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Order of Service: Divine Service Setting One

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Opening Hymn: Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609

1 Jesus sinners doth receive;

Oh, may all this saying ponder

Who in sin's delusions live

And from God and heaven wander!

Here is hope for all who grieve:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

2 We deserve but grief and shame,

Yet His words, rich grace revealing,

Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;

Here our ills have perfect healing.

Firmly in these words believe:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

3 Sheep that from the fold did stray

No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;

Weary souls that lost their way

Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh

In His arms that they may live:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

4 I, a sinner, come to Thee

With a penitent confession.

Savior, mercy show to me;

Grant for all my sins remission.

Let these words my soul relieve:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:

Were as scarlet my transgression,

It shall be as white as snow

By Thy blood and bitter passion;

For these words I now believe:

Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;
From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 143:1–2; antiphon: v. 9

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to You for refuge!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

for no one living is righteous before You.

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.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to You for refuge!

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, **"It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."** ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, **"Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father."** Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, **"Behold, we are your servants."** ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, **"Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones."** Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 103:1–12; antiphon: v. 13

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name!

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,**

³Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases,

⁴**Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

⁵Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶**The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the people of Israel.

⁸**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

¹⁰**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him;

¹²**as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.**

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are

the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C **Alleluia.**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "**Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?**" ²²Jesus said to him, "**I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.**" ²³**Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.** ²⁴**When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.** ²⁵**And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.** ²⁶**So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'** ²⁷**And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.** ²⁸**But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.'** ²⁹**So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'** ³⁰**He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.** ³¹**When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.** ³²**Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.** ³³**And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?'** ³⁴**And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.** ³⁵**So also My Heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Come Down, O Love Divine

- 1 Come down, O Love divine;
 Seek Thou this soul of mine,
 And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
 O Comforter, draw near;
 Within my heart appear,
 And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2 O let it freely burn,
 Till worldly passions turn
 To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 And let Thy glorious light
 Shine ever on my sight,
 And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity
 Mine outward vesture be
 And lowliness become mine inner clothing—
 True lowliness of heart,
 Which takes the humbler part,
 And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,
 With which the soul will long,
 Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
 No soul can guess His grace
 Till it become the place
 Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

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Sermon: Sin and its Consequences!**Matthew 18:21–35***Stand***The Apostles' Creed**

LSB 159

- ☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Offertory

LSB 159

☞ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the Name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the Name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of You, O Jerusalem.**

The Lord's Prayer

☞ Our Father Who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Collect

☞ Let us pray.

☞ Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

Hymn to Depart: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

At our recent Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 18th the Council has decided to reopen LCGS on Sunday mornings with Service at 10:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 6th. We ask that you please call the Church or email the Church if you plan on attending. Check your email for all the Guidelines for attending Worship. We also decided that we will still be recording the Worship Service on Friday afternoons to be viewed Sunday Mornings at 10:00 a.m. as we do not want anyone to feel uncomfortable in attending the in-House Services. Safety and Comfort is our main concern for all our family in Christ. The Lord be with you all!!!

LWML Reminders:

Although the Pandemic has changed the way we Worship and serve, the Lord still has work for us to do.

Please bring in your Lenten Bags for Siloam Mission and items for CLWR.

School Supplies are on sale and we still need those items for our Kits.

Health and Safety:

The Usher will begin by ushering everyone out from the back of the Church, we ask that you go straight out and if you want to visit with anyone, please do so in the parking lot, we highly encourage everyone to remember to social distance while visiting in the parking lot.

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