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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	Tom Connell
Organist	Mary Gregory
Acolytes	Laz Gregory, Andrew Gull

## Prayers for Worship

*For blessing on the Word:* Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*For likeness to Christ:* O God, by the patient suffering of Your only-begotten Son You have beaten down the pride of the old enemy. Now help us, we humbly pray, rightly to treasure in our hearts all that our Lord has of His goodness borne for our sake that following His blessed example we may bear with patience all that is adverse to us; 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*

- Do I hate or am I angry with anyone?
- Am I abusive in word or deed toward my spouse, children, or anyone else?

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THE OPENING HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 904

**1 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word  
We are gathered all to hear You.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
Now to seek and love and fear You,  
By Your teachings, sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love You solely.**

**2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till Your Spirit breaks our night  
With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us;  
You must work all good within us.**

**3 Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind;  
Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

**△ 4 Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,  
Praise to You and adoration!  
Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
Confident of our salvation,  
While we here below must wander,  
Till we sing Your praises yonder.**

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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 to 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.**

*Blessèd are You, O LORD;*

**teach me Your statutes!**

*How can a young man keep his way pure?*

**By guarding it according to Your word.**

*With my whole heart I seek You;*

**let me not wander from Your commandments!**

*I have stored up Your word in my heart,*

**that I might not sin against you.**

*Blessèd are You, O LORD;*

**teach me Your statutes!**

*With my lips I declare*

**all the just decrees of Your mouth.**

*In the way of Your testimonies I delight*

**as much as in all riches.**

*I will meditate on Your precepts*

**and fix my eyes on Your ways.**

*I will delight in Your statutes;*

**I will not forget Your word.**

## 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 OF THE DAY

*Let us pray.*

> Silence for personal prayers. <

O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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: Isaiah 58:3–9a*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 112:1–9; antiphon v. 4

*Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; He is gracious, merciful, and righteous.*

*Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,  
who greatly delights in His commandments!*

**His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

*Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.*

**Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; He is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

*It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.*

**For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.**

*He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.*

**His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

*He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever;  
his horn is exalted in honor.*

**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.**

*Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; He is gracious, merciful, and righteous.*

*from the Letters: 1 Corinthians 2:1–16*

*After the reading:*

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*from the Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13–20*

**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.**

THE HYMN OF THE DAY – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 578

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| <p><b>1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;<br/>At Thy speaking it was done.<br/>For created light we thank Thee,<br/>While Thine ordered seasons run.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!</b></p> | <p><b>2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,<br/>Dark as night and deep as death,<br/>Broke the light of Thy salvation,<br/>Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Praise to Thee who light dost send!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!</b></p> |
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- 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 Sermon*

*Matthew 5:13–20*

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 Installation of Church Council*

### *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.**

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 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 27:1–6, 11–14 (antiphon: v. 1)*

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 398*

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| <p><b>1 Hail to the Lord’s anointed,<br/>Great David’s greater Son!<br/>Hail, in the time appointed,<br/>His reign on earth begun!<br/>He comes to break oppression,<br/>To set the captive free,<br/>To take away transgression<br/>And rule in equity.</b></p> <p><b>2 He comes with rescue speedy<br/>To those who suffer wrong,<br/>To help the poor and needy<br/>And bid the weak be strong;<br/>To give them songs for sighing,<br/>Their darkness turn to light,<br/>Whose souls, condemned and dying,<br/>Were precious in His sight.</b></p> | <p><b>3 He shall come down like showers<br/>Upon the fruitful earth;<br/>Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,<br/>Spring in His path to birth.<br/>Before Him on the mountains<br/>Shall peace, the herald, go;<br/>And righteousness in fountains<br/>From hill to valley flow.</b></p> <p><b>4 Kings shall fall down before Him<br/>And gold and incense bring;<br/>All nations shall adore Him,<br/>His praise all people sing.<br/>To Him shall prayer unceasing<br/>And daily vows ascend;<br/>His kingdom still increasing,<br/>A kingdom without end.</b></p> <p><b>5 O’er ev’ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,<br/>From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all-blest.<br/>The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;<br/>His name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.</b></p> |
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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 579*

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| <p>1 The Law of God is good and wise<br/>And sets His will before our eyes,<br/>Shows us the way of righteousness,<br/>And dooms to death when we transgress.</p> <p>2 Its light of holiness imparts<br/>The knowledge of our sinful hearts<br/>That we may see our lost estate<br/>And turn from sin before too late.</p> <p>3 To those who help in Christ have found<br/>And would in works of love abound<br/>It shows what deeds are His delight<br/>And should be done as good and right.</p> | <p>4 But those who scornfully disdain<br/>God's Law shall then in sin remain;<br/>Its terror in their ear resounds<br/>And keeps their wickedness in bounds.</p> <p>5 The Law is good; but since the fall<br/>Its holiness condemns us all;<br/>It dooms us for our sin to die<br/>And has no pow'r to justify.</p> <p>6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,<br/>Who from the curse has set us free,<br/>And humbly worship at His throne,<br/>Saved by His grace through faith alone.</p> |
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*DISTRIBUTION HYMN – TUNE & TEXT: LSB 580*

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| <p>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.</p> <p>2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,<br/>Who made the atoning sacrifice,<br/>And calls the souls with guilt oppressed<br/>To come and find eternal rest.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
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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.

*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 &amp; TEXT: LSB 921

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| <p><b>1 On what has now been sown</b><br/>Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;<br/>The pow'r is Thine alone<br/>To make it sprout and grow.<br/>Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,<br/>And Thou alone shalt have the praise!</p> | <p><b>2 To Thee our wants are known,</b><br/>From Thee are all our pow'rs;<br/>Accept what is Thine own<br/>And pardon what is ours.<br/>Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,<br/>And to Thy Word a blessing give.</p> |
| <p><b>3 O grant that each of us,</b><br/>Now met before Thee here,<br/>May meet together thus<br/>When Thou and Thine appear<br/>And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.<br/>E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!</p>           |   |

# 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	Job 5:1–27	John 2:13–25
M	Job 6:1–13	John 3:1–21
Tu	Job 6:14–30	John 3:22–4:6
W	Job 7:1–21	John 4:7–26
Th	Job 8:1–22	John 4:27–45
F	Job 9:1–35	John 4:46–54
Sa	Job 10:1–22	John 5:1–18

### The Table of Duties

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

*Of Civil Government (Romans 13:1–4):* Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

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### Verse for Meditation

Let your light shine before others,  
so that they may see your good works  
and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16b

### Hymn

*The hymn stanza may be sung or spoken.*

To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

LSB 579:6

### 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, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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 the Transfiguration, February 15

Exodus 24:8–18; Psalms 2:6–12 (v. 6) & 99 (v. 9);  
2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9