

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. 70:2b, 4a, 5b; antiphon: Ps. 70:1-2a



| Make haste, | O God, to / deliver me!
O Lord, make / haste to— help me!
Let them be put to shame and / confusion
who / seek my— life!—

Let them / be turned back

and brought to dishonor / who de—sire my hurt!

May all who seek you / rejoice—

and / be glad— in you!

You are my help and my / deliverer;

O Lord, / do not— delay!

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 merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 29:17-24

In those days the prophet Isaiah said: Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel. For the ruthless shall come to nothing and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, who by a word make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right. Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: "Jacob shall no more be ashamed, no more shall his face grow pale. For when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my name; they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel. And those who go astray in spirit will come to understanding, and those who murmur will accept instruction."

GRADUAL

Ps. 34:1-2

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.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Brethren: Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory

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Stand and face the processional cross

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that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

At that time: Jesus returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Following the 9am service, there will be Coffee Hour and Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall. All are warmly encouraged to attend..
- Next week, Pastor Scamman will be preaching at his home congregation in Aberdeen, WA. There will be no Bible Study following the service. There will, however, be a final joint Fellowship Hour before our churches return to the normal schedule.
- The Reverend Dana Hallenbeck will be preaching and serving Holy Communion next week (September 6) while the Scamman family is on vacation in Washington State.

WHAT ABOUT...THE ALTAR CANDLES?

You may have noticed that the altar candles are not lit with the other candles at the beginning of the Divine Service. Following the ancient custom of the Church, the acolyte lights the altar candles when Holy Communion is about to begin. The other candles may be used at any time during any service (including Matins and Vespers), but the altar candles are used only during Holy Communion.

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