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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	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Paul Dwiggins
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	George Newman, Landon Vega

## Prayers for Worship

*Before service:* Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things in heaven and on earth. Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Before and after receiving the Sacrament:* O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, You give us Your body and blood to eat and to drink. Lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. Amen.

## Preparation for Confession

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

*Questions for self-examination*

- What is my attitude toward authority?
- Have I helped those who carry responsibilities in governing? Do I pray for parents, leaders of the nations, schools, and church? Do I grumble about work given me to do?
- Have I helped make it easier for those who carry responsibilities for governing?

## Cover Illustration

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THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN — TUNE: TLH 1 & TEXT: LSB 901

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| <p><b>1 Open now thy gates of beauty;<br/>Zion, let me enter there,<br/>Where my soul in joyful duty<br/>Waits for Him who answers prayer.<br/>Oh, how blessed is this place,<br/>Filled with solace, light, and grace!</b></p> <p><b>2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;<br/>Come Thou also unto me.<br/>Where we find Thee and adore Thee,<br/>There a heav'n on earth must be.<br/>To my heart, O enter Thou;<br/>Let it be Thy temple now!</b></p> <p><b>5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; let Thy will be done indeed.<br/>May I undisturbed draw near Thee while Thou dost Thy people feed.<br/>Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;<br/>Here Thy seed is duly sown.<br/>Let my soul, where it is planted,<br/>Bring forth precious sheaves alone,<br/>So that all I hear may be<br/>Fruitful unto life in me.</b></p> <p><b>4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;<br/>Let me keep Thy gift divine,<br/>Howsoe'er temptations thicken;<br/>May Thy Word still o'er me shine<br/>As my guiding star through life,<br/>As my comfort in all strife.</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 40:10a, b, 1–5

*I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart;*  
**I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;**  
*I waited patiently for the LORD;*  
**He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

*He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,*  
**and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

*He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.*  
**Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

*Blessèd is the man who makes the LORD his trust,*  
**who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

*You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us;*  
*none can compare with You!*

**I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

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 and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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: 1 Samuel 3:1–20*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 139:1–10; antiphon v. 14*

*I praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

**Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.**

*O LORD, You have searched me and known me!*

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.**

*You search out my path and my lying down*

**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

*Even before a word is on my tongue,*

**behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.**

*You hem me in, behind and before,*

**and lay Your hand upon me.**

*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;*

**it is high; I cannot attain it.**

*Where shall I go from Your Spirit?*

**Or where shall I flee from Your presence?**

*If I ascend to heaven, You are there!*

**If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!**

*If I take the wings of the morning*

**and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

*even there Your hand shall lead me,*

**and Your right hand shall hold me.**

**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 praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.*

**Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.**

*from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH*

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospels: John 1:43–51*

**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 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
 2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
 3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
 Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

shin - ing fore us prov - ing, ho - ly,  
 As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
 And bring us life a - gain.  
 May reap its full - ness there.  
 O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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## The Sermon

*John 1:43–51*

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 Receiving of New Member by Adult Confirmation*

*Kaleshia Jackson*

## ***The Prayer of the Church***

[1 Timothy 2:1–4]

*after each petition:*

*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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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.**



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 139:11–18, 23–24 (antiphon: v. 1)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: LSB 373 & TEXT: LSB 394, ALT RMH

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| <p><b>1 Joyful fear and trembling praise,<br/>O Lord Christ, to You we raise,<br/>Like the Gentiles from afar<br/>Summoned by the calling star.<br/>Righteous Branch of Jesse's Stem,<br/>Shepherd-King of Bethlehem,<br/>Pow'r and love around You shine,<br/>God Incarnate! Man Divine!</b></p> | <p><b>4 Christ, who hearts and bodies fed<br/>Sudden wine and wondrous bread,<br/>Christ, who walked upon the sea,<br/>Stilling storms in majesty,<br/>Christ, who spoke and demons fled,<br/>Christ, who spoke and waked the dead,<br/>Pow'r and love around You shine,<br/>God Incarnate! Man Divine!</b></p>    |
| <p><b>2 Baptized here for us below<br/>In earth's water and earth's woe,<br/>Filled with might and full of grace<br/>In the Holy Ghost's embrace,<br/>Underneath the tearing sky,<br/>God's Beloved from on high!<br/>Pow'r and love around You shine,<br/>God Incarnate! Man Divine!</b></p>     | <p><b>5 Grant us grace to see You, Lord,<br/>Mirrored in Your Holy Word.<br/>May we imitate You here<br/>And be pure when You appear<br/>That we all like You may be<br/>At Your Great Epiphany,<br/>And like stars around You shine,<br/>God Incarnate! Man Divine!</b></p>                                       |
| <p><b>3 Son of Man and sinners' King,<br/>All our sorrows carrying,<br/>In Your mercy making whole<br/>Crippled limb and crippled soul,<br/>God of God and Light of Light,<br/>Granting eyes and spirits sight,<br/>Pow'r and love around You shine,<br/>God Incarnate! Man Divine!</b></p>       | <p><b>6 Sun and moon will darkened be.<br/>Stars will fall; the skies will flee.<br/>All will then the trumpet hear.<br/>All will see their God appear.<br/>All will kneel and all confess,<br/>"Christ is Lord!" in dread or bliss;<br/>Like the lightning You will shine,<br/>God Incarnate! Man Divine!</b></p> |

- 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,  
Yet 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 angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their 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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- 1 Creator Spirit, by whose aid  
The world's foundations first were laid,  
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;  
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;  
From sin and sorrow set us free;  
May we Your living temples be.
- 2 O Source of uncreated light,  
The bearer of God's gracious might,  
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,  
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;  
Your sacred, healing message bring  
To sanctify us as we sing.
- 3 Giver of grace, descend from high;  
Your sev'nfold gifts to us supply;  
Help us eternal truths receive  
And practice all that we believe;  
Give us Yourself that we may see  
The glory of the Trinity.
- △ 4 Immortal honor, endless fame  
Attend th'almighty Father's name;  
The Savior-Son be glorified,  
Who for all humankind has died;  
To You, O Paraclete, we raise  
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

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**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

Psalm 107:1

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

## THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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: LSB 544, STANZAS 1–4

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| <p><b>1</b> O love, how deep, how broad, how high,<br/>Beyond all thought and fantasy,<br/>That God, the Son of God, should take<br/>Our mortal form for mortals' sake!</p> | <p><b>3</b> For us baptized, for us He bore<br/>His holy fast and hungered sore;<br/>For us temptation sharp He knew;<br/>For us the tempter overthrew.</p>              |
| <p><b>2</b> He sent no angel to our race,<br/>Of higher or of lower place,<br/>But wore the robe of human frame,<br/>And to this world Himself He came.</p>                 | <p><b>4</b> For us He prayed; for us He taught;<br/>For us His daily works He wrought,<br/>By words and signs and actions thus<br/>Still seeking not Himself but us.</p> |

# 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	Ezekiel 36:33–37:14	Romans 5:1–21
M	Ezekiel 37:15–28	Romans 6:1–23
Tu	Ezekiel 38:1–23	Romans 7:1–20
W	Ezekiel 39:1–10, 17–29	Romans 7:21–8:17
Th	Ezekiel 40:1–4; 43:1–12	Romans 8:18–39
F	Ezekiel 44:1–16, 23–29	Romans 9:1–18
Sa	Ezekiel 47:1–14, 21–23	Romans 9:19–33

### Daily Prayers

*How the head of the family should teach his household to ask a blessing and return thanks*

*The children and members of the household shall go to the table reverently, fold their hands, and say: The eyes of all look to You, [O LORD,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. (Ps. 145: 15–16)*

*Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following: Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*Also, after eating, they shall, in like manner, reverently and with folded hands say: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailling love. (Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9–11)*

*Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer and the following: We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.*

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### 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 and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 the Third Sun. after Epiphany

Jonah 3:1–5, 10; Psalms 62 (v. 8) & 30 (v. 2);  
1 Corinthians 7:29–35; Mark 1:14–20