



# OUR SAVIOR

LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Sunday Divine Service 8:00am & 10:30am**  
Bible Study & Sunday School: 9:30am  
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***At Our Savior Lutheran Church we live to make Christ known.***

**Monthly Memory Verse:**

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."  
John 8:12

**Welcome to Our Savior's Lutheran Church!** We are glad that you are here to hear God's Word and share His gifts with us. We thank God that He comes to us again to forgive us our sins and prepare us for eternal life today, and we are grateful that He has brought you here to be with us.

Each week we receive the Sacrament of the Altar where the Lord Jesus comes to us with His body and blood for us to eat and drink. In this sacred meal our Lord forgives our sins and strengthens us to live faithfully in communion with Him and with each other. For us this is a family meal and Christ's expectations of us are important. If you are not an active participant in the Our Savior's family or one of our sister congregations in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod we would ask you to join our family before sharing this sacrament with us. For those not communing we would love for you to join us at the table as a sign of Christian unity. Simply cross your arms over your chest and our pastors will give you a blessing from the Lord. If you have any questions about this or are new here our pastors would love to talk with you. God bless you!

**On the Cover:** *The Last Judgment*, Hieronymus Bosch, 1482

**Serving today:**

Liturgist.....Rev. John H. Koopman  
Preacher .....Rev. Adam M. Matheny  
Organist .....Edith Williams  
Elder of the Day ..... [8:00] Gaylen Lenz; [10:30] Judd Schultz  
Acolytes..... [8:00] Elijah Matheny; Henry Matheny  
..... [10:30] Peter Bittner; Jimmy Bittner  
Sacristan ..... [8:00] Kevin Hermanson; [10:30] Mark Senne  
Usher Team.... [8:00] Team 1: Gary Rabenhorst, Dalton Ling, Lucas Bjortomt  
.....[10:30] Team 1: Lon & Kathy Whitehead, John Bittner  
A/V Tech .....Zak Tess

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs  
December 28, 2025

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: “By All Your Saints in Warfare”

LSB 517

*sts. 1, 2, 3*

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,  
For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus,  
Forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle  
That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory  
Reflected from Your throne.
- 9 Holy Innocents, Martyrs (December 28)  
All praise for infant martyrs,  
Whom Your mysterious love  
Called early from their warfare  
To share Your home above.  
O Rachel, cease your weeping;  
They rest from earthly cares!  
Lord, grant us crowns as brilliant  
And faith as sure as theirs.

- △ 3 Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow’r and glory  
And praise to God alone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.  
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*Stand*

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

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth Your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with Your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 31:15–17*

<sup>15</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,  
lamentation and bitter weeping.  
Rachel is weeping for her children;  
she refuses to be comforted for her children,  
because they are no more.”

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Keep your voice from weeping,  
and your eyes from tears,  
for there is a reward for your work,  
declares the LORD,  
and they shall come back from the land of the enemy.

<sup>17</sup>There is hope for your future,

declares the LORD,  
and your children shall come back to their own country.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The LORD Upholds My Life

<sup>1</sup>O God, save me, | by your name,\*  
and vindicate me | by your might.

<sup>2</sup>O God, | hear my prayer;\*  
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen against me;  
ruthless men | seek my life,\*  
they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my | helper,\*  
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

<sup>5</sup>He will return the evil to my | enemies;\*  
in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

<sup>6</sup>With a freewill offering I will sacri- | fice to you;\*  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for | it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For he has delivered me from every | trouble,\*  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## Epistle

*Revelation 14:1–5*

## The Lamb and the 144,000

<sup>1</sup>Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

<sup>2</sup>And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, <sup>3</sup>and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. <sup>4</sup>It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, <sup>5</sup>and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

LSB 190



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 2:13–18*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

## The Flight to Egypt

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

## Herod Kills the Children

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah,  
weeping and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

*Sit*

### Hymn of the Day: "Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band" LSB 969

- 1 Sweet flow'rets of the martyr band,  
Plucked by the tyrant's ruthless hand  
Upon the threshold of the morn,  
Like rosebuds by a tempest torn;
- 2 First victims for the incarnate Lord,  
A tender flock to feel the sword;  
Beside the altar's ruddy ray,  
With palm and crown, you seemed to play.
- 3 Ah, what availed King Herod's wrath?  
He could not stop the Savior's path.  
Alone, while others murdered lay,  
In safety Christ is borne away.

- △ 4 O Lord, the virgin-born, we sing  
Eternal praise to You, our King,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348–c. 413; tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.  
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## Sermon

*Stand*

Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** 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. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 195*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**P** 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

**Distribution Hymns:**

**LSB 864**

**“Shepherd of Tender Youth”**

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth,  
Guiding in love and truth  
Through devious ways;  
Christ, our triumphant king,  
We come Your name to sing  
And here our children bring  
To join Your praise.
- 2 You are the holy Lord,  
O all-subduing Word,  
Healer of strife.  
Yourself You did abase  
That from sin’s deep disgrace  
You so might save our race  
And give us life.
- 3 You are the great High Priest;  
You have prepared the feast  
Of holy love;  
And in our mortal pain  
None calls on You in vain;  
Our plea do not disdain;  
Help from above.
- 4 O ever be our guide,  
Our shepherd, and our pride,  
Our staff and song.  
Jesus, O Christ of God,  
By Your enduring Word  
Lead us where You have trod;  
Make our faith strong.
- 5 So now, and till we die,  
Sound we Your praises high  
And joyful sing:  
Infants and all the throng,  
Who to the Church belong,  
Unite to swell the song  
To Christ, our king!

Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt.  
Text: Public domain

## “Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
Text: Public domain

## “O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”

LSB 666

- 1 O little flock, fear not the foe  
Who madly seeks your overthrow;  
Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
And though your courage sometimes faints,  
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints  
Lasts but a little hour.
- 2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs  
To Him who can avenge your wrongs;  
Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,  
His Gideon shall for you arise,  
Uphold you and His Word.
- 3 As true as God's own Word is true,  
Not earth nor hell's satanic crew  
Against us shall prevail.  
Their might? A joke, a mere facade!  
God is with us and we with God—  
Our vict'ry cannot fail.

4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer;  
 Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,  
 Fight for us once again!  
 So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise  
 A mighty chorus to Thy praise  
 Forevermore. Amen.

Text: Jacob Fabricius, 1593–1654; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn: “What Child Is This”

LSB 370

- 1    What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
      On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
      While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
      Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
      The babe, the son of Mary!
  
- 2    Why lies He in such mean estate  
      Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
      The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
      Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
      The babe, the son of Mary!
  
- 3    So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
      Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
      Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
      Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
      The babe, the son of Mary!

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