  
may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

### Readings for next Sunday, October 8

Isaiah 5:1–7; Pss 80:7–19 (v. 7) & 118:14–29 (vv. 22–23);  
Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–46