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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	Jeremy Henrickson
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Andrew Gull, Simeon Gregory

Prayers for Worship

For courage in these latter days: Lord Jesus, You promised that when we are dragged before kings and governors for the sake of Your name, You will give us a mouth of wisdom to bear witness to Your saving grace. Give us courage in these gray and latter days to proclaim the Gospel, even in the face of those who do not accept our testimony of You; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For the return of our Lord Jesus Christ: O Jesus Christ, do not delay, but hasten our salvation; we often tremble on our way in fear and tribulation. O hear and grant our fervent plea: Come, mighty Judge, and set us free from death and every evil. Amen.
(*Lutheran Service Book* 508, stanza 7)

Preparation for Confession

The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Questions for self-examination

- How are my prayers?
- Have I called upon God's name in every trouble?
- Have I praised and thanked Him when I receive good?

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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TXT: LSB 521



1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, un - shak - en By the dev - il's
 2 Mi - chael fought the heav'n - ly bat - tle, God - ly an - gels
 3 Long on earth the bat - tle ra - ges, Since the ser - pent's
 4 Je - sus came, this word ful - fill - ing, Tram - pled Sa - tan,



seeth - ing rage, Thwarts the plan of Sa - tan's min - ions;
 by his side; Warred a - gainst the an - cient ser - pent,
 first de - ceit; Twist - ed God's com - mand to Ad - am,
 death de - fied; Bore the brunt of our temp - ta - tion,



Wins the strife from age to age; Con - quers sin and
 Foiled the beast, so full of pride, Cast him earth - bound
 Made for - bid - den fruit look sweet. Then the curse of
 On the wretch - ed tree He died. Yet to life was



death for - ev - er; Slams them in their steel - y cage.
 with his an - gels; Now he prowls, un - sat - is - fied.
 God was spo - ken: "You'll lie crushed be - neath His feet!"
 raised vic - to - rious; By His life our life sup - plied.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant
 From his heav'nly perch on high,
 As the word of Jesus' vict'ry
 Floods the earth and fills the sky.
 Wounded by a wound eternal
 Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions
 When the foe would us enslave.
 Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
 Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
 Overthrow at last the dragon;
 Send him to his fiery grave.

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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

Mark 13:13b; Psalm 48:11–14

*The one who endures to the end
will be saved.*

Let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

He will guide us forever.

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.

> Silence for personal prayers. <

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, 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: Daniel 12:1–3

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 16; antiphon v. 11b, c

In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

**The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your Holy One see corruption.

*You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

**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.**

In Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

from the Letters: Hebrews 10:11–25

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HALLELUJAH

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1–13

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 The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.
- 2 The final trumpet then shall sound
And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.
- 3 The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.
- 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.
- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

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The Sermon

Hebrews 10:11–25

- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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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.

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 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 50:1–15 (antiphon: v. 15)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 206 & TEXT: LSB 741:1–6

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| <p>1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense
 And my Savior, now is living!
 Knowing this, my confidence
 Rests upon the hope here given,
 Though the night of death be fraught
 Still with many_an anxious thought.</p> | <p>4 I am flesh and must return
 To the dust, whence I am taken;
 But by faith I now discern
 That from death I shall awaken
 With my Savior to abide
 In His glory, at His side.</p> |
| <p>2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
 Likewise I to life shall waken.
 He will bring me where He is;
 Shall my courage then be shaken?
 Shall I fear, or could the Head
 Rise and leave His members dead?</p> | <p>5 Glorified, I shall anew
 With this flesh then be enshrouded;
 In this body I shall view
 God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
 In this flesh I then shall see
 Jesus Christ eternally.</p> |
| <p>3 No, too closely I am bound
 By my hope to Christ forever;
 Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,
 Grasped it, and will leave it never;
 Even death now cannot part
 From its Lord the trusting heart.</p> | <p>6 Then take comfort and rejoice,
 For His members Christ will cherish.
 Fear not, they will hear His voice;
 Dying, they will never perish;
 For the very grave is stirred
 When the trumpet's blast is heard.</p> |

- 1 The sands of time are sinking; the dawn of Heaven breaks,
The summer morn we've sighed for—the fair, sweet morn awakes.
Dark, dark has been the midnight, but dayspring is at hand
And glory, glory dwelleth in Prince Immanuel's land.
- 2 For Christ, He is the Bridegroom, the deep, sweet Well of love;
The streams on earth we've tasted, more deep I'll drink above.
There to an ocean's fullness His mercy doth expand
And glory, glory dwelleth in Prince Immanuel's land.
- 3 Oh, I am my Beloved's and my Beloved's mine;
He brings us poor, vile sinners into His house of wine.
We rest upon His merit; We know no other stand,
Not ev'n where glory dwelleth in Prince Immanuel's land.
- 4 A bride eyes not her garment, but her dear bridegroom's face;
We will not gaze at glory, but on our King of Grace.
Not at the crown He giveth, but on His piercéd hand:
The Lamb is all the glory of Prince Immanuel's land.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Oh, let the veil be parted!
Oh, let the Lord appear,
The Man so lowly-hearted,
The God of countless years.
Let earth fall down and fear Him,
Who dooms to heav'n or hell;
Let all creation hear Him,
The Lord of Israel.2 Once, sinners tore asunder
The veil of flesh He wears;
The God of fire and thunder
Poured forth in blood and tears.
Amazing love outflowing
That cancels all our shame;
The Pow'r beyond all knowing
Our Sacrifice became. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">3 Now veiled in Word and Water,
In holy Bread and Wine,
The Lamb once led to slaughter
Fills ev'ry humblest shrine,
With gentle pardon sealing
The servants of the Lamb
Who long for the revealing
Of Christ, the Great I am.4 Look up! The skies are tearing!
He comes in glory bare!
And, changed by His appearing,
We rise through shining air!
'Mid lightnings of Your splendor
And thund'ring shouts of praise,
O Terrible and Tender,
We see You face to Face! |
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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: TLH 261 & TEXT: LSB 655

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | |

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 33:1–22	Matthew 27:11–32
M	Jeremiah 37:1–21	Matthew 27:33–56
Tu	Jeremiah 38:1–28	Matthew 27:57–66
W	Daniel 1:1–21	Matthew 28:1–20
Th	Daniel 2:1–23	Revelation 18:1–24
F	Daniel 2:24–49	Revelation 19:1–21
Sa	Daniel 3:1–30	Revelation 20:1–15

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: Since holiness has begun and is growing daily, we await the time when our flesh will be put to death, will be buried with all its uncleanness, and will come forth gloriously and arise to complete and perfect holiness in a new, eternal life. Now we are only halfway pure and holy. The Holy Spirit must continue to work in us through the Word, daily granting forgiveness until we attain only perfectly pure and holy people, full of goodness and righteousness, completely freed from sin, death, and all evil, living in new, immortal, and glorified bodies.

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Verse for Meditation

The one who endures to the end will be saved.

Mark 13:13b

Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

LSB 508:5

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, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Readings for the Last Sunday/Christ the King

Is. 51:4–6; Ps. 93 (v. 2); Jude 20–25; Mark 13:24–37