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Divine Service II

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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: Mark Bernhardt
Ushers: TBD
Greeter: Vicky Nelson
Organist: Paul Hegland
Altar Guild: Kate Tobalsky & Cara Zietz
Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Don & Cheryl Moe.
Fellowship: Sandy Martin

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs *LSB 812*

Stand

Confession and Absolution *p167*

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit *Ps. 48:1a, 9–11; antiphon: Prayer of Azariah 1:4, 7, 20, 19*



The Lord is righteous in all he has | done to us,*
for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.
Glorify your name, | O Lord;*
and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city of our God, his holy | mountain.

We have thought on your steadfast love, | O God,*
in the midst of your | temple.
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends | of the earth.*
Your right hand is filled with | righteousness.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!

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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for we have not obeyed his com- | mandments.
Glorify your name, | O Lord;*
and deal with us according to your great | mercy.

Kyrie *p168*

Gloria in Excelsis *p170*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *p172*

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; 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 55:1–9

[1]"Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
[2]Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
[3]Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
[4]Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
[5]Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

[6]"Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
[7]let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
[8]For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
[9]For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Gradual *Ps. 145:15–16*



The eyes of all | look to you,*
and you give them their food in due | season.
You open | your hand;*
you satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

Epistle *Ephesians 5:15–21*

15Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,
16making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17Therefore do
not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18And do not get
drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
19addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing
and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, 20giving thanks always
and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse *p173*

Holy Gospel *Matthew 21:33–44*

33[Jesus said:] "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house
who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it
and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country.
34When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to
get his fruit. 35And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed
another, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other servants, more than the
first. And they did the same to them. 37Finally he sent his son to them,
saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38But when the tenants saw the son,
they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have
his inheritance.' 39And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard
and killed him. 40When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what
will he do to those tenants?" 41They said to him, "He will put those
wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who
will give him the fruits in their seasons."

42Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:
"'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

43Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from
you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44And the one who falls on

this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

Sit

We Are Called to Stand Together *LSB 828*

Sermon
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+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now *LSB 902*
O Living Bread From Heaven *LSB 642*
Glorious Things of You Are Spoken *LSB 648*
Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head *LSB 647*
Stand
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Benediction

Go, My Children, with My Blessing *LSB 922*

+VDMA+

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, the Nevius Family, Nicole Padro (daughter of the Brayas), Jan Sandberg (mother of Jim Sandberg), Sarah Hagerman, Jim Knuth, Carol (friend of Terry Sommer), Karen Martin (mother of Robin Tegel), Jim Sheridan (uncle of Kevin Brothers), Sheila (sister-in-law of Louise Braya), Theresa Busanet (daughter of Gail Kulbacki), Linda Crawford (sister of Kathy Vescova) and Jim Tomsheck (brother of John Tomsheck).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18th+

- **FIRE NIGHT:** Our final Fire Night of the year will be today at 4:00 pm at the home of Tyler & Deleen Nehls (507 13th Ave). Please bring a pot of your favorite chili (or a side dish or dessert) and a beverage for yourself.
- **MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** The Parish Planning Committee will meet this Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 pm. The Spiritual Life Council will meet the same night at 7:00 pm.
- **ANITA BROTHERS MEMORIAL SERVICE** will be this Saturday, October 24th at Messiah. Visitation from 9:00 am to 11:00 am with the service at 11:00 am.
- **REFORMATION SUNDAY** is next week, October 25th. You are encouraged to wear red and participate in our annual photo. We will have a brunch potluck after the service. Lesa will be providing egg bakes; please sign up to bring a side dish using the sheet on the bulletin board. The circuit Reformation service will be at St. John's in Racine that afternoon at 3:00 pm. The guest preacher will be Rev. Joshua P. H. Conradt. A light reception with cake and coffee will follow the service.

- ✠ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** The morning study at 9:30 am is discussing the Doctrine of Creation and its importance to our faith. The evening study at 6:30 pm is discussing the book of Hebrews.
- ✠ **CRAFT NIGHT:** The next Craft Night will be Friday, November 13th.

ATTENDANCE 10/11: 70

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 10/17/26

Weekly receipts for operating budget	$3,586
Weekly need for operating budget	$4,869
Difference	-$1,283
Weekly long-term and fund receipts	$165

BIRTHDAYS

10/19 Mary Anne Enriquez
10/20 Evie Hernandez
10/24 Sandra Galis

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

10/20 Liz Joslyn
10/21 Elyse Adams
10/24 Kathy Basquez
Garett Koch

ANNIVERSARIES

10/18 Paul & Christa Hegland (40 years)
Brian & Casey Blair (23 years)
Nick & Cara Russo-Bichsel (18 years)
10/22 George & Sara Poullette (38 years)