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Divine Service



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	Paul Dwiggins
Crucifer	Landon Vega
Organist	Mary Gregory
Acolytes	Liam McGuire, Andrew Gull

Hallelujah! Praise Yahweh!

The Hebrew word *hallelu-yah* means "Praise Yah[weh]." ("Alleluia" is the Greek spelling.) The divine name *Yahweh* appears frequently in the Old Testament. In English, it is translated as "LORD" in capital letters. Hallelujah is a word of joy and gladness and an expression of thankful praise to the one true God.

In the Divine Service, a joyous triple "Hallelujah" follows the Epistle reading (the reading from the New Testament letters) and prepares us for the Gospel reading. The first half of the service reaches its highest point as we hear the very words and deeds of Jesus in the Holy Gospel.

An ancient Church custom is to refrain from using "Hallelujah" during the season of Lent. This practice sets apart the penitential Lenten season from the exuberance of the Easter season that follows.

On this Last Sunday in Epiphany, sing joyfully the hallelujahs/alleluias! This word of praise will not be heard again in church until it bursts forth from the grave with Jesus on Easter. Today we bid "farewell" to hallelujah until we meet again in the joy of the resurrection.

"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." *Psalm 146:1-2*

Alleluia! Praise the LORD!

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> *If able, please stand and face the processional crucifix.* <

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN – TUNE: LSB 644 & TEXT: RMH

- 1 **The humble veil is parted: The Light of Light appears.
This Man, so lowly-hearted, is Lord of countless years.
Fall down! Fall down and fear Him as Baal and Pharaoh fell!
Know He is God and hear Him, the Lord Immanuel.**
- 2 **Soon men will tear asunder the veil of flesh He wears,
The God of fire and thunder be seen in blood and tears.
Behold the love outflowing that cancels all our shame.
This Pow'r beyond all knowing our Sacrifice became.**
- 3 **For Your transfiguration, my Christ, be glorified,
My Light and my Salvation, my Maker crucified.
Transfigure me, O Jesus, while I this vision share;
Transfigure me, O Jesus, till I Your likeness bear.**
- 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!**

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

> *Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.* <

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 84:4, 1–2, 9, 11

*Blessèd are those who dwell in Your house,
ever singing Your praise!*

*How lovely is Your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!*

*My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

*Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of Your Anointed!*

*For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.*

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. <

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; 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: Deuteronomy 34:1–12

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalms 99; antiphon v. 9

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!

The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity;

You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!

Moses and Aaron were among His priests, Samuel also was among those

who called up on His name. They called to the LORD, and He answered them.

In the pillar of the cloud He spoke to them; they kept His testimonies and the statute that He gave them.

O LORD our God, You answered them;

You were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

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.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

from the Letters: Hebrews 3:1–6

After the reading:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE HALLELUJAH

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

from the Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28–36

Glory be to You, O Lord!

After the reading:

Praise be to You, O Christ!

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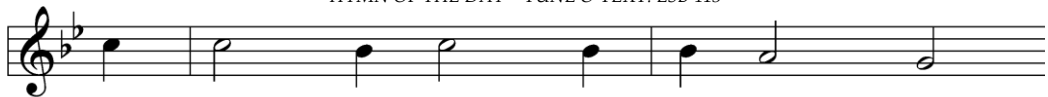
Having heard the Word, what do you believe?

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 413



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Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace

Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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The Sermon

Luke 6:27–38

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 Installation of Church Council

The Presentation of the Offering

> Note: The offering of tithes and gifts are received in the offering box as you enter the sanctuary. <

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

... let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy

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 at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. 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 2 (antiphon: v. 7)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 621

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| <p>1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.</p> <p>2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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!"</p> |
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 537

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| <p>1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.</p> <p>2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.</p> | <p>3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.</p> <p>Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!</p> |
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: LSB 373 & TEXT: RMH

- 1 Heaven's Glory glad and bright, shining on the barren height:
Christ reveals His matchless worth to poor sinners still on earth.
Weak and foolish, yet they see in the dark His majesty.
Let me learn with them the price of His coming sacrifice.**
- 2 Did He hold this glory in, shedding blood instead for sin?
Was this Splendor crucified? Was it God the Son who died?
Shamed and cursed, in weakness veiled, naked on a cross impaled.
Lord of Glory—can it be? Yes, He spent Himself for me.**

**3 Jesus, burn away my pride by Your glory crucified;
By Your love for me within, Lord, consume my love of sin
Like th'apostles flood my sight with Your mercy and Your might
Till, like them, I rise to see only You who died for me.**

THE POST-COMMUNION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 680

- 1 Thine the Amen, Thine the praise, alleluias angels raise,
Thine the everlasting head, Thine the breaking of the bread,
Thine the glory, Thine the story, Thine the harvest, then the cup;
Thine the vineyard, then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.**
- 2 Thine the life eternally, Thine the promise—let there be.
Thine the vision, Thine the tree; all the earth on bended knee,
Gone the nailing, gone the railing, gone the pleading, gone the cry,
Gone the sighing, gone the dying, what was loss lifted high.**
- 3 Thine the truly, Thine the yes; Thine the table, we the guest.
Thine the mercy all from Thee; Thine the glory yet to be.
Then the ringing and the singing, then the end of all the war;
Thine the living, Thine the loving evermore, evermore.**
- 4 Thine the kingdom, Thine the prize, Thine the wonderful surprise;
Thine the banquet, then the praise, then the justice of Thy ways.
Thine the glory, Thine the story, then the welcome to the least,
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast, at Thy feast.**
- 5 Thine the glory in the night, no more dying, only light.
Thine the river, Thine the tree, then the Lamb eternally,
Then the holy, holy, holy celebration jubilee,
Thine the splendor, Thine the brightness, only Thee, only Thee.**

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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. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

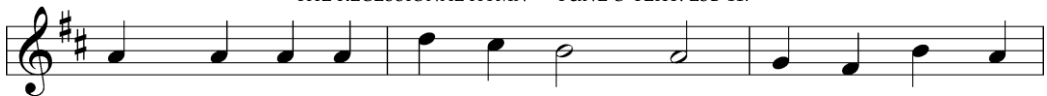
Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 417



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

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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	Job 33:19–34:9	John 11:1–16
M	Job 34:10–33	John 11:17–37
Tu	Job 36:1–21	John 11:38–57
<i>On Ash Wednesday, the readings change to Genesis & Mark:</i>		
W	Genesis 1:1–19	Mark 1:1–13
Th	Genesis 1:20–2:3	Mark 1:14–28
F	Genesis 2:4–25	Mark 1:29–45
Sa	Genesis 3:1–24	Mark 2:1–17

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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

What benefits does Baptism give? It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God? Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

From the Large Catechism: Therefore, state it most simply in this way: the power, work, profit, fruit, and purpose of Baptism is this—to save. For no one is baptized in order that he may become a prince, but, as the words say, that he “be saved.” We know that to be saved is nothing other than to be delivered from sin, death, and the devil. It means to enter into Christ’s kingdom, and to live with Him forever. Here you see again how highly and precious we should value Baptism, because in it we receive such an unspeakable treasure.

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Hymn

The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.

O wondrous type! O vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share,
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,
Where brighter than the sun He glows! LSB 413:1

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

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshadowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the First Sunday in Lent, March 9

Deut. 26:1–11; Psalms 91:1–13 (v. 1) & 32 (v. 7);
Romans 10:8b–13; Luke 4:1–13