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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 & Preacher	The Rev. Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Patrick Jackson
Organist	Mary Gregory
Acolytes	Jack Gould, Liam McGuire

## Prayer for Worship

*For the Feast of St. Mary (Theotokos), Mother of God (August 15):* Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your only Son. Grant that we, who are redeemed by His blood, may share with her in the glory of Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*For right reception of the Lord's Supper:* Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## Preparation for Confession

Galatians 5:19–21a: Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.

*Questions for self-examination*

- Are any of these works of the flesh (or vices) evident in my life?
- Have I feared, loved, and trusted in anything above the true God and so engaged in idolatry?
- Have I participated in anything that relies upon the powers of evil rather than upon God?

## Cover Illustration

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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 270 & TEXT: RMH

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| <p><b>1 You have called me; You have claimed me,<br/>Knowing well my sin and shame.<br/>In the water gently washing,<br/>Lord, You called for me by name.</b></p> <p><b>2 Was I wise or strong or holy<br/>When at first to me You came?<br/>I was sinful, weak, and helpless,<br/>But You called for me by name.</b></p> | <p><b>3 Father, what it cost to claim me!<br/>On Your Son You laid the blame<br/>For my sins, so You could wash me<br/>When You called for me by name.</b></p> <p><b>4 Here I am again, my Father,<br/>Sinful, weak, too much the same,<br/>But Your heart has not changed either<br/>Since You called for me by name.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5 Abba, Father! Abba, Father!<br/>Your baptizing love I claim.<br/>I will enter heaven saying,<br/>“Father called for me by name.”</b></p> |
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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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism***

*As you witness this baptism, take hold of your own baptism and your daily return to the font by again renouncing the devil and confessing faith in the Triune God.*

### *The Baptism of Tucker Bennet Rice*

*During the baptism, the congregation may join in the responses:*

*Do you renounce the devil? **Yes, I renounce him.***

*Do you renounce all his works? **Yes, I renounce them.***

*Do you renounce all his ways? **Yes, I renounce them.***

*Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth? **Yes, I believe.***

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead? **Yes, I believe.***

*Do you 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? **Yes, I believe.***



*Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you;*

**He will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

*Give ear to my prayer, O God,*

**and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!**

*For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it;*

**it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.**

*But it is you, a man, my equal,*

**my companion, my familiar friend.**

*We used to take sweet counsel together;*

**within God's house we walked in the throng.**

*But I call to God,*

**and the LORD will save 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

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Let us pray.*

> *Silence for personal prayers.* <

*Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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: Jeremiah 23:16–29*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 119:81–88; antiphon v. 81*

*My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.*

**My eyes long for Your promise; I ask, "When will You comfort me?"**

*For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten Your statutes.*

**How long must Your servant endure? When will You judge those who persecute me?**

*The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to Your law.*

**All Your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me!**

*They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken Your precepts.*

**In Your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth.**

**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.**

*My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.*

*from the Letters: Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*the Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49–56*

**Glory be to You, O Lord!**

*After the reading:*

**Praise be to You, O Christ!**

*THE HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 655*

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

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## *The Sermon*

*Jeremiah 23:16–29*

*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.*

*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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us 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 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 46 (antiphon v. 1)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 580

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| <b>1 The Gospel shows the Father's grace,<br/>Who sent His Son to save our race,<br/>Proclaims how Jesus lived and died<br/>That we might thus be justified.</b>          | <b>4 It is the pow'r of God to save<br/>From sin and Satan and the grave;<br/>It works the faith which firmly clings<br/>To all the treasures which it brings.</b>    |
| <b>2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,<br/>Who made th'atoning sacrifice,<br/>And calls the souls with guilt oppressed<br/>To come and find eternal rest.</b>             | <b>5 It bears to all the tidings glad<br/>And bids their hearts no more be sad;<br/>The weary, burdened souls it cheers<br/>And banishes their guilty fears.</b>      |
| <b>3 It brings the Savior's righteousness<br/>To robe our souls in royal dress;<br/>From all our guilt it brings release<br/>And gives the troubled conscience peace.</b> | <b>6 May we in faith its message learn<br/>Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;<br/>May we in faith its truth confess<br/>And praise the Lord, our righteousness.</b> |

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 726



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and  
 2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my  
 3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows  
 4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the  
 ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may  
 tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair  
 of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in  
 no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my  
 sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er  
 gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,  
 do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;  
 ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure  
 liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.  
 All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.  
 When in His man - sions God grants me a place.  
 And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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- 1 **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 2 **Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 3 **Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 4 **From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**
- 5 **Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias,  
Alleluias without end!**
- △ 6 **God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!**

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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. Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have refreshed us with the body and blood of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that this heavenly food which we have received will strengthen our faith that we may bear all crosses, sickness, and trials with patience and trust until You grant us deliverance, peace, and health; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

THE SALUTATION

2 Timothy 4:22

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

THE BENEDICAMUS

[Psalm 103:1]

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

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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

THE CLOSING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 588

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Jesus loves me! This I know,<br/>For the Bible tells me so.<br/>Little ones to Him belong;<br/>They are weak, but He is strong.<br/>Yes, Jesus loves me!<br/>Yes, Jesus loves me!<br/>Yes, Jesus loves me!<br/>The Bible tells me so.</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>Jesus loves me! He who died<br/>Heaven's gates to open wide.<br/>He has washed away my sin,<br/>Lets His little child come in.<br/>Yes, Jesus loves me!<br/>Yes, Jesus loves me!<br/>Yes, Jesus loves me!<br/>The Bible tells me so.</b> |
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# God's People at Prayer

## For Home Devotions

*The sign of the cross may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Readings from Holy Scripture

*These may be read in the morning and evening, as suggested  
here, or in any way that best works with your schedule.*

	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Su	2 Samuel 7:1–17	1 Cor. 9:24–10:22
M	2 Samuel 7:18–29	1 Cor. 10:23–11:16
Tu	2 Samuel 11:1–27	1 Cor. 11:17–34
W	2 Samuel 12:1–25	1 Cor. 12:1–13
Th	1 Kings 1:1–4, 15–35	1 Cor. 12:14–31
F	1 Kings 2:1–27	1 Cor. 13:1–13
Sa	1 Kings 3:1–15	2 Cor. 1:1–22

### The Apostles' Creed

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

*What is the Second Article?* And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

*What does this mean?* I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

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. *LSB 655:1*

### 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

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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 24

Proverbs 3:1–8; Psalms 121 (v. 8) & 9:1–10 (v 10);  
2 Corinthians 4:7–10; John 1:43–51