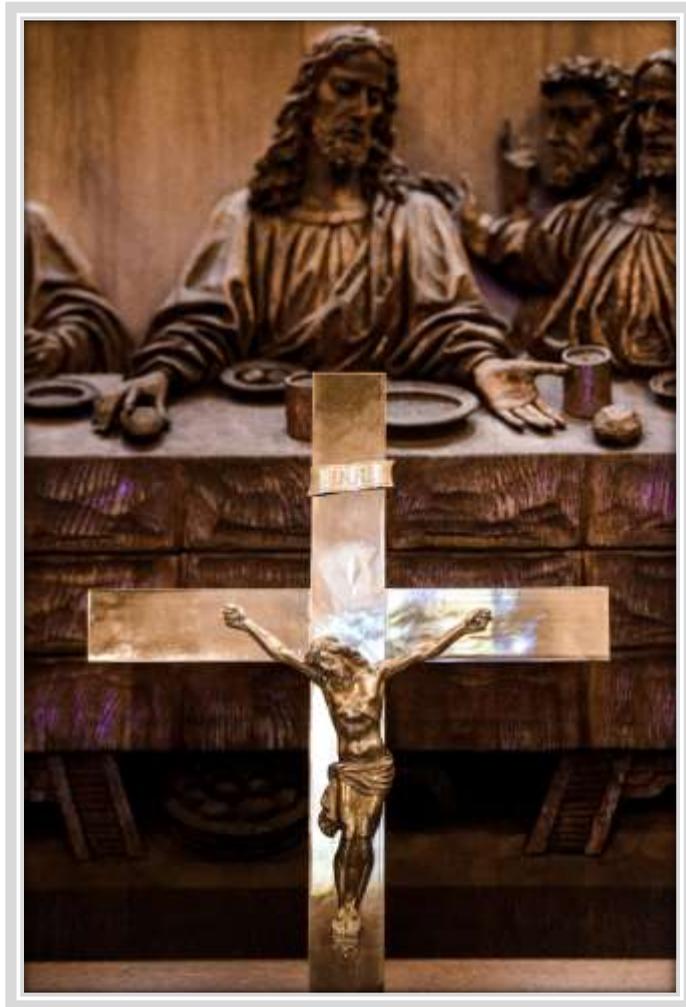


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# *Divine Service*



*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	Paul Woelmer
Organist	Mary Gregory
Acolytes	Jack Gould, Simeon Gregory

## Vocation Prayers

Heavenly Father, grant Your mercy and grace to us people in our many and various callings. Give us patience. Strengthen us in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to our neighbor in Christ's name. Amen.

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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*

- Do I begrudge my neighbors what they have and seek my own advantage and benefit?
- Have I separated myself from others—mentally, emotionally, or physically—so that I have no tolerance for them or purposefully avoid them?

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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

> 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 75:7, 1–2, 6, 9

*It is God who executes judgment,*  
**putting down one and lifting up another.**

*We give thanks to You, O God; we give thanks, for Your name is near.*  
**We recount Your wondrous deeds.**

*At the set time that I appoint*  
**I will judge with equity.**

*For not from the east or from the west*  
**and not from the wilderness comes lifting up.**

*But I will declare it forever;*  
**I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.**

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.* <

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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: Proverbs 25:2–10*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 131; antiphon v. 2*

*I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;  
 like a weaned child is my soul within me.*

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;  
 I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

**But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;  
 like a weaned child is my soul within me.**

O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and 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.**

*I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;  
 like a weaned child is my soul within me.*

*from the Letters: Hebrews 13:1–17*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*the Holy Gospel: Luke 14:1–14*

**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 842*

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, for Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, heal our wrongs, and help our need.**
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty held in solemn trust will be.**
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, by Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing that Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.**

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## *The Sermon*

*Luke 14:1–14*

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.*

*The Magnificat: The Song of Mary  
Luke 2:46b–55 (antiphon vv. 46b, 47)*



1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus Christ, my  
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan seeks by  
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though per - se - cu - tion,



God and Lord; And this my faith con - fess - ing, Un -  
 night and day To rob me of this trea - sure And  
 grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver - whelm me, Let



moved I stand on His sure Word. Our rea - son can - not  
 take my hope of bliss a - way. But, Lord, with You be -  
 me a stead - fast trust re - tain; And then at my de -



fath - om The truth of God pro - found; Who trusts in hu - man  
 side me, I shall be un - dis - mayed; And led by Your good  
 par - ture, Lord, take me home to You, Your rich - es to in -



wis - dom Re - lies on shift - ing ground. God's Word is  
 Spir - it, I shall be un - a - fraid. A - bide with  
 her - it As all You said holds true. In life and



all - suf - fi - cient, It makes di - vine - ly sure; And  
 me, O Sav - ior, A firm - er faith be - stow; Then  
 death, Lord, keep me Un - til Your heav'n I gain, Where



trust - ing in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.  
 I shall bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.  
 I by Your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

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| <p>1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,<br/>    May I in grace possess You.<br/>Let me with holy food be fed,<br/>    In hunger I address You.<br/>Prepare me well for You, O Lord,<br/>And, humbly by my prayer implored,<br/>    Give me Your grace and mercy.</p>       | <p>3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,<br/>    For full and free remission<br/>I come with prayer before Your sight<br/>    In sorrow and contrition.<br/>Your righteousness, Lord, cover me<br/>That I receive You worthily,<br/>    Assured of Your full pardon.</p> |
| <p>2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,<br/>    To restful waters lead me;<br/>Your table well for me provide,<br/>    Your wounded hand now feed me.<br/>Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,<br/>Refuge in You alone I seek,<br/>    To share Your cup of healing.</p> | <p>4 I do not merit favor, Lord,<br/>    My weight of sin would break me;<br/>In all my guilty heart's discord,<br/>    O Lord, do not forsake me.<br/>In my distress this comforts me<br/>That You receive me graciously,<br/>    O Christ, my Lord of mercy!</p>         |

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| <p>1 Your table I approach;<br/>    Dear Savior, hear my prayer.<br/>Let not an unrepentant heart<br/>    Prove hurtful to me there.</p>         | <p>4 Search not how this takes place,<br/>    This wondrous mystery;<br/>God can accomplish vastly more<br/>    Than what we think could be.</p> |
| <p>2 Lord, I confess my sins<br/>    And mourn their wretched bands;<br/>A contrite heart is sure to find<br/>    Forgiveness at Your hands.</p> | <p>5 O grant, most blessed Lord,<br/>    That earth and hell combined<br/>May not about this sacrament<br/>    Raise doubt within my mind.</p>   |
| <p>3 Your body and Your blood,<br/>    Once slain and shed for me,<br/>Are taken at Your table, Lord,<br/>    In blest reality.</p>              | <p>6 Oh, may I never fail<br/>    To thank You day and night<br/>For Your true body and true blood,<br/>    O God, my peace and light.</p>       |

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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.

*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 731, STANZAS 1 & 4

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| <p><b>1 O God, forsake me not!</b><br/>                 Your gracious presence lend me;<br/>                 Lord, lead Your helpless child;<br/>                 Your Holy Spirit send me<br/>                 That I my course may run.<br/>                 O be my light, my lot,<br/>                 My staff, my rock, my shield—<br/>                 O God, forsake me not!</p> | <p><b>2 O God, forsake me not!</b><br/>                 Lord, I am Yours forever.<br/>                 O keep me strong in faith<br/>                 That I may leave You never.<br/>                 Grant me a blessed end<br/>                 When my good fight is fought;<br/>                 Help me in life and death—<br/>                 O God, forsake me not!</p> |
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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	1 Kings 16:29–17:24	2 Cor. 9:1–15
M	1 Kings 18:1–19	Ephesians 1:1–23
Tu	1 Kings 18:20–40	Ephesians 2:1–22
W	1 Kings 19:1–21	Ephesians 3:1–21
Th	2 Kings 2:1–18	Ephesians 4:1–24
F	2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7	Eph. 4:25–5:14
Sa	2 Kings 4:8–22, 32–37	Ephesians 5:15–33

### The Lord's Prayer

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

*What is the Introduction?* Our Father who art in heaven.

*What does this mean?* With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

*What is the First Petition?* Hallowed be Thy name.

*What does this mean?* God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

*How is God's name kept holy?* God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light. LSB 628:6

### 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 of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Readings for next Sunday, September 7

Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Pss 1 (v. 6) & Ps 90 (v. 12);  
Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–35