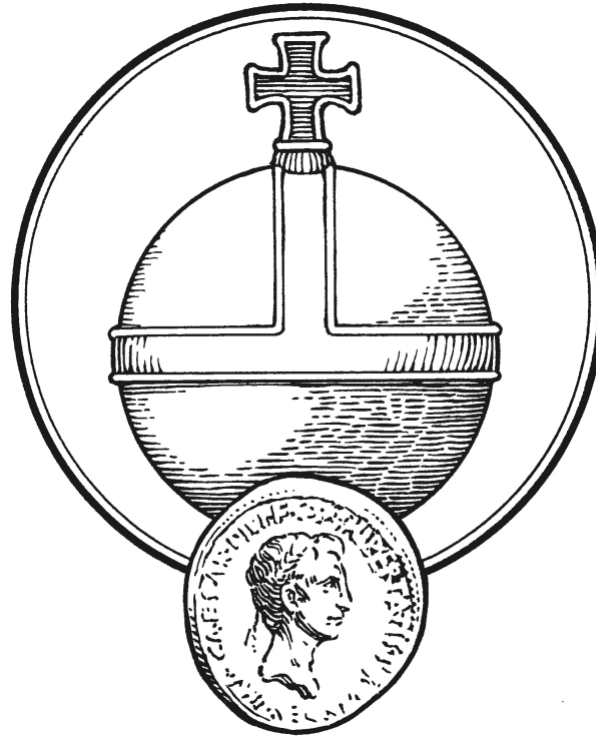


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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

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

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Lord of Our Life **LSB 659**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit* (Ps. 85:1, 7, 9, 11; antiphon: Jer. 29:11a, 12)

I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,
plans for wholeness and not for evil.

**Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,
and I will hear you.**

LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.**

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**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.

I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD,
plans for wholeness and not for evil.

Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me,
and I will hear you.

Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be

delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, or Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8:11-22

¹¹for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. ¹²“I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find knowledge and discretion. ¹³The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. ¹⁴I have counsel and sound wisdom; I have insight; I have strength. ¹⁵By me kings reign, and rulers decree what is just; ¹⁶by me princes rule, and nobles, all who govern justly. ¹⁷I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. ¹⁸Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness. ¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold, and my yield than choice silver. ²⁰I walk in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice, ²¹granting an inheritance to those who love me, and filling their treasuries. ²²“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

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

Gradual: You have saved us from our foes and have put to shame those who hate us. In God we have boasted continually, and we will give thanks to your name forever.

Epistle: Philippians 3:17-21

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹ They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day: Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode	LSB 714
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 658, 645, 661, 663, 627	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Son of God, Eternal Savior	LSB 842

Announcements

Divine Service Pew Cards: Kyrie – Gloria in Excelsis – Sanctus – Agnus Dei – Nunc Dimittis. You see these words in our church’s liturgy, but do you understand what they mean and why they are there? Could you explain the Divine Service to your child or grandchild or a visitor? Our historic liturgy is solidly based on God’s Word, and to help

us understand why it is we do what we do, each pew has a laminated card titled, “The Divine Service – an Explanation.” This card explains what Lutherans do in worship and why. Each part of the service is described in detail, along with scriptural references. This will help both visitors and members understand the incredible depth and beauty of the Divine Service.

Agape Youth: At 6:00pm tonight (September 12th), there is a **MANDATORY** parent/youth meeting regarding the gathering. If you cannot attend, Please let Sara know **BEFORE** the meeting to arrange another time to meet (at least one parent needs to be at this meeting). The meeting will be followed by a parent/youth volleyball game.

Work Day: There will be a work day to clean up the church grounds on **September 18th starting at 8:00am**. We had great help last year and were able to finish everything in record time. We hope to see you all back again this year!

Help Needed: The Ladies Aid/LWML tradition of apple butter making will continue, but only with the help of our congregation members. **Friday September 24th at 1:00pm**, we will peel and core the apples until they are done. Bring your lawn chair, pan and knife and we will visit while we work. **Saturday September 25th at 7:00am**, we will start washing apples, washing kettles and starting fires to begin the cooking as soon as we can. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. We are thankful for anyone that can come help peel, core, wash, stir and can the delicious apple butter! We also ask for your prayers for favorable weather, lots of helpers, good health and safety. A sign up sheet will be on the table in the secretary’s office for anyone willing to help in any way. We look forward to 2 days of good fellowship with everyone on that fall weekend.

Apple Butter Orders: Orders can be given to Opal Jones 334-3024 or Caroline Tate 322-3708. Please get your orders in as soon as possible to ensure your orders are filled.

Matthew 25 Food Pantry: The Ladies Aid/LWML have been collecting items for the Matthew 25 Food Pantry in Carlyle for some time. The items are delivered to the food pantry toward the end of the month, thanks to Jerry and Kathryn Mines. We thank you all for your continued support of this mission project. In addition to canned and dry boxed food items, the pantry will also accept the following items: toothpaste, tissues, toilet

tissue, canned meats (tuna, salmon, sardines, spam, mackerel, chicken), baking powder, baking soda, sugar, flour and cooking oil.

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This Week in our congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
6:00pm Agape Youth

Wednesday: 8:30am Matins
8:30am–11:00am Preschool
6:00pm–7:30pm Religion/Confirmation Classes

Friday: 8:30am–11:00am Preschool

Saturday: 8:00am Church Grounds Work Day

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service

Upcoming Events:

- September 18th: Church Grounds Work Day
- September 24th & 25th: Apple Butter
- October 10th: Carry-Out Dinner Sponsored by the Preschool
- November 12th: Card Tournament and Silent Auction