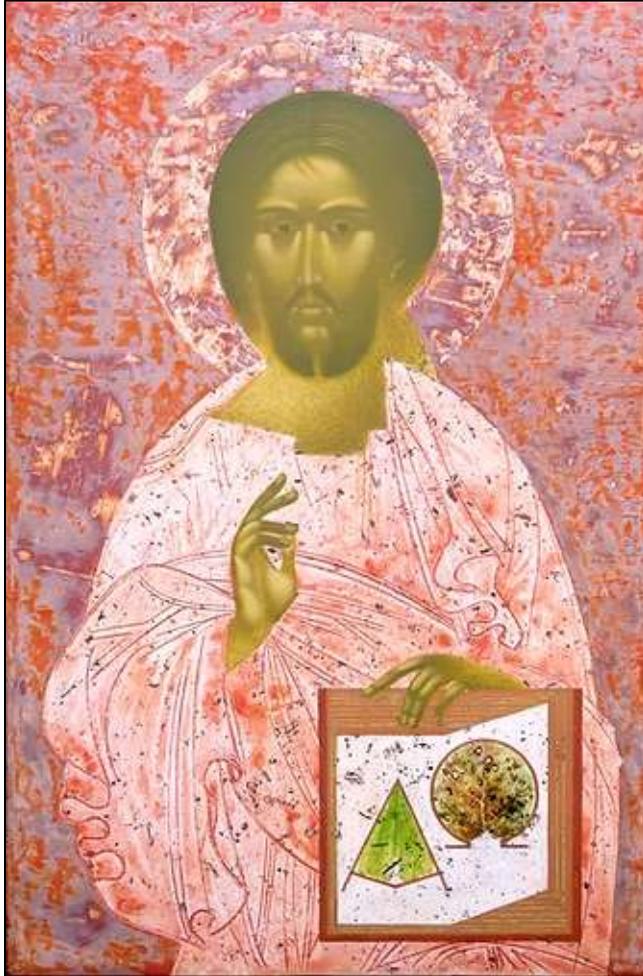


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# *Divine Service*



*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, there is a nursery available in the basement during service and Bible class.

Out of courtesy to your brothers and sisters, please silence your cell phone 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

Celebrant	The Rev. Peter Gregory
Guest Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Stephen Pietsch
Liturgist	Tom Connell
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Lazarus Gregory, Liam McGuire

## Prayer for Worship

*Against the love of money:* Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called us to be Your children and heirs of Your gracious promises in Christ Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may forsake all covetous desires and the inordinate love of riches. Deliver us from the pursuit of passing things that we may seek the kingdom of Your Son and trust in His righteousness and so find blessedness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Proper use of earthly goods:* Almighty God, all that we possess is from Your loving hand. Give us grace that we may honor You with all we own, always remembering the account we must one day give to Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Preparation for Confession

Galatians 5:18: But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

*Questions for self-examination*

- Do I look upon the will of God contained in the Law as the as the great ideal of a sanctified life?
- Do I strive to live up to this ideal, not by coercion, or out of fear, or for the hope of reward, but because it is my greatest joy and desire to do what pleases my heavenly Father?

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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 15 & TEXT: LSB 465

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed!  
Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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

> 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 49:1–2, 7–8, 13–14a, 15

*Hear this, all peoples!*

**Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,**

*both low and high,*

**rich and poor together!**

*Truly no man can ransom another,*

**or give to God the price of his life,**

*for the ransom of their life is costly*

**and can never suffice.**

*This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;*

**yet after them people approve of their boasts.**

*Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;*

**death shall be their shepherd.**

*But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,*

**for He will receive me.**

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, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 100; antiphon v, 3

*Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.*

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

*Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!*

**Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!*

*Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

**For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,  
and His faithfulness to all generations.**

**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.**

*Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His;  
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.*

*from the Letters: Colossians 3:1–11*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*the Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13–21*

**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: TLH 425

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| <b>1 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</b> | <b>2 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.</b> |
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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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## *The Sermon*

*Colossians 3:1–11*

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*

> 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*

*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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, 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 on 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 119:97–104 (antiphon v. 103)*

- 1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
 Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
 These are my life and strength forever,  
 By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*
- refrain* Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
 Be for my soul the highest good!
- 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
 I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
 No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
 It finds its only joy in Thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
 The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
 No hell I fear, and thus securely  
 With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
 It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
 For He who is of death the master  
 With aid and comfort e'er is near. *Refrain*
- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
 O blessed, holy Trinity.  
 With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
 Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

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- 1 What is the world to me  
 With all its vaunted pleasure  
 When Thou, and Thou alone,  
 Lord Jesus, art my treasure!  
 Thou only, dearest Lord,  
 My soul's Delight shall be;  
 Thou art my Peace, my Rest,—  
 What is the world to me!
- 2 The world is like a cloud  
 And like a vapor fleeting,  
 A shadow that declines,  
 Swift to its end retreating.  
 My Jesus doth abide,  
 Though all things fade and flee;  
 My everlasting Rock,—  
 What is the world to me!
- 3 The world seeks to be praised  
 And honored by the mighty,  
 Yet never once reflects  
 That they are frail and flighty.  
 But what I truly prize  
 Above all things is He,  
 My Jesus, He alone,—  
 What is the world to me!
- 4 The world seeks after wealth  
 And all that Mammon offers  
 Yet never is content  
 Though gold should fill its coffers.  
 I have a higher good;  
 Content with it I'll be:  
 My Jesus is my Wealth,—  
 What is the world to me!
- 5 What is the world to me! My Jesus is my Treasure,  
 My Life, my Health, my Wealth, my Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,  
 My Joy, my Crown, my All, my Bliss eternally.  
 Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

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- 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Stone and leaf and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to You we raise, this, our hymn of grateful praise.
- 3 For the Autumn of the year swiftly passing from our eyes,  
For the Summer drawing near in the endless Paradise,  
Christ our God, to You we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

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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

Psalm 107:1

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

THE THANKSGIVING COLLECT

*Let us pray. We thank You, all-powerful God, for refreshing us with this healing gift, and we pray:  
Father of mercy, by this holy food make us strong in faith toward You, and in deep love for each other, that  
through us other beloved sinners may kneel to You and receive with us grace and life in Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

*The Lord be with you.*  
**And with your spirit.**

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

*Bless we the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God!**

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.  
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;  
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
  - 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
Without our aid He did us make.  
We are His folk, He doth us feed,  
And for His sheep He doth us take.
  - 3 O enter then His gates with praise;  
Approach with joy His courts unto.  
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.
  - 4 For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure.  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure.
- △ 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

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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.*

Su	1 Samuel 17:48–18:9	Acts 27:9–26
M	1 Samuel 18:10—30	Acts 27:27–44
Tu	1 Samuel 19:1–24	Acts 28:1–15
W	1 Samuel 20:1–23	Acts 28:16–31
Th	1 Samuel 20:24–42	1 Cor. 1:1–25
F	1 Samuel 24:1–22	1 Cor. 1:26–2:16
Sa	1 Samuel 25:1–22	1 Cor. 3:1–23

### The Ten Commandments

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

#### *The Tenth Commandment*

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

*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." (Ex. 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.

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

All depends on our possessing  
God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart.  
He who trusts with faith unshaken  
In his God is not forsaken  
And e'er keeps a dauntless heart. TLH 425:1

### 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 Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Readings for next Sunday, August 10

Gen. 15:1–6; Pss. 33:12–22 (v. 20) & 33:1–11 (v. 1a);  
Hebrews 11:1–16; Luke 12:22–40