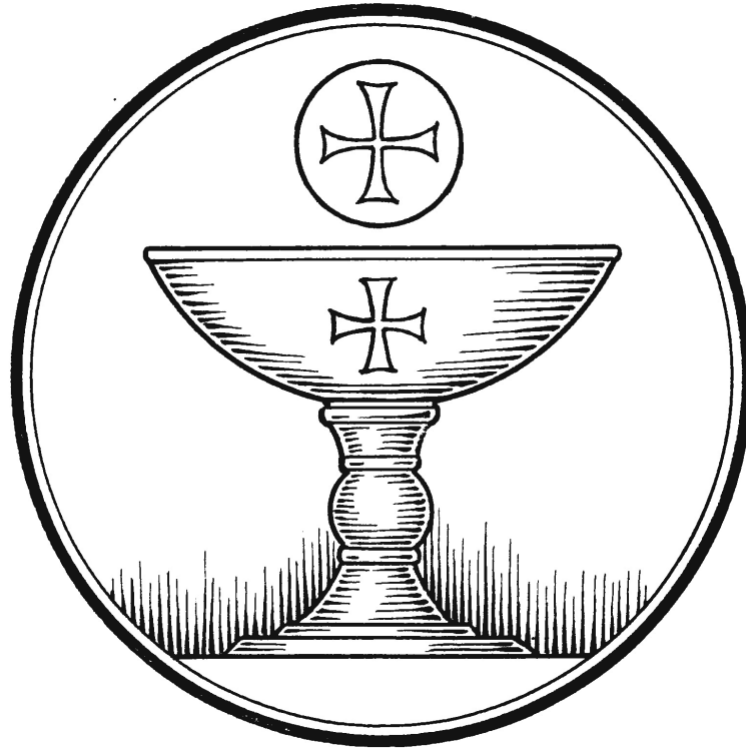


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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

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

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty **LSB 790**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 184**

Introit (Ps. 18:1-2a, 27, 30a, 49; antiphon: Ps. 18:b-19)

The LORD was my support
in the day of my calamity.

He brought me out into a broad place;
he rescued me, because he delighted in me.

I love you, O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.

For you save a humble people,
but the haughty eyes you bring down.

This God—his way is perfect;
the word of the LORD proves true.

For this I will praise you, O LORD, among the nations,
and sing to your name.

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.

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Kyrie* **LSB 186**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 187**

Collect*: O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in
Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name;

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

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 9:1-10

¹ Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴ “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵ “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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

Gradual: In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. Deliver me, O LORD, from lying lips, from a deceitful tongue.

Epistle: 1 John 3:13-18

¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

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

Holy Gospel*: Luke 14:15-24

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁵ When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” ¹⁶ But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷ And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ ¹⁹ And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ ²⁰ And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ ²² And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ ²³ And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

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

Apostles’ Creed*	LSB 192
Hymn of the Day: Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion	LSB 559
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Lord’s Prayer*	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Let Me Be Thine Forever	LSB 689

Announcements

VBS: All Aboard! Book your “ticket” for the Celebration Station VBS on June 24, 2023 from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Preschool building. We don’t want the fun to start without you! Taking ages 3 and up. Join us as we celebrate the gift of salvation through Christ

Jesus our Lord! Lunch will be served. Woo Woo, don't let the train leave without you! Any questions talk to Deb Albers or Kim Eggerman.

Cookie Bar Orders: Agape youth will be selling 9x13 cookie bars until June 26th. See a youth to order or pick up an order form in the back of church. Youth will be making these on June 30 - so these would be the perfect addition to your 4th of July weekend! You can also visit <https://tinyurl.com/ferrincookie23> to order online. Pick up will be on June 30 from 12-2 or through other arrangements. Thanks!

Ice Cream Social is coming - if you have any ice cream buckets that the youth group could use, please drop them off at the school basement or give them to Sara or a youth member. Thanks!

Catechism Learn-By-Heart: This summer is a great time for students of all ages to work on learning-by-heart the Small Catechism. Handouts for the Catechism Learn-by-Heart Program are available in the narthex. While memorization is not a part of our modern culture and is deemed unimportant, learning the Small Catechism by heart is important. We know of no Jesus except that Jesus who is revealed to us in sacred Scripture. The Small Catechism gives us the most important texts and primary vocabulary of Holy Scripture so that we may boldly confess the faith in our vocations.

Pastor Jennings On Vacation: Pastor Jennings and his family will be on vacation from July 3rd – July 16th. During this time, we welcome the Rev. Dr. Mark Rabe (Director of Recruitment – LCMS Office of International Mission) to Ferrin. He will be officiating the Divine Service on July 9th and 16th, as well as leading our Sunday morning Bible Studies at 8:30am. Additionally, in cases of an emergency, you may contact Rev. Jim Hennig (Trinity – Centralia) at 217.622.4433.

Service Time Change: Please mark your calendars. The Divine Service on Sunday, July 30th will be held at 10:00 a.m. The reason for this is that Pastor Jennings will be at the Synod Convention, and Pastor Brett Jones (Trinity – Hoffman) has agreed to fill-in for him that morning.

Messiah Carlyle Midweek Vespers: Beginning Wednesday, June 7th to July 26th, we'll be gathering at Messiah on Wednesday evenings for a brief Vespers service, followed by a study of the Gospel of John, led by Seminarian Adam Hiles. The Vespers service will take place from 6:15pm-6:30pm, and will be followed by Bible study from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Private Confession and Absolution: The 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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This Week in Our Congregation:

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