

WELCOME!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Scamman.



For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

INTROIT Ps. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35 b



| God is | in his holy hab- / itation;
he settles the soli- / tary— in a home.

The God of Israel, / he is the one
who gives power and strength / to his— people.

**God shall arise, his enemies shall / be scattered;
and those who hate him shall / flee be—fore him!**

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult / before God;
they shall be jub- / ilant— with joy!

O God, when you went out before / your people,
in your goodness, O God, you provided / for the— needy.

**Blessèd be the Lord, who dai- / ly bears us up;
God is / our sal—vation.**

**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 for- / ever.— Amen.**

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 4:1–15

In those days: Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man *with the help of* the Lord.” And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

Silent Prayer

PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELLS

Stand and face the processional cross

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POSTLUDE

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GRADUAL

Ps. 28:7b, 1a, 2a



In God my heart trusts, / and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song / I give— thanks to him.

**To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be / not deaf to me,
hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I / cry to—
you for help.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1–10

Brethren: I would remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9–14

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his

eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Following the 9am service, there will be Coffee Hour and Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. All are warmly encouraged to attend.
- Separate offering plates for St. Paul and First Lutheran are located at the back of the church.
- St. Paul has a number of older bibles that are no longer being used. We would like to ship these to an organization that distributes them to nations with little or no access to the printed Word of God. It costs roughly \$1 to ship each bible, and we have about 45 to ship. If you are interested in helping to offset this cost, please mark the envelope with your donation “Bibles.” Any surplus funds received will go toward the purchase of our new bibles.

WHAT ABOUT...THE CREDESCENCE TABLE?

The Credence Table is the small table that stands apart from the altar. Following the historic tradition of the Church, the utensils and additional communion elements are stored here until the Service of the Sacrament begins. Only the veiled chalice is placed at the center of the altar. This practice keeps the altar free from clutter and is a way of showing proper reverence and honor for the chalice which our Lord filled with his own blood.

During the Offertory, the assisting elder brings the additional elements from the credence table to the altar, where the pastor prepares them to be consecrated. After the distribution the elder returns the empty utensils to the Credence Table, leaving only the chalice in its place of honor.

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