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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	Tim Terhune
Organist	Mary Gregory
Acolytes	Riley Albert, Lazarus Gregory

## Prayers for Worship

*For right reception of the Lord's Supper:* O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:* Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Preparation for Confession

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. *What does this mean?* We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

*Questions for self-examination*

- Do I complain about the troubles, people, work, and suffering God lays on me?
- Do I love the things God gives more than I love Him?
- Do I cling to what God takes away, even though He gives me Himself?

## Cover Illustration

*The Widow's Offering*

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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TXT: LSB 907

**1 God Himself is present:**

Let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple;  
All within keep silence;  
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.  
He alone on His throne  
Is our God and Savior;  
Praise His name forever!

**2 God Himself is present:**

Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
“Holy, holy, holy!”  
Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear to us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That Your Church now raises.

**3 Fount of ev'ry blessing, purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels, worshiping before You,  
May I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will ever still  
Rule Your Church terrestrial as the hosts celestial.**

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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 107:8, 1–2, 41–42

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

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
for His steadfast love endures forever!*

*Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom He has redeemed from trouble.*

*He raises up the needy out of affliction  
and makes their families like flocks.*

*The upright see it and are glad,  
and all wickedness shuts its mouth.*

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.**

Let us pray.

> Silence for personal prayers. <

*Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; 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: 1 Kings 17:8–16*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

*Psalm 146; antiphon v. 9a*

*The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless.*

*Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!*

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God  
while I have my being.**

*Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.*

**When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.**

*Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,*

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**

*who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.*

**The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

*The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.*

**The LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless,  
but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.**

*The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!*

**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 LORD watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless.*

*from the Letters: Hebrews 9:24–28*

*After the reading:*

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38–44*

**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.**

*THE HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 797*

- 1 Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him! Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him as long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came; bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal, when the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford, place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
Whom from salvation can nothing sever, and who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
To all who trust in Him, our Lord will aid and counsel now afford.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

4 Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
Ever the wants of the poor supplying, their faithful God He will remain.  
He helps His children in distress, the widows and the fatherless.

Alleluia, alleluia!

△ 5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely, with happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Alleluia, alleluia!

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## *The Sermon*

*Mark 12:38–44*

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*

*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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and arch-angels and 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.**

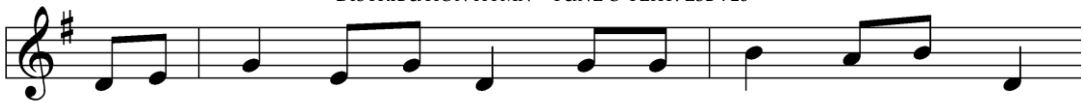
## *Holy Communion*

> *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 110 (antiphon: v. 1)*



DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 728



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: LSB 732 & TEXT: TLH 425

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| <p><b>1</b> All depends on our possessing<br/>                 God's abundant grace and blessing,<br/>                 Though all earthly wealth depart.<br/>                 He who trusts with faith unshaken<br/>                 In his God is not forsaken<br/>                 And e'er keeps a dauntless heart</p> | <p><b>2</b> He who hitherto hath fed me<br/>                 And to many joys hath led me<br/>                 Is and ever shall be mine.<br/>                 He who did so gently school me,<br/>                 He who still doth guide and rule me<br/>                 Will remain my Help divine.</p> |
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- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting  
Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure  
And that now is seldom found.
- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken,  
Hope my heart anew will quicken,  
All my longing shall be stilled.  
To His loving-kindness tender  
Soul and body I surrender;  
For on Him alone I build.
- 5 Well He knows what best to grant me;  
All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt His wisdom never,—  
As God wills, so be it ever,—  
I to Him commit my way.
- 6 If on earth my days He lengthen,  
He my weary soul will strengthen;  
All my trust in Him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding;  
Safe I anchor in His grace.

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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 512, STANZAS 1-5*

- 1 At the name of Jesus  
Ev'ry knee shall bow,  
Ev'ry tongue confess Him  
King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.
- 2 At His voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and bright dominions,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heav'nly orders  
In their great array.
- 3 Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death He passed;
- 4 Bore it up triumphant  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures  
To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast,  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.
- 5 In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true:  
Crown Him as your captain in temptation's hour;  
Let His will enfold you in its light and pow'r.

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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 give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.*

## THE HYMN TO DEPART – TUNE &amp; TEXT: LSB 512, STANZAS 6–7

- 6 Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again  
In His Father's glory, with His angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.**
- △ 7 Glory then to Jesus, who, the Prince of light,  
To a world in darkness brought the gift of sight;  
Praise to God the Father; in the Spirit's love  
Praise we all together Him who reigns above.**

# 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	Jeremiah 23:1–20	Matthew 25:14–30
M	Jeremiah 23:21–40	Matthew 25:31–46
Tu	Jeremiah 25:1–18	Matthew 26:1–19
W	Jeremiah 26:1–19	Matthew 26:20–35
Th	Jeremiah 29:1–19	Matthew 26:36–56
F	Jeremiah 30:1–24	Matthew 26:57–75
Sa	Jeremiah 31:1–34	Matthew 27:1–10

### The Apostles' Creed

*As the head of the family should teach it to his household.*

*What is the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed?*

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.

*From the Large Catechism:* Further we believe that in this Christian church we have the forgiveness of sins, which is granted through the holy sacraments and absolution as well as through all the comforting words of the entire Gospel. . . . Therefore everything in the Christian church is so ordered that we may daily obtain full forgiveness of sins through the Word and through signs [that is, the sacraments] appointed to comfort and revive our consciences as long as we live. . . . But outside the Christian church, (that is, where the Gospel is not) there is no forgiveness, and hence no holiness.

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### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;  
Earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,  
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford,  
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! LSB 797:2

### 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

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### Readings for the Second-Last Sun. before Advent

Daniel 12:1–3; Psalms 16 (v. 11b,c) & 50:1–15 (v. 15);  
Hebrews 10:11–25; Mark 13:1–13