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Divine Service IV

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

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 are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Preacher/Celebrant: Rev. Paul Ficken

Greeter: Donna Boyd

Organist: Evone Hagerman

Altar Guild: Tamara Weathersby & Pam DelFrate

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Bill Colombe, for Doris, who always gave the flowers at this time in memory of her sister Arlene'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. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b

God is in His holy habitation;

[He] settles the solitary in a home.

The God of Israel—He is the one

who gives power and strength to His people.

God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered;

and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy!

O God, when You went out before Your people,

in Your goodness, O God, You provided for the needy.

Blessèd be the Lord, who daily bears us up;

God is our salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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who gives power and strength to His people.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who

lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, You have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Gradual

Ps. 28:7b, 1a, 2a

**In [God] my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,
hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help.**

Epistle

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of

disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9–14

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

LSB 559

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offering may be left at either of the doors to the sanctuary

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Preface

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Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB 686

Just as I Am, without One Plea

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Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benedicamus and Benediction

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490

+VDMA+

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum

The Word of the Lord endures forever

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Kevin Boyd, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Rianon Padro, Sean Gleason, Dan Bruins, Rick Zuehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ For the Nevius Family, in thanksgiving for the birth of Colleen.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Thomas Kotenko (colleague of Jeff Zuehls), Ken Krause and Steve Matthews (friends of Anita Brothers), Alberta Helmke, Jonah Johnson (Casey Blair's cousin), Sean Esser (relative of John Winter), Harvey Schiefelbein (Cheryl Piel's father), David Kristopeit (Linda Polcin's brother-in-law), Christine (Sandra Babel's mother), Donna Primuth, Betty Boness, Justin & Josh (brothers of Gabby Nevius), and Dick Mikkelsen (cousin of Anita Brothers).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23+

- ✘ **BIBLE STUDY:** There will be no Bible study the next few weeks. We will resume after Labor Day.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,460
Lord's Work Received 8/16-8/22:	5,213
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+753
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+215

ATTENDANCE 8/16: 71

Communed: 64

BIRTHDAYS

8/26 Marlene Mallow
8/27 Shirley Moe
8/28 Joan Chianelli
8/29 Garrett Koch
Dorothy McConville

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

8/23 Anna Walther
8/26 Betty Boness
DuWayne Griepentrog
8/27 Robert Zuehls
8/29 Betsy Schmeiser
Pam Sommer
Luke Bertz

ANNIVERSARIES

8/24 Bill & Fran Kroll (63 years)