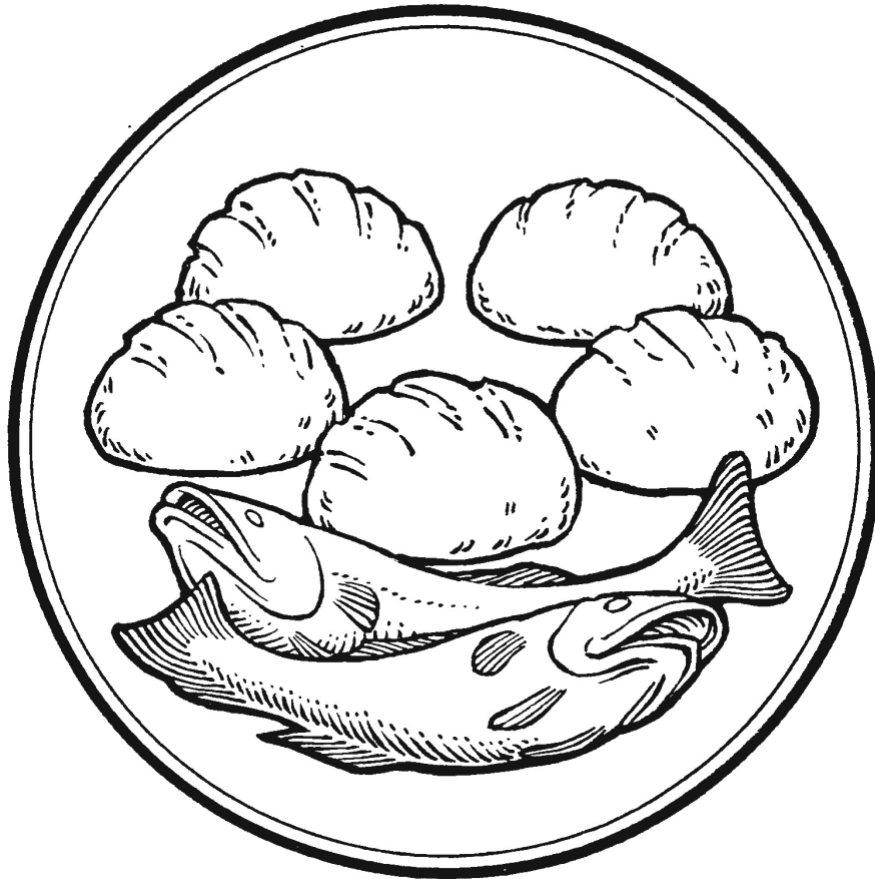


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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Opening Hymn: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (Stz. 1-5) **LSB 556**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit

(Ps. 122:1-2, 6, 8; antiphon: Is. 66:1-a, 11a)

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

**that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.**

I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May they be secure who love you!

**For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted

Collect*: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing

obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-21

²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: ‘Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.’” ¹⁷And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. ¹⁸But

when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat. ¹⁹And Moses said to them, "Let no one leave any of it over till the morning." ²⁰But they did not listen to Moses. Some left part of it till the morning, and it bred worms and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹Morning by morning they gathered it, each as much as he could eat; but when the sun grew hot, it melted.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!

Epistle: Acts 2:41-47

⁴¹ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Tract: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon Israel!

Holy Gospel*: John 6:1-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with

his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” ¹⁵ Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Priceless Treasure	LSB 743
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 625, 437, 440, 425, 433	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (Stz. 6-10)	LSB 556

Announcements

Midweek Lenten Vespers: This Wednesday, March 17th at 7pm is the fourth of five midweek Lenten Vespers services (17th, 24th). The focus during these midweek services will be on the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Throughout these five weeks, we will look at

Holy Scripture in order to answer the questions, what is baptism? What benefits does it give? How can water do that? What does this really mean for my life?

Laetare: The fourth Sunday in Lent is also known as Laetare, which, in Latin, means: “Rejoice”. This is the opening phrase of this Sunday’s Introit, “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her...” (Isaiah 66:10).

Church Services: While it is our desire to gather as one body, the church has decided to offer again a second service on Sundays at 7:30am. This second service will continue until Easter. As the coronavirus vaccine is becoming more available, this will allow members more time to get the vaccine. If you or someone you know have any concerns, please feel free to contact Pastor Jennings or stop by the church throughout the week to schedule a time to receive God’s gifts.

Congratulations: Congratulations to Kaitlynn Hull, Makenna Reckling, and Alayna French. Kaitlynn has completed levels 2 and 3 of the Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program. Makenna has completed level 5. Alayna has completed level 6. Congratulations to you all and keep up the good work.

Huey/Ferrin/Boulder Fire Department Dinner: The fire department will host their 19th annual pork chop dinner **today, March 14, 2021** from 11:00am-2:00pm. This will be drive through style only. Tickets are \$12.00 each.

Smoked Pork Chop Dinner: Please join us for the Trinity Lutheran Church-Hoffman annual Men’s Club/Women’s Fellowship smoked pork chop dinner on **Sunday, March 21st** from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Service will be drive-through only and will include a smoked pork chop, baked potato, green beans, applesauce and homemade dessert: All this for \$12.

Flowers for Easter: It is time to get your orders in for Easter. This year you have a choice of lilies or hydrangeas. The lilies will be \$15 each and the hydrangeas will be \$30 each. There are order forms in the usher’s room for you to complete and return to Sylvia Kleiboeker by **March 28th**.

Ladies Aid/LWML: We will be cleaning the basement on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. For those that are available to help, we will begin at 9:00am.

Private Confession and Absolution: Our Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession, XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

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