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Divine Service III

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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: Tyler Nehls

Ushers: Kelvin Nelson & Scott Tobalsky

Greeter: Deleen Nehls

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Amy Vallis & Dorothy McConville

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by John Tomscheck.

Fellowship: Please join us for our Oktoberfest church picnic today.

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: Ps. 98:2



The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;*

He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- | tion for Him.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*

break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*

make a joyful noise before the | King, the LORD!

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.

The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;*

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself.

Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us

up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Gradual

Isaiah 49:22a; John 3:14b–15



**“Behold, I will lift up my hand to the | nations,*
and raise my signal to the peoples,” | [says the Lord.]
So must the Son of Man be | lifted up,*
that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Stand and face Gospel procession

Alleluia and Verse

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Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.

Gal. 6:14

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–33

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷“Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” ³³He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

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Sermon

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Prayer of the Church

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Cross of Jesus

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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

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Immediately after the service, we will process to the prairie cross to bless it.

Adoration of the Holy Cross, chanted by Pastor as we process.

We adore You, | O Lord,
and we praise and glorify Your holy resur- | rection.
For behold, by the wood | of Your cross*
joy has come into | all the world.
God be merciful to us and | bless us,*
and cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy up- | on us.*

When all have arrived:

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, St. Paul speaks of the importance of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, saying: “When I came to you, brothers, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.” By His death on the cross our Lord won salvation for us.

It is fitting that this cross be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer for our devotion and as a proclamation of His atoning work for us.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our eyes may ever behold our Savior and His cross, that we may not fear the power of any adversaries but rather rejoice in His victory for us; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

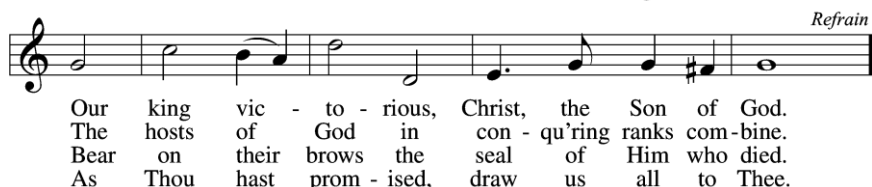
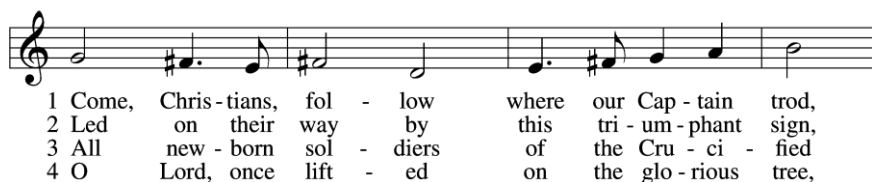
C Amen.

Blessing of the Cross

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless this cross and all who look upon it.

C Amen.

Lift High the Cross



5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

+ V D M A +

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
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), Karen Martin (mother of Robin Tegel), Mike Laughlin, Martin Von Dissen (uncle of Diana Dissen), Jim Sheridan (brother of Anita Brothers), Sheila (sister-in-law of Louise Braya), Theresa Busanet (daughter of Gail Kulbacki), and Jim Komaskinski (friend of John Tomscheck).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13th+

- ✘ **BIBLE STUDIES:** Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening Bible studies continue this week. The morning study at 9:30 am discussing the Doctrine of Creation and its importance to our faith. The evening study at 6:30 pm is discussing the book of Hebrews. Sunday morning Bible study will resume next week.
- ✘ **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** The Parish Planning Committee will meet this Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00 pm. The Spiritual Life Council will meet the same night at 7:00 pm.
- ✘ **MARGE HARMON MEMORIAL SERVICE:** A memorial service for Marge will be held here at Messiah on Saturday, September 19th at 1:00 pm. There will be no visitation but there will be refreshments served following the service.

ATTENDANCE 9/6: 74

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 9/12/26

Weekly receipts for operating budget	\$6,260
Weekly need for operating budget	\$4,869
Difference	+\$1,391
Weekly long-term and fund receipts	\$300

BIRTHDAYS

9/14 Terry Wert
9/15 Irene Bashinsky
9/16 Kathy Capriotti
Monica Scholz
9/19 Kevin Brothers

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/16 Peggy Holtz
9/17 Kathy Capriotti
9/18 Diana Dissen
9/19 Michelle Carpenter

ANNIVERSARIES

9/16 Scott & Michelle Carpenter (20 years)
Kelvin & Vicky Nelson (20 years)
Andy & Lindsey Roiniotis (3 years)
9/18 Jim & Lori Madison (22 years)