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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+

Elder: Mike Martin

Ushers: Scott Tobalsky & Doug Hill

Greeter: Deleen Nehls

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Kris Kochman & Kate Tobalsky

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Steve & Sarah Billings in memory of Ted and Jane Gundlach.

LSB 790

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Ps. 48:1a, 3, 11, 14; antiphon: Ps. 48:9–10



He will guide us for- | ever.

Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Grant to us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot do anything that is good without You, may be enabled by You to live according to Your will; 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

Jeremiah 23:16–29

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see and to hear His word,

or who has paid attention to His word and listened?

¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,

a whirling tempest;

it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until He has executed and accomplished
the intents of His heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

²¹“I did not send the prophets,

yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,

yet they prophesied.

²²But if they had stood in My council,

then they would have proclaimed My words to My people,

and they would have turned them from their evil way,

and from the evil of their deeds.

²³“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off?

²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make My people forget My name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot My name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has My word speak My word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat?

declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

Gradual

Ps. 31:2b, 1a



Be a rock of ref- | uge for me,*
a strong fortress to | save me!
In You, O LORD, do I take | refuge;*
let me never be | put to shame.

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15–23

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to Me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and do many mighty works in Your name?’ ²³And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

Nicene Creed

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Sit

In God, My Faithful God

LSB 745

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offertory Hymn - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

LSB 955

Sit

On Eagles' Wings

LSB 727

Choir sings verses, congregation sings refrain

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

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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Sit

Distribution

Our Father, by Whose Name

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Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

LSB 663

Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725

God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons

LSB 682

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

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Post-Communion Collect

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Benedicamus and Benediction

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917

+VDM A+

Verbum **D**omini **M**anet in **A**eternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Lena Roemke, Kendra Vallis, Rianon Asbury, Exavier Padro, and veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Michelle Knull, Linda Polcin, Anita Brothers, the Nevius Family, Nicole Padro (daughter of the Brayas), Jan Sandberg (mother of Jim Sandberg), Sarah Hagerman, Jim Knuth, Rachel Higginbotham (friend of the Roemke family), Carol (friend of Pam Sommer), Chuck Nielsen (brother of Sandy Martin), Arlene Maxwell & Sherry Blankenship (friends of Jim & Kathy Vescova), Karen Martin (mother of Robin Tegel), Mike Laughlin, Martin Von Dissen (uncle of Diana Dissen), and Jim Sheridan (brother of Anita Brothers).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26th+

- ✘ **KINGFISH GAME:** Today is the last day to buy Kingfish tickets for Wednesday, August 5th at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 each and include a free hat. Please submit cash or check made out to the Kenosha Kingfish to Lesa today.
- ✘ **SAVE THE DATE:** Our Oktoberfest Church Picnic will be Sunday, September 13th.

ATTENDANCE 7/19: 91

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 7/25/26

Weekly receipts for operating budget	\$3,433
Weekly need for operating budget	\$4,869
Difference	-\$1,436
Weekly long-term and fund receipts	\$630

BIRTHDAYS

7/27 James McConville
7/28 Nate Nevius
Kathy Watson
7/30 Luke Bertz
8/1 Rick Holtz

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

7/29 Allison Tillis
7/30 Mikaela McConville
8/1 Kris Kochman