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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	Paul Dwiggins
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Riley Albert, Andrew Gull

## Prayers for Worship

*Before communion:* Lord Jesus Christ, I am not worthy that you should enter my sinful heart, yet you know my poverty and need. I desire your presence to nourish, comfort and strengthen my poor soul. Say the word and I shall be healed! Amen.

*After communion:* O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee and adore Thee, in thanksgiving bow before Thee. Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, that our sins and sorrows did carry, and Thy blood for us plead in all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy! (LSB 617:1)

## Preparation for Confession

Ephesians 4:23–24: Be renewed in the spirit of your minds and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

### Questions for self-examination

- Do I desire to begin anew and with every new day to withdraw my heart and mind from vain matters of this world?
- Am I sorry for all my sin and do I want to do better?
- What current habits do I need to change or curb?
- What good habits ought I pursue to cultivate true righteousness and holiness in my life?

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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 261 & TEXT: LSB 655

- 1 **Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.**
- 2 **Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.**
- 3 **O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.**

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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 fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.*

**His praise endures forever!**

*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

*Great are the works of the LORD,  
studied by all who delight in them.*

*Full of splendor and majesty is His work,  
and His righteousness endures forever.*

*He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;  
the LORD is gracious and merciful.*

*He provides food for those who fear Him;  
He remembers His covenant forever.*

*He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is His name!*

## 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

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT

*Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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

*from the Old Testament: Proverbs 9:1–12*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalms 34:12–22; antiphon v. 11*

*Come, O children, listen to me;*

**I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

*What man is there who desires life*

**and loves many days, that he may see good?**

*Keep your tongue from evil*

**and your lips from speaking deceit.**

*Turn away from evil and do good;*

**seek peace and pursue it.**

*The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous*

**and His ears toward their cry.**

*The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,*

**to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

*When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears*

**and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

*The LORD is near to the brokenhearted*

**and saves the crushed in spirit.**

*Many are the afflictions of the righteous,*

**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

*He keeps all his bones;*

**not one of them is broken.**

*Affliction will slay the wicked,*

**and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.**

*The LORD redeems the life of His servants;*

**none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.**

**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.**

*Come, O children, listen to me;*

**I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

*from the Letters: Ephesians 5:6–21*

*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 6:51–69*

**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 O God, my faithful God,  
True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is,  
All perfect gifts bestowing;  
Give me a healthy frame,  
And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame,  
A soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Grant me the strength to do  
With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command,  
My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should  
While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good,  
For You must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words  
That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech  
May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place  
I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace  
Lest I offend the weak.
- 4 Lord, let me win my foes  
With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends  
For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as You have taught,  
To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might  
To live in peace with all.
- 5 Let me depart this life  
Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul  
That it may live forever;  
And let my body have  
A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave;  
And let it sleep in peace.
- 6 And on that final day  
When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice,  
Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice  
With those who love Your name.

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## *The Sermon*

*Proverbs 9:1–10*

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*

*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.  
And with your spirit.*

2 Timothy 4:22

*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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 116:8–19 (antiphon vv. 12–13)*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 315 & TEXT: LSB 618*

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| <p><b>1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,</b><br/>         For weak and weary is my soul;<br/>         Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able<br/>         To satisfy and make me whole: <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><i>refrain</i> Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood<br/>         Be for my soul the highest good!</p> <p><b>2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning</b><br/>         That sinners may salvation see<br/>         Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;<br/>         So I, a sinner, come to Thee. <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p><b>3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,</b><br/>         Because I have a sinful heart,<br/>         Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,<br/>         For Thou my faithful shepherd art: <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><b>4 Weary am I and heavy laden;</b><br/>         With sin my soul is sore oppressed;<br/>         Receive me graciously and gladden<br/>         My heart, for I am now Thy guest. <i>Refrain</i></p> <p><b>5 What higher gift can we inherit?</b><br/>         It is faith's bond and solid base;<br/>         It is the strength of heart and spirit,<br/>         The covenant of hope and grace. <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 621*

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| <p><b>1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence</b><br/>         And with fear and trembling stand;<br/>         Ponder nothing earthly-minded,<br/>         For with blessing in His hand<br/>         Christ our God to earth descending<br/>         Comes our homage to demand.</p> | <p><b>2 King of kings yet born of Mary,</b><br/>         As of old on earth He stood,<br/>         Lord of lords in human vesture,<br/>         In the body and the blood,<br/>         He will give to all the faithful<br/>         His own self for heav'nly food.</p> |
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3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 38 & TEXT: LSB 794

1 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me  
Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield  
And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield  
New blessings on my way.

3 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My hope, my life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son  
In love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart  
And gives my spirit pow'r,  
Help, comfort, and support  
In sorrow's gloomy hour.

2 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father's own dear Son,  
Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned  
With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith  
The highest heav'nly good.

△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised,  
My God, the ever-living,  
To whom the heav'nly host  
Their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised,  
In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son,  
And God the Holy Ghost.

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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. Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that this heavenly food which we have received will strengthen our faith that we may bear all crosses, sickness, and trials with patience and trust until You grant us deliverance, peace, and health; through Jesus Christ, 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 694, STANZAS 1, 3–4



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tower; Thee will I  
3 I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven, Whose radiance  
4 O keep me watchful, then, and humble; Permit me  
love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast richly  
nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would  
pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my  
love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!

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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	2 Samuel 7:18–29	1 Cor. 10:23–11:16
M	2 Samuel 11:1–27	1 Cor. 11:17–34
Tu	2 Samuel 12:1–25	1 Cor. 12:1–13
W	1 Kings 1:1–4, 15–35	1 Cor. 12:14–31
Th	1 Kings 2:1–27	1 Cor. 13:1–13
F	1 Kings 3:1–15	2 Cor. 1:1–22
Sa	1 Kings 5:1–18	2 Cor. 1:23–2:17

### The Ten Commandments

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

#### *The Close of the Commandments*

*What does God say about all these commandments? He says, "I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." (Exodus 20:5–6)*

*What does this mean? God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.*

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### Verse for Meditation

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. John 6:68

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally. LSB 655:2

### 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, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through 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 25

Isa. 29:11–19; Psalms 14 (v. 7a) & 45:1–2, 7–17 (v. 6a);  
Ephesians 5:22–33; Mark 7:1–13