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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: Scott Tobalsky
Ushers: TBD
Greeters: Dave & Connie Mickelsen
Organist: Monica Scholz
Altar Guild: Amy Vallis & Dorothy McConville
Fellowship: Please join us for a brunch potluck following the service.

Stand-Face the Baptismal Procession

Salvation unto Us Has Come *LSB 555, 1-5*

+++HOLY BAPTISM+++

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own.

Therefore, depart, you unclean spirit, and make room for the Holy Spirit in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:

P Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✢ forehead and upon your ✢ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.
O almighty and eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray on behalf of Your servant Lucy, who asks for the gift of Your Baptism and desires Your eternal grace through spiritual rebirth. Receive her, Lord, according to Your promise: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Now give Your blessing to her who asks and open the door to her who knocks, so that she may obtain the eternal blessing of this heavenly bath and receive the promised kingdom that You give; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Lucy according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate.

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Salvation Unto Us Has Come *LSB 555, 6-10*

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✢ forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Sit

P Lucy Sue, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Lucy, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:

P Lucy Sue, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

A white garment may be placed on the newly baptized.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✢ everlasting.

C **Amen.**

P Peace ✢ be with you.

C **Amen.**

All return to their places.

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit for Reformation *Choir*

Stand

Kyrie *p168*

Gloria in Excelsis *p170*

Salutation and Collect of the Day *p172*

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

First Reading *Revelation 14:6–7*

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal
gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe
and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and
give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship
Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage *LSB 582*

Epistle *Romans 3:19–28*

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are
under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world
may be held accountable to God. 20 For by works of the law no human
being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge
of sin.

21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the
law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— 22 the
righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For
there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of
God, 24 and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that
is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood,
to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in
His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show
His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the
justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of
law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one

is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Stand and face procession

Alleluia — II *LSB 952*



Holy Gospel *John 8:31–36*

31So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in
my word, you are truly my disciples, 32and you will know the truth, and the
truth will set you free." 33They answered Him, "We are offspring of
Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say,
'You will become free'?"

34Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who
commits sin is a slave to sin. 35The slave does not remain in the house
forever; the son remains forever. 36So if the Son sets you free, you will be
free indeed.

Nicene Creed *p174*

Alleluia — II *LSB 952*

Sit

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *LSB 656, choir v. 2*

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offertory *p176*

Sit

In Christ Alone *Choir*

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand

Preface *p177*

Sanctus *p178*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer *p179*

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini *p180*
Agnus Dei
Sit
Distribution
On My Heart Imprint Your Image *Piano/Cello*
By Grace I'm Saved *LSB 566*
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word *LSB 655*
The Church's One Foundation *LSB 644*
Built on the Rock *LSB 645*
Stand
Nunc Dimittis *p182*
Post-Communion Collect *p183*
Benediction

Thy Strong Word *LSB 578*

+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 25th+

- ✠ **CIRCUIT REFORMATION SERVICE** will be at St. John's in Racine today 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 10/18: 75

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 10/24/26

Weekly receipts for operating budget	$3,281
Weekly need for operating budget	$4,869
Difference	-$1,588
Weekly long-term and fund receipts	$1,450

BIRTHDAYS

10/29 Jen Bertz

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

10/29 Nate Nevius

ANNIVERSARIES

10/26 Garett & Brooke Koch (8 years)
10/27 Mark & Lorraine Mielke (36 years)