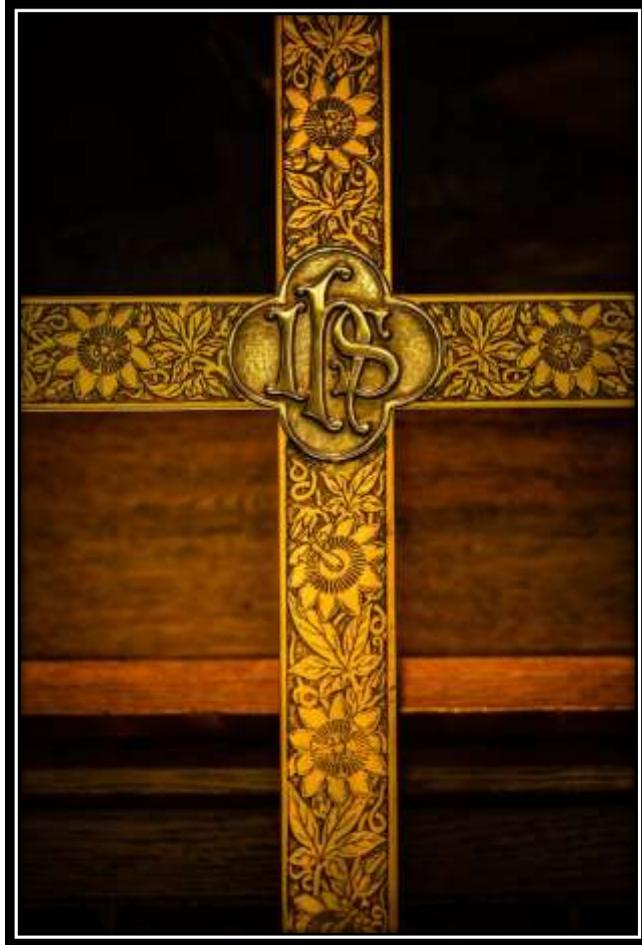


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# *Divine Service*



*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 and lower elementary meet in the basement, elementary students in the teller room and Pastor's study, junior high and high school at the parsonage, and adults in the sanctuary.

## Serving in Worship Today

Preacher & Celebrant	Pastor Peter Gregory
Liturgist	Tim Terhune
Organist	Anne Bennet
Acolytes	William Jackson, Liam McGuire

## Prayers for Worship

*For life as a baptized child of God:* Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own possession. Grant that our lives may evidence the working of Your Holy Spirit in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, according to the image of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*For the Holy Spirit:* Almighty God, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Preparation for Confession

The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

*Questions for self-examination*

- Am I angry?
- Have I injured my neighbor by ridicule, by neglecting to feed or clothe him, or by withholding compassion and comfort from him?

## Cover Illustration

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THE OPENING HYMN— TUNE: TLH 371 & TEXT: RMH

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| 1 The Water shines with love and grace;<br>The grave of fear, the fount of peace,<br>Where from the heavy Law's demands,<br>We sinners find, at last, release. | 4 At this dear place we died to live<br>As, in our place, He lived to die.<br>Sin for His righteousness we gave;<br>Our doom, for His bright destiny.   |
| 2 Let earth and hell combine to search—<br>Our many sins shall not be found!<br>Beneath the bright baptizing waves<br>The damning evidence is drowned.         | 5 Oh, stainless, endless second birth<br>The Spirit and the water give!<br>The Father's children once were lost;<br>Were dead and now, behold, we live! |
| 3 Our sentence served, our judgment done,<br>Here with our Savior we have died,<br>Buried with Him and done with sin<br>As Jesus Christ the Crucified.         | 6 O baptized sinner, rise and walk!<br>Lay hold of grace; believe His Word!<br>Present yourself, as from the dead,<br>Joyfully to your joyful Lord!     |

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 Anthony Gonzalez*

*During the baptismal liturgy, 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.***

*What do you believe? **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. 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. I 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. Amen.***



*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*

*But his delight is in the law of the LORD;  
and in His law doth he meditate day and night.*

*And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season;  
his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

*The ungodly are not so:  
but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.*

*Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*

*For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:  
but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Let us pray.*

> *Silence for personal prayers.* <

*Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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: Micah 6:1–8*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 15; antiphon v. 16:1

*Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.*

*O LORD, who shall sojourn in Your tent? Who shall dwell on Your holy hill?*

**He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart;**

*who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor,*

*nor takes up a reproach against his friend;*

**in whose eyes a vile person is despised, but who honors those who fear the LORD;**

*who swears to his own hurt and does not change; who does not put out his money at interest*

*and does not take a bribe against the innocent.*

**He who does these things shall never be moved.**

**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.**

*Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.*

*from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12*

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

*After the reading:*

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

THE HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 842

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| <p>1 Son of God, eternal Savior,<br/>Source of life and truth and grace,<br/>Word made flesh, whose birth among us<br/>Hallows all our human race,<br/>You our Head, who, throned in glory,<br/>For Your own will ever plead:<br/>Fill us with Your love and pity,<br/>Heal our wrongs, and help our need.</p> <p>2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,<br/>So may we for others live.<br/>Freely have Your gifts been granted;<br/>Freely may Your servants give.<br/>Yours the gold and Yours the silver,<br/>Yours the wealth of land and sea;<br/>We but stewards of Your bounty<br/>Held in solemn trust will be.</p> | <p>3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,<br/>King of love and Prince of Peace;<br/>Hush the storm of strife and passion,<br/>Bid its cruel discords cease.<br/>By Your patient years of toiling,<br/>By Your silent hours of pain,<br/>Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,<br/>Stem our selfish greed of gain.</p> <p>4 Son of God, eternal Savior,<br/>Source of life and truth and grace,<br/>Word made flesh, whose birth among us<br/>Hallows all our human race:<br/>By Your praying, by Your willing<br/>That Your people should be one,<br/>Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:<br/>Here on earth Your will be done.</p> |
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## *The Sermon*

*Micah 6:1–8*

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*

*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:*

*. . . 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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.**

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 baptized and instructed. Our pastor will be very glad to provide this instruction for 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 40:1–11 (antiphon: v. 3)*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE: TLH 127 & TEXT: LSB 397*

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| <p><b>1</b> As with gladness men of old<br/>         Did the guiding star behold;<br/>         As with joy they hailed its light,<br/>         Leading onward, beaming bright;<br/>         So, most gracious Lord, may we<br/>         Evermore be led by Thee.</p> | <p><b>3</b> As they offered gifts most rare<br/>         At Thy cradle, rude and bare,<br/>         So may we with holy joy,<br/>         Pure and free from sin's alloy,<br/>         All our costliest treasures bring,<br/>         Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.</p> |
| <p><b>2</b> As with joyful steps they sped,<br/>         Savior, to Thy lowly bed,<br/>         There to bend the knee before<br/>         Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;<br/>         So may we with willing feet<br/>         Ever seek Thy mercy seat.</p>    | <p><b>4</b> Holy Jesus, ev'ry day<br/>         Keep us in the narrow way;<br/>         And when earthly things are past,<br/>         Bring our ransomed souls at last<br/>         Where they need no star to guide,<br/>         Where no clouds Thy glory hide.</p>         |
| <p><b>5</b> In the heav'nly country bright<br/>         Need they no created light;<br/>         Thou its light, its joy, its crown,<br/>         Thou its sun which goes not down;<br/>         There forever may we sing<br/>         Alleluias to our King.</p>   |  |

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- 1 Joyful fear and trembling praise,  
O Lord Christ, to You we raise,  
Like the Gentiles from afar  
Summoned by the calling star.  
Righteous Branch of Jesse's Stem,  
Shepherd-King of Bethlehem,  
Pow'r and love around You shine,  
God Incarnate! Man Divine!
- 2 Baptized here for us below  
In earth's water and earth's woe,  
Filled with might and full of grace  
In the Holy Ghost's embrace,  
Underneath the tearing sky,  
God's Beloved from on high!  
Pow'r and love around You shine,  
God Incarnate! Man Divine!
- 3 Son of Man and sinners' King,  
All our sorrows carrying,  
In Your mercy making whole  
Crippled limb and crippled soul,  
God of God and Light of Light,  
Granting eyes and spirits sight,  
Pow'r and love around You shine,  
God Incarnate! Man Divine!
- 4 Christ, who hearts and bodies fed  
Sudden wine and wondrous bread,  
Christ, who walked upon the sea,  
Stilling storms in majesty,  
Christ, who spoke and demons fled,  
Christ, who spoke and waked the dead,  
Pow'r and love around You shine,  
God Incarnate! Man Divine
- 5 Grant us grace to see You, Lord,  
Mirrored in Your Holy Word.  
May we imitate You here  
And be pure when You appear  
That we all like You may be  
At Your Great Epiphany,  
And like stars around You shine,  
God Incarnate! Man Divine!
- 6 Sun and moon will darkened be.  
Stars will fall; the skies will flee.  
All will then the trumpet hear.  
All will see their God appear.  
All will kneel and all confess,  
"Christ is Lord!" in dread or bliss;  
Like the lightning You will shine,  
God Incarnate! Man Divine!

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,  
You are her one foundation;  
In You she trusts, before You bows,  
And waits for Your salvation.  
Built on this rock secure,  
Your Church shall endure  
Though all the world decay  
And all things pass away.  
O hear, O hear us, Jesus!
- 2 O Lord, let this Your little flock,  
Your name alone confessing,  
Continue in Your loving care,  
True unity possessing.  
Your sacraments, O Lord,  
And Your saving Word  
To us, Lord, pure retain.  
Grant that they may remain  
Our only strength and comfort.

3 Help us to serve You evermore  
With hearts both pure and lowly;  
And may Your Word, that light divine,  
Shine on in splendor holy  
That we repentance show,  
In faith ever grow;  
The pow'r of sin destroy  
And evils that annoy.  
O make us faithful Christians.

4 And for Your Gospel let us dare  
To sacrifice all treasure;  
Teach us to bear Your blessèd cross,  
To find in You all pleasure.  
O grant us steadfastness  
In joy and distress,  
Lest we, Lord, You forsake.  
Let us by grace partake  
Of endless joy and gladness.

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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.*

*THE CLOSING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 805, A CAPPELLA*

△ **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

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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	Zechariah 11:4–17	2 Timothy 4:1–18
M	Zechariah 12:1–13:9	Titus 1:1–2:6
Tu	Zechariah 14:1–21	Titus 2:7–3:15
W	Job 1:1–22	John 1:1–18
Th	Job 2:1–3:10	John 1:19–34
F	Job 3:11–26	John 1:35–51
Sa	Job 4:1–21	John 2:1–12

### The Table of Duties

*Certain passages of Scripture for various holy orders and positions,  
admonishing them about their duties and responsibilities.*

*What the Hearers Owe Their Pastors*

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 1 Thess. 5:12–13

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. Heb. 13:17

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### Verse for Meditation

He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day  
Keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past,  
Bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide,  
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.      LSB 397:4

### 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

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Readings for next Sunday, February 1

Isaiah 58:3–9a; Psalms 112:1–9 (v. 4) & 27:1–14 (v. 1);  
1 Corinthians 2:1–16; Matthew 5:13–20