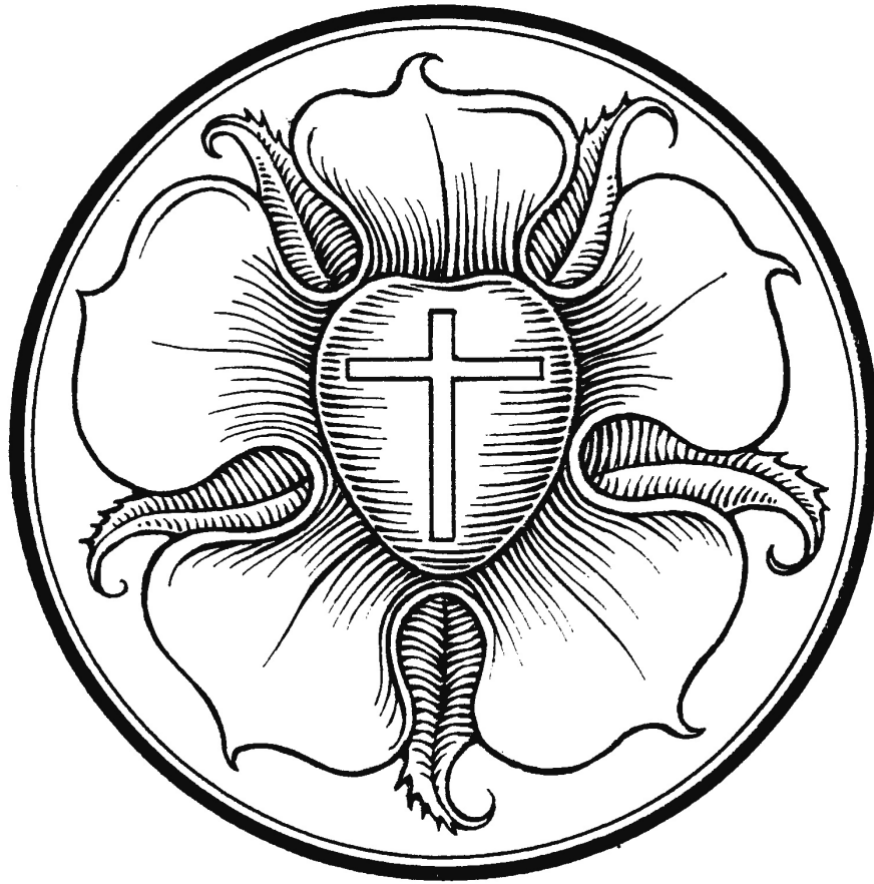


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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

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

Ringing of the Bell (Please stand)

Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit* (*Chanted Responsively*)

(Ps. 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46)

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | O Lord,
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will bless the LORD at | all times;
his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

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.

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | O Lord,
and shall not be | put to shame.

Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: 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. **Amen.**

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.”

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

Hymn: 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.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been

enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day: Salvation unto Us Has Come (<i>Stz. 4-Men, Stz. 5 - Women</i>)	LSB 555
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Announcements & Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 617, 556, 562, 658	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	LSB 655

Announcements

Wednesday Religion Class: As mentioned in previous weeks, members of the church are invited to attend pastors’ Lutheran catechesis class in the preschool basement on Wednesday night beginning at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to review the basic tenants of what we believe, teach, and confess as Lutherans. This week our focus will be on *The Second Article of the Creed (Part I)*.

Wurstmarkt Sign-Up Sheet: There is a worker sign-up sheet on the table in the secretary’s office for this year’s Wurstmarkt (Sunday, November 5th). As always, your help is greatly appreciated.

Sausage Orders: Please place your sausage orders to any Men’s Club member by November 4th. The forms are on the table in the ushers’ room.

Wurstmarkt: Thursday, November 2nd at 6:00pm is a work night to get things set up and ready to serve for the Wurstmarkt. Additionally, members are encouraged to help peel potatoes on Saturday, November 5th at 8:00am in the preschool basement.

Divine Service Saturday, November 4th: For those helping with the Wurstmarkt, a Divine Service will be offered on Saturday, November 4th at 7:00pm.

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This Week in our congregation:

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

Wednesday: 6:00pm-7:30pm Religion/Confirmation Classes

Thursday: 6:00pm Work night for Wurstmarkt

Saturday: 8:00am Potato Peeling
7:00pm Divine Service

Sunday: No Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
Noon – 5:00pm Wurstmarkt