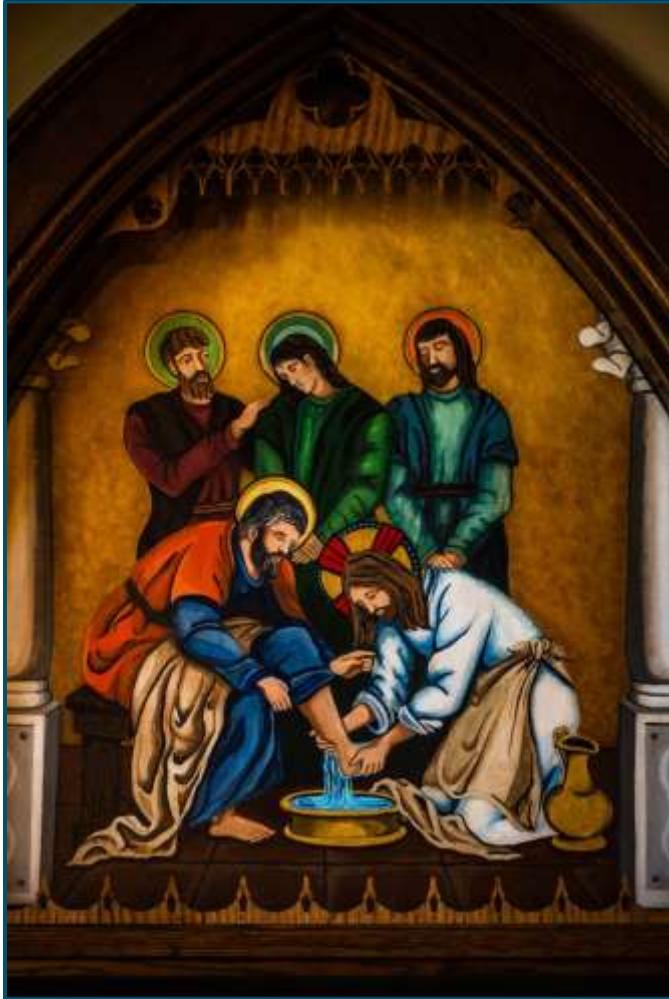


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# *Divine Service*



*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	Jeremy Henrikson
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	Simeon Gregory, Liam McGuire

## Prayer for Worship

*Before Holy Communion:* O God, grant that the body and blood of Christ Jesus, once offered on the altar of the cross as the full and only atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world and given us on this altar to eat and to drink, will nourish and strengthen us until at last we gather at the heavenly banquet to feast with the Lamb and all His saints; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*After Holy Communion:* O Lord Jesus Christ, you have richly fed and refreshed my soul. Help me to love you with all my heart, truly believe in you, and live according to your will. Finally, grant me a blessed and joyful end that I may live and remain with you forever. Amen.

## Preparation for Confession

Galatians 5:22–23: But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

*Questions for self-examination*

- Am I faithful in word and deed?
- Do I practice chastity—being chaste and decent in my thoughts, words, and deeds?
- Do I guard the holiness given to me in Christ by the Holy Spirit?

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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE: TLH 3 & TEXT: LSB 902

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| <p>1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;<br/>Our hearts in true devotion bow.<br/>Your Spirit send with light divine,<br/>And let Your truth within us shine.</p> <p>2 Unseal our lips to sing Your praise<br/>In endless hymns through all our days.<br/>Increase our faith and light our minds;<br/>And set us free from doubt that blinds.</p> | <p>3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,<br/>"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"<br/>And in the light of that blest place<br/>We then shall see You face to face.</p> <p>△ 4 All glory to the Father, Son,<br/>And Holy Spirit, Three in One!<br/>To You, O blessed Trinity,<br/>Be praise throughout eternity!</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 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.**

*I hope for Your salvation, O LORD,*  
**and I do Your commandments.**

*I rejoice at Your word*  
**like one who finds great spoil.**

*Seven times a day I praise You*  
**for Your just and righteous decrees.**

*Great peace have those who love Your law;*  
**nothing can make them stumble.**

*My soul keeps Your testimonies;*  
**I love them exceedingly.**

## 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, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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: Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

*Psalm 62; antiphon v. 1*

*For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.*

**He only is my Rock and my Salvation, my Fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

*How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?*

**They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.**

**They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him.*

**He only is my Rock and my Salvation, my Fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

*On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty Rock, my Refuge is God.*

**Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.**

*Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;*

*in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.*

**Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;**

**if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

*Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,*

*and that to You, O LORD, belongs steadfast love.*

**For You will render to a man according to his work.**

**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.**

*For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.*

*from the Letters: 2 Timothy 1:1–14*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*the Holy Gospel: Luke 17:1–10*

**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,**

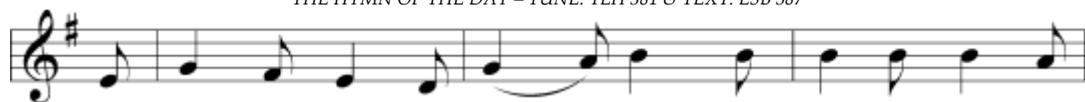
**and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father,  
and He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead,  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**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 worshipped 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 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  
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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.

# *The Sermon*

*Luke 17:1–10*

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. Through Him Your majesty is praised by all the holy angels and celebrated with one accord by the heavens and all the powers therein. The cherubim and seraphim sing Your praise, and with them 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.**

**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 103:13–22 (antiphon: v. 1)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 27 & TEXT: LSB 814

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| <p><b>1 O bless the Lord, my soul!</b><br/> <b>Let all within me join</b><br/> <b>And aid my tongue to bless His name</b><br/> <b>Whose favors are divine.</b></p>      | <p><b>4 He crowns thy life with love</b><br/> <b>When ransomed from the grave;</b><br/> <b>He that redeemed my soul from hell</b><br/> <b>Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>2 O bless the Lord, my soul,</b><br/> <b>Nor let His mercies lie</b><br/> <b>Forgotten in unthankfulness</b><br/> <b>And without praises die!</b></p>             | <p><b>5 He fills the poor with good;</b><br/> <b>He gives the suff'ers rest.</b><br/> <b>The Lord hath judgments for the proud</b><br/> <b>And justice for th'oppressed.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3 'Tis He forgives thy sins;</b><br/> <b>'Tis He relieves thy pain;</b><br/> <b>'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses</b><br/> <b>And makes thee young again.</b></p> | <p><b>6 His wondrous works and ways</b><br/> <b>He made by Moses known,</b><br/> <b>But sent the world His truth and grace</b><br/> <b>By His beloved Son.</b></p>               |

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;<br/>My soul, believe and doubt it not.<br/>Why stagger at this word of promise?<br/>Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?<br/>No! Then this word must true remain:<br/>By grace you too will life obtain.</li> <li>2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;<br/>Our works and conduct have no worth.<br/>God in His love sent our Redeemer,<br/>Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;<br/>His death did for our sins atone,<br/>And we are saved by grace alone.</li> <li>3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,<br/>Came down to earth to bear our sin.<br/>Was it because of your own merit<br/>That Jesus died your soul to win?<br/>No, it was grace, and grace alone,<br/>That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;<br/>As long as God is true, it stands.<br/>What saints have penned by inspiration,<br/>What in His Word our God commands,<br/>Our faith in what our God has done<br/>Depends on grace—grace through His Son.</li> <li>5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,<br/>In tribulation's furnace tried,<br/>By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,<br/>The Father's heart is open wide.<br/>Where could I help and strength secure<br/>If grace were not my anchor sure?</li> <li>6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;<br/>In Jesus' promise I rejoice;<br/>For though I know my heart's condition,<br/>I also know my Savior's voice.<br/>My heart is glad, all grief has flown<br/>Since I am saved by grace alone.</li> </ol> |
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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. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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 CLOSING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: TLH 54

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*This hymn can be sung from The Lutheran Hymnal in the pew, hymn #54.*

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more.**
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer be Thou still my Strength and Shield.**
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.**

# 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	Deuteronomy 5:1–21	Matthew 8:18–34
M	Deuteronomy 5:22–6:9	Matthew 9:1–17
Tu	Deuteronomy 6:10–25	Matthew 9:18–38
W	Deuteronomy 7:1–19	Matthew 10:1–23
Th	Deuteronomy 8:1–20	Matthew 10:24–42
F	Deuteronomy 9:1–22	Matthew 11:1–19
Sa	Deut. 9:23–10:22	Matthew 11:20–30

### The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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

*What is Baptism?* Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

*Which is that word of God?* Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:19)

*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)

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### Verse for Meditation

If your brother sins, rebuke him,  
and if he repents, forgive him. Luke 17:3b

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

*LSB 637:2*

### 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, our refuge and strength, the author of all  
godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your  
Church. Grant that those things which we ask in  
faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy;  
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### Readings for next Sunday, October 12

Ruth 1:1–19a; Pss 111 (v. 10) & 116:8–19 (vv 12–13);  
2 Timothy 2:1–13; Luke 17:11–19