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Sola Scriptura

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Divine Service I

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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+

Elder: Mike Martin

Ushers: Brent Jiter & Garrett Koch

Greeter: Lynda Koch

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: LeAnn Varvil & Jenny Beyer

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Mike & Debbie Snodgrass in memory of Doris Colombe.

Stand

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 44:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: Ps. 44:23, 25a, 26a



Awake! Why are You sleeping, | O Lord?*

Rouse Yourself! Do not reject us for- | ever!

For our soul is bowed down | to the dust.*

Rise up; come | to our help!

O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have | told us,*

what deeds You performed in their days, in the | days of old:

You with Your own hand drove out the nations, but them You |

planted;*

You afflicted the peoples, but them You | set free.

But You have saved us | from our foes*

and have put to shame those who | hate us.

In God we have boasted con- | tinually,*

and we will give thanks to Your name for- | ever.

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.

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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant
that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:10–13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth;
it shall not return to Me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Gradual

Ps. 83:18, 13



[Let your enemies] know that You alone, whose name | is the
LORD,*
are the Most High over | all the earth.
O my God, make them like | whirling dust,*
like chaff be- | fore the wind.

Epistle

Hebrews 4:9–13

⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from His.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

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Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 8:4–15

⁴When a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to [Jesus], He said in a parable: ⁵“A sower went out to sow His seed. And as He sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As He said these things, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹And when His disciples asked Him what this parable meant, ¹⁰He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard. Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”

Sit

May God Bestow on Us His Grace

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Sermon

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Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offertory

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You Will Go Out in Joy

Choir

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Distribution

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benediction

The Holy Word of God Endures Forever



Choir 1 The ho - ly Word of God en-dures for - ev - er With
All 2 Christ Je - sus is the con-tent of this writ - ing, The
Choir 3 O Spir - it—call-ing, gath-er-ing, u - nit - ing—Come,
All 4 The ho - ly Word of God en-dures for - ev - er! It



liv - ing truths the Spir - it has re - vealed. These
ban - ner of God's love for all un - furled, For
breathe Your life in all whose hope is lost And
comes to hearts where sin re - mains con - cealed, And



are not myths con - ceived by au - thors clev - er; They
through the Word the Fa - ther is in - vit - ing: "O
in such lives with pow - er come, ig - nit - ing The
like a two-edged sword, to pierce and sev - er, It



nev - er fade like flow - ers of the field. No
way - ward one, for - sake your reb - el world; No
flames of faith first lit on Pen - te - cost; To
cuts the heart so that it might be healed. With



*Scrip - ture came by hu - man in - spi - ra - tion; God
great - er gift I have than what I gave you— My
those long dead, the vic - tims of sin's vi - 'lence, To
Gos - pel salve re - new us, faith's Be - get - ter; Write*



*breathed His life in each and ev - 'ry part, So
on - ly Son for sin— that you might know The
all for - got - ten ca - sual - ties of strife, Now
liv - ing words, yet not with ink on stone, But*



*Christ, the Morn - ing Star of our sal - va - tion, Might
dis - tance that My grace stretched out to save you And
speak to dri - est bones and break the si - lence—Where
write up - on our hearts, that as Christ's let - ter We*



*dawn with sight for ev - 'ry blind - ed heart.
make your scar - let sins as white as snow."
there is death, now raise en - fleshed new life!
tell of how God saves by grace a - lone.*

+VDM A+

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever**

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✱ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, & veterans.
- ✱ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Michelle Knull, Gail Kulbacki, Roger & Sara Lyngen, Linda Polcin, Vernon Koch, Pat Tomsheck, Connie Bernhardt (mother of Mark Bernhardt), Yvonne Batsakis (mother of Kathy

Watson), Jane Gundlach, and Kathy Knutell.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23rd+

- ✧ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** At 9:30 am we will study a hymn. At 6:30 pm we will continue our discussion of the Book of Concord and close with Compline. This will be our last Wednesday evening study until after Easter.
- ✧ **NATIVE PRAIRIE RESTORATION COMMITTEE:** A committee has been formed to work toward the seeding of a natural prairie to the west of the parking lot, as was presented at the voter's meeting. At the first meeting on Saturday, March 1, from 9-10 am, the committee will discuss a fundraising and communication campaign, events, as well as the process to seed the prairie (likely this fall). If you would like to join this committee, feel free to attend the meeting. Contact Mary Jo Jiter with any questions.
- ✧ **MORTGAGE BURNING:** Next Sunday, we will have a mortgage retirement rite during the Divine Service with a mortgage burning and cake reception following.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 2/21:	\$38,124
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 2/21:	\$28,867
Difference:	-\$9,257
Restricted contributions YTD as of 2/21:	\$4,324

ATTENDANCE 2/16: 92

BIRTHDAYS		BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS	
2/24	Tatum Nehls	2/26	Hayley Weathersby
2/25	Scott Tobalsky		Payton Weathersby
2/27	Staci Szela		
	Artyom Varvil		
	Sergei Varvil		
2/28	Lena Roemke		
3/1	Stacey Cleereman		

ANNIVERSARIES

2/27 Mike & Dorothy McConville (26 years)