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# Divine Service

for the

# Feast of All Saints



*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	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Doug Newman
Organist	Mary Gregory
Crucifer	Ben Paradis
Acolytes	Simeon Gregory, Jack Gould

## Prayers for Worship

*Before service:* Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*For hearing of the Word:* Merciful and gracious Lord, You cause Your Word to be proclaimed in every generation. Stir up our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may receive this proclamation with humility and finally be exalted at the coming of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Thanksgiving for the faithful departed:* Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Preparation for Confession

The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

## Cover Illustration

*The Last Judgment* by Fra Angelico (ca. 1425–1430).

> Please stand and face the processional crucifix. <

THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE & 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.

## THE INTROIT

*These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.*

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 31:1, 3, 5*

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

*In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;*

**in Your righteousness deliver me.**

*For You are my Rock and my Fortress;*

**and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**

*Into Your hand I commit my spirit;*

**You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

## 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 HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 948



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the  
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in  
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -  
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,  
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And  
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The  
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord  
Lord, we pray. You take the whole world's sin a - way; O  
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His  
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry  
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -  
Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your  
and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.  
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.  
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.  
mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.  
more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

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

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; 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

*The First Reading: Revelation 7:9–17*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 149:1–5; antiphon v. 4

*For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;*

**He adorns the humble with salvation.**

*Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,*

**His praise in the assembly of the godly!**

*Let Israel be glad in his Maker;*

**let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

*Let them praise His name with dancing,*

**making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!**

*For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;*

**He adorns the humble with salvation.**

*Let the godly exult in glory;*  
**let them sing for joy on their beds.**

**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.**

*For the LORD takes pleasure in His people;*  
**He adorns the humble with salvation.**

*The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1–3*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12*

**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 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy  
 Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And  
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet  
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the victor's crown of gold!  
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 hearts are brave a gain, and arms are strong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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# The Sermon

*Revelation 7:9–17*

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 with the Remembrance of the Sainted Dead*

*During the Prayer of the Church on All Saints, we remember and thank God for the saints who have gone before us. They testify of God's grace and serve as role models of Christian faith and life. This list, named with their first or "Christian" (baptismal) name, includes saints from the Bible, Church history, our congregation, as well as our own family and friends.*

*Each petition concludes with:*

*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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and arch-angels and 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. <

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 725

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

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*Psalm 148 (antiphon: v. 13)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 818

- 1 In Thee is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest, our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely has built securely; he stands forever: Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining to see Thy shining,  
Dying or living to Thee are cleaving; naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

2 Since He is ours, we fear no powers, not of earth nor sin nor death.  
 He sees and blesses in worst distresses; he can change them with a breath.  
 Wherefore the story tell of His glory with hearts and voices; all heav'n rejoices  
 In Him forever: Alleluia! we shout for gladness,  
 Triumph o'er sadness, love Him and praise Him  
 And still shall raise Him glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 670

*This hymn invites the entire communion of saints to join in praising the Triune God: the nine ranks of angels, "watchers and holy ones" (stanza 1); the virgin Mary, "bearer of the eternal Word" (stanza 2); the faithful departed, including patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints triumphant (stanza 3); and then all of us gathered in the congregation on earth (stanza 4).*

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| <p>1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,<br/>       Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,<br/>       Raise the glad strain: "Alleluia!"<br/>       Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, pow'rs,<br/>       Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:<br/>       "Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>       Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"</p> | <p>3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,<br/>       Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:<br/>       "Alleluia, alleluia!"<br/>       Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,<br/>       All saints triumphant, raise the song:<br/>       "Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>       Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"</p> |
| <p>2 O higher than the cherubim,<br/>       More glorious than the seraphim,<br/>       Lead their praises: "Alleluia!"<br/>       Thou bearer of the eternal Word,<br/>       Most gracious, magnify the Lord:<br/>       "Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>       Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"</p>                       | <p>△ 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,<br/>       Supernal anthems echoing:<br/>       "Alleluia, alleluia!"<br/>       To God the Father, God the Son,<br/>       And God the Spirit, Three in One:<br/>       "Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>       Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"</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. 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]

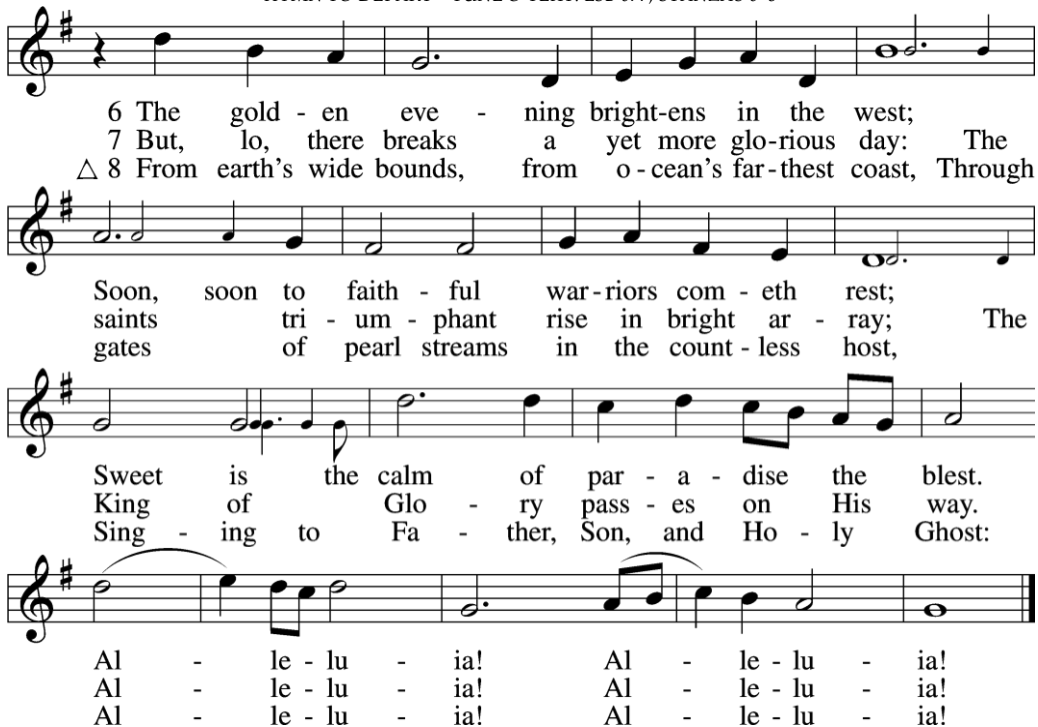
Bless we the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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 & TEXT: LSB 677, STANZAS 6–8



6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;  
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo-rious day: The  
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through  
Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;  
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The  
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,  
Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.  
King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.  
Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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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	Jeremiah 7:1–29	Matthew 23:1–12
M	Jeremiah 8:18–9:12	Matthew 23:13–39
Tu	Jeremiah 11:1–23	Matthew 24:1–28
W	Jeremiah 20:1–18	Matthew 24:29–51
Th	Jeremiah 22:1–23	Matthew 25:1–13
F	Jeremiah 23:1–20	Matthew 25:14–30
Sa	Jeremiah 23:21–40	Matthew 25:31–46

### On the Saints

Our Confession approves giving honor to the saints. This honor is threefold. The first is thanksgiving: we should thank God for showing examples of His mercy, revealing His will to save people, and giving teachers and other gifts to the Church. Since these are His greatest gifts, we should extol them very highly; we should also praise the saints themselves for using these gifts, just as Christ praises faithful businessmen (Matthew 25:21, 23). The second honor is the strengthening of our faith: when we see Peter forgiven after his denial, we are encouraged to believe that grace does indeed abound more than sin (Romans 5:20). The third honor is the imitation, first of their faith and then of their other virtues, which each should imitate in accordance with his calling.

We also grant that the saints in heaven pray for the Church in general, as they prayed for the Church universal while they were on earth. . . . That does not mean, [however,] they should be invoked.

Apology of the Augsburg Confession, XXI:4–6, 9, 10

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

LSB 677:7

### Daily Prayer

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

#### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*As children of the heavenly Father, we are bold to pray.*

- Su For God's name to be kept holy through pure teaching and holy living
- M For God's kingdom to come and increase through the gift of the Holy Spirit
- Tu For God to hinder every evil plan and purpose of the world, the devil, and the sinful nature
- W For daily bread and contentment in all things
- Th For forgiveness of our sins and of those who sin against us
- F For protection in the midst of temptation
- Sa For rescue from all evils of body and soul and, when our last hour comes, a blessed end

#### The Lord's Prayer

##### Collect of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,. Amen.

#### Readings for the Third-Last Sun. before Advent

Amos 5:18–24; Psalm 70 (v. 4) Is. 65:17–25 (v. 1a);  
1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13