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Trinity Divine Service III

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor after the service, and we pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

ATTENDANCE REGISTER: During the offering we ask that you sign the attendance register located at the center aisle of each pew. **Please hand the filled in sheet to the usher as you exit at the end of the service. Let the usher know if you don't have a pad in your pew.**

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION may be found in the opening cover of the hymnals in each pew. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer.

+SERVING TODAY+

Preacher/Celebrant: Pr. Roemke

Elder: Todd Walther

Ushers: Mark Varvil & Roger Jeschke

Greeters: Sandra Babel & Vicky Nelson

Organist: Lauri Trapp

Altar Guild: Bonnie Griepentrog & Kris Kochman

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided Scott & Kate Tobalsky in honor of Jacob's birthday.

Stand

Invocation

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

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124



Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
 and right are your | just decrees.
 Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
 and teach me your | statutes.

Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the LORD!
Blessèd are those who keep his testi- | monies,*
who seek him with their | whole heart.

Oh that my ways may be | steadfast*
 in keeping your | statutes!
 Then I shall not be | put to shame,*
 having my eyes fixed on all your com- | mandments.

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.

Righteous are you, | O LORD,*
 and right are your | just decrees.
 Deal with your servant according to your | steadfast love,*
 and teach me your | statutes.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:6–14

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

¹¹A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.
¹²Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold
is a wise reprover to a listening ear.
¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest
is a faithful messenger to those who send him;
he refreshes the soul of his masters.

¹⁴Like clouds and wind without rain
is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 33:12, 6



**Blessèd is the nation whose God | is the LORD,*
the people whom he has chosen as his | heritage!
By the word of the LORD the heav- | ens were made,*
and by the breath of his mouth | all their host.**

Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–6

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

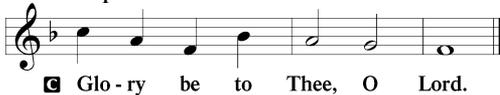
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 14:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.



¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him

away. ⁵And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Seek Where You May to Find a Way

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Prayer of the Church

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our nation's armed forces: DuWayne Griepentrog, Exor Padro, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Andy Warren, Evan Smith, Austin Nehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ Shut-ins: Lillian Sciortino, Myrtle Meier, Ernie Kapellusch, Wally and Gloria Pipkorn.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Karin Zuehls (Jeff's aunt), Richard Schneider (Kathleen Judson's father), Carol Vescova, Carol Hernandez, Ron Hulke, Jason Stephans, Gail Kulbacki, Richard Cleereman, Kate Tobalsky (recovering from surgery), and Mike Ricchio (nephew of Kathy Shafer).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 18, 2016+

- ✘ **DOOR OFFERING:** Thank you for your generous giving to the family of Pr. Michael Stock recently. We were able to send \$485 to help his family during their difficult time.
- ✘ **HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY:** The High Schoolers will be having topical Bible studies this year. So far the topics include: Transgenderism, The Vocation of Citizen, Marriage, Addictions, Life Issues, Christian Persecution, Stem Cells, Comparative Denominations, Communion Issues, and How to Stay a Christian in College. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join us.
- ✘ **OKTOBERFEST:** This year's Oktoberfest fundraiser will be on Friday, October 14th. Brats and schnitzel will be served. New this year is a live polka band, a keg of Sprecher's root beer, and a group theme category for the costume contest. A sign-up sheet is posted in the hallway by the kitchen for help with food donations and volunteering.

This year's proceeds will benefit Lutheran Public Radio, producer of Issues, Etc. Please see Lesa if you would like to help or if you have any questions.

- ✘ **NEW CHAIRS AND TABLES** have been purchased for the fellowship hall. We will be discarding the old wooden-seated chairs after next Sunday. If you would like to take some home, please do so.
- ✘ **A FRIENDLY REMINDER:** Please take a moment before you leave your pew to make sure things are in order. If you see bulletins, tissues, water bottles, pencils, crayons, etc. please pick them up and dispose of them properly. Also, take a moment to put hymnals back in the racks. Thanks!

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$3,584
Lord's Work Received 9/11-9/17:	\$
Difference Received vs. Needed:	
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	

ATTENDANCE 9/11: 149

Communed: 121

+UPCOMING EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

Saturday	Oct. 1	10:00 am	Altar Guild Meeting
Friday	Oct. 14	5:30 pm	Oktoberfest
Saturday	Oct. 15	6:30 pm	Lutheran Confessions Study
Thursday	Oct. 20	6:30 pm	Parish Planning Meeting

BIRTHDAYS

9/19	Kevin Brothers
	Henry Grenyo
9/20	Jacob Tobalsky
9/21	Peter Mallmann
	Cheryl Piel
9/23	Miles Cleereman

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/18	Diana Dissen
9/19	Michelle Carpenter
	Grant Noble
	Henry Grenyo
9/22	John Hernandez

ANNIVERSARIES

9/20 Jason & Allison Stephans (13)