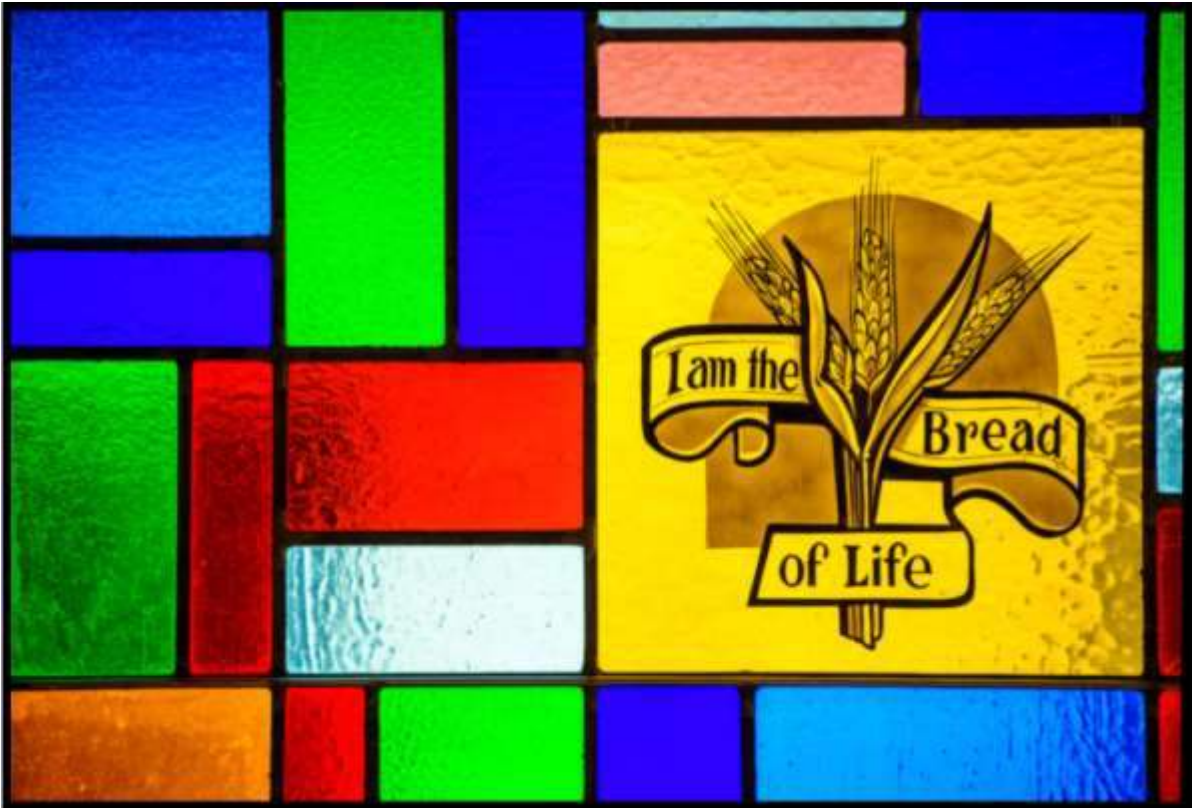


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# *Divine Service*



*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 Class meets in the sanctuary. Junior high and high school youth are encouraged to attend as well. Regular Sunday School classes will resume on August 25.

## Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Doug Newman
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Nate Newman, Simeon Gregory

## Prayers for Worship

*Before hearing the Word and receiving communion:*

Lord Jesus, Bread of Life, in Your great compassion You fed the multitudes with a few loaves and a few fish. Feed us the holy food of Your Word that our hearts may burn with faith and love, and with Your very body and blood open our eyes to see You as the very Bread of heaven; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Preparation for Confession

Ephesians 4:19–21: They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Jesus.

*Questions for self-examination*

- Have I been blind, callous, and insensible to things that are truly noble and divine?
- Do I despise and turn in horror from thoughts, words, and deeds of a sensual, unclean, and greedy nature in myself and in the world?
- Having received the truth in Jesus, have I lived as if I could at the same time continue in my sins?

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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 394

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| <p>1 My faith looks up to Thee,<br/>Thou Lamb of Calvary,<br/>Savior divine.<br/>Now hear me while I pray;<br/>Take all my guilt away;<br/>O let me from this day<br/>Be wholly Thine!</p> <p>2 May Thy rich grace impart<br/>Strength to my fainting heart;<br/>My zeal inspire!<br/>As Thou hast died for me,<br/>Oh, may my love to Thee<br/>Pure, warm, and changeless be,<br/>A living fire!</p> | <p>3 While life's dark maze I tread<br/>And griefs around me spread,<br/>Be Thou my guide;<br/>Bid darkness turn to day,<br/>Wipe sorrow's tears away,<br/>Nor let me ever stray<br/>From Thee aside.</p> <p>4 When ends life's transient dream,<br/>When death's cold, sullen stream<br/>Shall o'er me roll,<br/>Blest Savior, then, in love,<br/>Fear and distrust remove;<br/>O bear me safe above,<br/>A ransomed soul!</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 78:72, 23–25

*With upright heart He shepherded them*  
**and guided them with His skillful hand.**

*He commanded the skies above*  
**and opened the doors of heaven,**  
*and He rained down on them manna to eat*  
**and gave them the grain of heaven.**

*Man ate of the bread of the angels;*  
**He sent them food in abundance.**

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. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## ***The Reading of God's Word***

*from the Old Testament: Exodus 16:2–15*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

*Psalm 145:10–21; antiphon v. 15*

*The eyes of all look to You,*  
**and You give them their food in due season.**

*All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,*  
**and all Your saints shall bless You!**

*They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom*  
**and tell of Your power,**

*to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,*  
**and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**

*Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,*  
**and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

*The LORD is faithful in all His words*  
**and kind in all His works.**

*The LORD upholds all who are falling*  
**and raises up all who are bowed down.**

*The eyes of all look to You,*  
**and You give them their food in due season.**

*You open Your hand;*  
**You satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

*The LORD is righteous in all His ways*  
**and kind in all His works.**

*The LORD is near to all who call on Him,*  
**to all who call on Him in truth.**

*He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;*  
**He also hears their cry and saves them.**

*The LORD preserves all who love Him,*  
**but all the wicked He will destroy.**

*My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,*  
**and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.**

**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 eyes of all look to You,*  
**and You give them their food in due season.**

*from the Letters: Ephesians 4:1–16*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH*

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: John 6:22–35*

**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.**

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| <p>1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing<br/>Praise to our victorious King,<br/>Who has washed us in the tide<br/>Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!</p> <p>2 Praise we Him, whose love divine<br/>Gives His sacred blood for wine,<br/>Gives His body for the feast—<br/>Christ the victim, Christ the priest.<br/>Alleluia!</p> <p>3 Where the paschal blood is poured,<br/>Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;<br/>Israel’s hosts triumphant go<br/>Through the wave that drowns the foe.<br/>Alleluia!</p> | <p>4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,<br/>Paschal victim, paschal bread;<br/>With sincerity and love<br/>Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!</p> <p>5 Mighty Victim from the sky,<br/>Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;<br/>You have conquered in the fight,<br/>You have brought us life and light.<br/>Alleluia!</p> <p>6 Now no more can death appall,<br/>Now no more the grave enthrall;<br/>You have opened paradise,<br/>And Your saints in You shall rise.<br/>Alleluia!</p> |
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## *The Sermon*

*John 6:22–35*

THE OFFERTORY HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 633, STANZAS 7–8

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| <p>7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!<br/>This alone can sin destroy;<br/>From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,<br/>Newborn souls in You to be.<br/>Alleluia!</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">△</p> <p>8 Father, who the crown shall give,<br/>Savior, by whose death we live,<br/>Spirit, guide through all our days:<br/>Three in One, Your name we praise.<br/>Alleluia</p> |
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## *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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 34:1–10 (antiphon v. 8)

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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 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 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight's splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,  
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.  
For with words of life immortal  
He is knocking at your portal.  
Open wide the gates before Him,  
Saying, as you there adore Him:  
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,  
That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure  
Neither cost nor pain will measure;  
But the priceless gifts of heaven  
God to us has freely given.  
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,  
None could buy the gifts here offered:  
Christ's true body, for you riven,  
And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 648

- 1 Glorious things of you are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken  
Formed you for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
You may smile at all your foes.
- 2 See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.
- 3 Round each habitation hov'ring,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring,  
Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which God gives them on their way.
- 4 Savior, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Your name.  
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,  
All their boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures  
None but Zion's children know.

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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. 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 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: TLH 15 &amp; TEXT: LSB 816

<p><b>1</b> From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia, alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p>	<p>△ <b>2</b></p>	<p><b>All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia! Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</b></p>
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# God's People at Prayer

## For Home Devotions

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

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

### Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested  
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	1 Samuel 18:10—30	Acts 27:27–44
M	1 Samuel 19:1–24	Acts 28:1–15
Tu	1 Samuel 20:1–23	Acts 28:16–31
W	1 Samuel 20:24–42	1 Cor. 1:1–25
Th	1 Samuel 24:1–22	1 Cor. 1:26–2:16
F	1 Samuel 25:1–22	1 Cor. 3:1–23
Sa	1 Samuel 25:23–44	1 Cor. 4:1–21

### The Ten Commandments

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

*The Ninth Commandment:*

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

*From the Large Catechism:* These last commandments, then, are addressed not to those whom the world considers wicked rogues, but precisely to the most upright—to people who wish to be commended as honest and virtuous because they have not offended against any of the preceding commandments. . . .

You must learn that God does not wish you to deprive your neighbor of anything that is his, letting him suffer loss while you gratify your greed, even though in the eyes of the world you might honorably retain the property. To do so is dark and underhanded wickedness.

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia! LSB 636:4

### 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

Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Readings for next Sunday, August 11

1 Kings 19:1–8; Psalms 34:1–8 (v. 3) & 11–22 (v. 22);  
Ephesians 4:17–5:2; John 6:35–51