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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 at the parsonage, and adults in the sanctuary.

## Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Dave Farabaugh
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Andrew Gull Luis Albert

## The Divine Service in Lent

During Lent, our practice is to use a simplified order of service. The "high points" remain the same—absolution, the readings, and Holy Communion—and draw us to Christ Jesus in repentance and faith.

## Prayers for Worship

*Before communion:* Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:* Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.

*For aid against temptation:* O God, You justify the ungodly and desire not the death of the sinner. Graciously assist us by Your heavenly aid and evermore shield us with Your protection, that no temptation may separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

## Cover Illustration

*Temptation of Christ*  
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HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 424

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| <p>1 O Christ, You walked the road<br/>Our wand'ring feet must go.<br/>You faced with us temptation's pow'r<br/>And fought our ancient foe.</p> <p>2 No bread of earth alone<br/>Can fill our hung'ring hearts.<br/>Lord, help us seek Your living Word,<br/>The food Your grace imparts.</p> | <p>3 No blinding sign we ask,<br/>No wonder from above.<br/>Lord, help us place our trust alone<br/>In Your unswerving love.</p> <p>4 When lures of easy gain<br/>With promise brightly shine,<br/>Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;<br/>Our wills with Yours align.</p> <p>5 O Christ, You walked the road<br/>Our wand'ring feet must go.<br/>Stay with us through temptation's hour<br/>To fight our ancient foe.</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.*

OPENING VERSES

Psalms 130:3–4; 139:23–24; Ex. 15:26; Is. 53:5

*If You, O LORD, should count our sins,  
O LORD, who could stand?*

*But with You there is forgiveness,  
that You may be feared.*

**Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my ways.  
See where there is sin in me; lead me in the everlasting way, O Lord Jesus.**

**Thou art the LORD that healeth me; by Thy wounds I am healed.  
Thou art my Redeemer; rescue me and draw me after Thee, O Lord Jesus.**

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: EXODUS 20

*Thus says the LORD: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of bondage.*

**You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8–9

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*> Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination through the Ten Commandments. <*

*Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## *The Absolution*

[John 20:19–23]

**Amen.**

THE INTROIT

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon vv. 15–16

*When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;*

**I will rescue him and honor him.**

*With long life I will satisfy him*

**and show him My salvation.**

*Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—*

**the Most High, who is my refuge—**

*no evil shall be allowed to befall you,*

**no plague come near your tent.**

*For He will command His angels concerning you*

**to guard you in all your ways.**

*On their hands they will bear you up,*

**lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

*You will tread on the lion and the adder;*

**the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.**

**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.**

*When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;*

**I will rescue him and honor him.**

*With long life I will satisfy him*

**and show him My salvation.**

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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: Genesis 22:1–18*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon v. 14

*The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him,*

**and He makes known to them His covenant.**

*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.**

*The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him,*  
**and He makes known to them His covenant.**

*from the Letters: James 1:12–18*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE VERSE

*Ephesians 6:11*

*Put on the whole armor of God,*  
**that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

*from the Holy Gospels: Mark 1:9–15*

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

*After the reading:*

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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.**

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.

*HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE: TLH 262 & TEXT: LSB 656*

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| <p>1 A mighty fortress is our God,<br/>A trusty shield and weapon;<br/>He helps us free from ev'ry need<br/>That hath us now o'ertaken.<br/>The old evil foe<br/>Now means deadly woe;<br/>Deep guile and great might<br/>Are his dread arms in fight;<br/>On earth is not his equal.</p> <p>2 With might of ours can naught be done,<br/>Soon were our loss effected;<br/>But for us fights the valiant One,<br/>Whom God Himself elected.<br/>Ask ye, Who is this?<br/>Jesus Christ it is,<br/>Of Sabaoth Lord,<br/>And there's none other God;<br/>He holds the field forever.</p> | <p>3 Though devils all the world should fill,<br/>All eager to devour us,<br/>We tremble not, we fear no ill;<br/>They shall not overpow'r us.<br/>This world's prince may still<br/>Scowl fierce as he will,<br/>He can harm us none.<br/>He's judged; the deed is done;<br/>One little word can fell him.</p> <p>4 The Word they still shall let remain<br/>Nor any thanks have for it;<br/>He's by our side upon the plain<br/>With His good gifts and Spirit.<br/>And take they our life,<br/>Goods, fame, child, and wife,<br/>Though these all be gone,<br/>Our vict'ry has been won;<br/>The Kingdom ours remaineth.</p> |
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## *The Sermon*

*James 1:12–18*

*THE OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE: TLH 179 – TEXT: LSB 422*

**On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,  
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase;  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
Is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!**

### *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***

[1 Timothy 2:1–4]

*after each petition:*

**Lord, in Your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

THE PREFACE

*The Lord be with you.*

2 Timothy 4:22

**And with your spirit.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

[Colossians 3:1]

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

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

[Psalm 136]

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

*It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

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.**

*In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:*

## ***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 32 (antiphon: v. 7)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 142 & TEXT: LSB 438


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| <p><b>1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth,<br/>         The guilt of sinners bearing<br/>         And, laden with the sins of earth,<br/>         None else the burden sharing;<br/>         Goes patient on, grows weak and faint,<br/>         To slaughter led without complaint,<br/>         That spotless life to offer,<br/>         He bears the stripes, the wounds, the lies,<br/>         The mockery, and yet replies,<br/>         "All this I gladly suffer."</b></p>            | <p><b>3 "Yes, Father, yes, most willingly<br/>         I'll bear what You command Me.<br/>         My will conforms to Your decree,<br/>         I'll do what You have asked Me."<br/>         O wondrous Love, what have You done!<br/>         The Father offers up His Son,<br/>         Desiring our salvation.<br/>         O Love, how strong You are to save!<br/>         You lay the One into the grave<br/>         Who built the earth's foundation.</b></p>                 |
| <p><b>2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend,<br/>         The Lamb of God, our Savior,<br/>         Whom God the Father chose to send<br/>         To gain for us His favor.<br/>         "Go forth, My Son," the Father said,<br/>         "And free My children from their dread<br/>         Of guilt and condemnation.<br/>         The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,<br/>         But by Your passion they will share<br/>         The fruit of Your salvation."</b></p> | <p><b>4 Lord, when Your glory I shall see<br/>         And taste Your kingdom's pleasure,<br/>         Your blood my royal robe shall be,<br/>         My joy beyond all measure!<br/>         When I appear before Your throne,<br/>         Your righteousness shall be my crown;<br/>         With these I need not hide me.<br/>         And there, in garments richly wrought,<br/>         As Your own bride shall we be brought<br/>         To stand in joy beside You.</b></p> |




1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.  
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.  
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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| 1 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! | 4 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. |
| 2 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.                 | 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,<br>For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,<br>He bore the shameful cross and death;<br>For us He gave His dying breath.    |
| 3 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.                 | 6 For us He rose from death again;<br>For us He went on high to reign;<br>For us He sent His Spirit here<br>To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.      |

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 385, STANZA 4

**O depths of love, to me revealing  
The sea where my sins disappear!  
In Christ, my wounds find perfect healing,  
There is no condemnation here.  
For Jesus' blood through earth and skies  
Forever, "Mercy! Mercy!" cries.**

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. We thank You, all-powerful God, for refreshing us with this healing gift, and we pray: Father of mercy, by this holy food make us strong in faith toward You, and in deep love for each other, that through us other beloved sinners may kneel to You and receive with us grace and life in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**Amen.**

# 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	Genesis 4:1–26	Mark 2:18–28
M	Genesis 6:1–7:5	Mark 3:1–19
Tu	Genesis 7:11–8:12	Mark 3:20–35
W	Genesis 8:13–9:17	Mark 4:1–20
Th	Genesis 11:27–12:20	Mark 4:21–41
F	Genesis 13:1–18	Mark 5:1–20
Sa	Genesis 15:1–21	Mark 5:21–43

### The Table of Duties

*Certain passages of Scripture for various holy orders and positions, admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities.*

#### Of Citizens

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 1 Peter 2:13–14

#### To Workers of All Kinds

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Eph. 6:5–8

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew. LSB 544:3

### 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

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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 Second Sun. in Lent, Feb. 25

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16; Psalms 22:23–31 (v. 22) & 121 (vv. 1–2); Romans 5:1–11; Mark 8:27–38