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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

Adult Bible and High School classes will resume in July. Sunday School classes are on break until mid-August.

## Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Doug Newman
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	William Jackson, George Newman

## Prayers for Worship

*For Holy Communion:* Grant us, gracious Lord, so to eat the body of Thy dear son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed by His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

*For peace:* Lord Jesus Christ, You commanded the wind and the waves, and they obeyed You. Speak peace to us, for fears trouble us. By the power of Your Word, calm our anxious heart and the raging storms of our spirits. In Your name, amen.

## Preparation for Confession

The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

*Questions for self-examination*

- Have I done anything to break up a friendship or marriage?
- Have I failed to encourage and support someone to remain faithful to his or her spouse?
- Am I manipulative or controlling?

## Cover Illustration

Mark Landis's replica of *Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee* by Rembrandt.  
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THE OPENING 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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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.**

*Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,*  
**and He delivered them from their distress.**

*He made the storm be still,*  
**and the waves of the sea were hushed.**

*Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,*  
**and He brought them to their desired haven.**

*Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love,*  
**for His wondrous works to the children of men!**

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people,*  
**and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.**

## THE GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**  
**world without end. Amen.**

## THE KYRIE

Mark 10:47

**Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

## THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

*Glory to God on high:*  
**and on earth peace, good will toward men.**  
**We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,**  
**we glorify You, we give thanks to You for Your great glory.**  
**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**  
**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**  
**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**  
**You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**  
**You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**  
**You sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy on us.**  
**For You only are holy; You only are the Lord.**  
**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**  
**are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

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

THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; 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: Job 38:1–11*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

*Psalm 124; antiphon v. 8*

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

*If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—  
**if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us,***

*then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
**when their anger was kindled against us;***

*then the flood would have swept us away,  
**the torrent would have gone over us;***

*then over us would have gone the raging waters.*

**Blessèd be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!**

*We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
**the snare is broken, and we have escaped!***

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

**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.**

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

*from the Letters: 2 Corinthians 6:1–13*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35–41*

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 726

- 1 Evening and morning, sunset and dawning,  
Wealth, peace, and gladness, comfort in sadness:  
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!  
Times without number, awake or in slumber,  
Thine eye observes us, from danger preserves us,  
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.
- 2 Father, O hear me, pardon and spare me;  
Calm all my terrors, blot out my errors  
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.  
Order my goings, direct all my doings;  
As it may please Thee, retain or release me;  
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.

- 3 Ills that still grieve me soon are to leave me;  
 Though billows tower, and winds gain power,  
 After the storm the fair sun shows its face.  
 Joys e'er increasing and peace never ceasing:  
 These shall I treasure and share in full measure  
 When in His mansions God grants me a place.
- 4 To God in heaven all praise be given!  
 Come, let us offer and gladly proffer  
 To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.  
 He well receiveth a heart that believeth;  
 Hymns that adore Him are precious before Him  
 And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

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## *The Sermon*

*Mark 4:35-41*

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*

*Psalms 116:17; 18:1*

*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.**

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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

THE SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## *The Words of Institution*

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

THE PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.*

THE AGNUS DEI

*John 1:29*

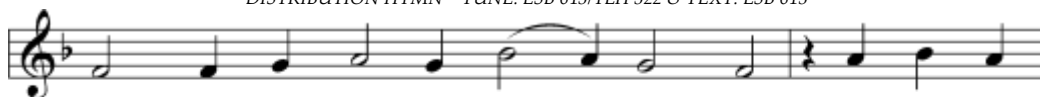
**O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,  
grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## *Holy Communion*

*> Note about Holy Communion: All who receive Holy Communion here must first be instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment. Those who have not been instructed may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing. <*

*Psalm 25:8–14 (antiphon v. 4)*





1 When in the hour of deep - est need We know not  
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may  
 3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's  
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our



where to look for aid; When days and nights of  
 meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful  
 cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -  
 woes be - fore You lay; For sore - ly tried, cast



anx - ious thought No help or coun - sel yet have brought,  
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.  
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.  
 down, we stand, Per - plexed by fears on ev - 'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
 Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
 Be with us in our anguish still;  
 Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day  
 To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
 Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
 And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
 Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
 These are my life and strength forever,  
 By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*

*refrain* Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
 Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
 I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
 No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
 It finds its only joy in Thee. *Refrain*

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
 The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
 No hell I fear, and thus securely  
 With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*

4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
 It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
 For He who is of death the master  
 With aid and comfort e'er is near. *Refrain*

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
 O blessèd, holy Trinity.  
 With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
 Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

- 1 **Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**
- 2 **Be still, my soul; your God will undertake to guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**
- 3 **Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart and all is darkened in this vale of tears;  
Then you will better know His love, His heart,  
Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.  
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away.**
- 4 **Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

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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. 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 & TEXT: LSB 715

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's  
 2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush  
 3 When at last I near the shore And the fear -

tem - pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
 the o - cean wild; Bois - t'rous waves o - bey Thy will  
 ful break - ers roar Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,

Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com -  
 When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov -  
 Then, while lean - ing on Thy breast, May I hear

pass come from Thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
 Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

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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	Proverbs 27:1–24	John 20:1–18
M	Prov. 30:1–9, 18–33	John 20:19–31
Tu	Proverbs 31:10–31	John 21:1–25
W	Joshua 1:1–18	Acts 8:1–25
Th	Joshua 2:1–24	Acts 8:26–40
F	Joshua 3:1–17	Acts 9:1–22
Sa	Joshua 4:1–24	Acts 9:23–43

### The Ten Commandments

*As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.*

*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.

*From the Large Catechism:* To fatherhood and motherhood God has given the special distinction, above all estates that are beneath it, that He commands us not simply to love our parents but also to honor them.

With respect to brothers, sisters, and neighbors in general He commands nothing higher than that we love them. Thus He distinguishes father and mother above all other persons on earth, and places them next to Himself. For it is a much greater thing to honor than to love. Honor includes not only love but also deference, humility, and modesty, directed (so to speak) toward a majesty hidden within them.

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Father, O hear me, pardon and spare me;  
Calm all my terrors, blot out my errors  
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Order my goings, direct all my doings;  
As it may please Thee, retain or release me;

All I commit to Thy fatherly hand. LSB 726:2

### 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, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; 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 Consecration Sunday, June 30

Lament. 3:22–27; 2 Cor. 8:9, 13–15; Ps. 30 (v. 10);  
the Small Catechism (*see* catechism.cph.org)