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Divine Service IV

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: Jim Vescova

Greeter: Marge Harmon

Organist: Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Kathy Capriotti, Cara Russo-Bichsel, & LeAnn Varvil

Fellowship: The Weathersby Family

Stand

Invocation

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

+CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION+

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

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 47:3, 6–8; antiphon: Ps. 47:1–2



Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*

a great king over | all the earth.

He subdued peoples | under us,*

and nations un- | der our feet.

Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*

Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!

For God is the King of | all the earth;*

sing praises | with a psalm!

God reigns over the | nations;*

God sits on His | holy throne.

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.

Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*

a great king over | all the earth.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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O God, whose never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth, we humbly implore You to put away from us all hurtful things and to give us those things that are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:7–17

⁷Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Gradual

Ps. 34:11, 5



Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;*
I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.
Those who look to Him are | radiant,*
and their faces shall never | be ashamed.

Epistle

Romans 6:19–23

¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Mark 8:1–9

¹In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, [Jesus] called His disciples to Him and said to them, ²“I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with Me now three days and have nothing to

eat. ³And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away.” ⁴And His disciples answered Him, “How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?” ⁵And He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” ⁶And He directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, He broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, He said that these also should be set before them. ⁸And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹And there were about four thousand people. And He sent them away.

Nicene Creed

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Sit

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819

Sermon

+RITE OF CONFIRMATION+

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R Yes, I believe 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.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, 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.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P Evangeline, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C **Amen.**

Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling her both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, she may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have

united Your child in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing her by His blood. Renew in her the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that she may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to her Savior. Deliver her from the power of Satan and preserve her from false and dangerous doctrines, that she may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen her to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable her to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and her neighbor and to bear her cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of her body to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offertory Hymn *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* LSB 955

Please be seated as the altar is prepared for the Service of the Sacrament.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Praise the One Who breaks the Darkness LSB 849

+VDM A+

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Austin Nehls, Rev. Lynn Christensen, Rianon Padro, Rick Zuehls, and for veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Alberta Helmke, Sean Esser (relative of John Winter), David Kristopeit (brother-in-law of Linda Polcin), Toni Marshman, Henry Handschke (brother-in-law of Mary Jo Jiter), Julie (friend of Jane Gundlach), Jim and Barb Herbst (cousins of Jane Gundlach), Beth (friend of Donna Boyd), Jane Gundlach, Howard Britten, Danny & Chris (relatives of Sandra Babel), Owen & Kate Mansfield, and Herb Knautz (relative of Angela Pynaker).

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 18+

- ✘ **FIRE NIGHT:** The next Fire Night in the parsonage backyard will be this Friday, July 23rd. New this time: we are having a cooking contest to see who can make the best party appetizer. All you have to do to enter is bring a homemade dish to share. Everyone will vote and the dish with the most votes gets a prize, provided by the Roemkes.
- ✘ **OKTOBERFEST COMMITTEE:** In order to create a successful Oktoberfest this fall, we need to gather ideas on ways to improve it. If you can help plan this event, please speak to Lesa. Time commitment will be minimal.
- ✘ **FOOD PANTRY:** Please bring food donations next Sunday as they are delivered to the Shalom Center at the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity to our community.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Budgeted Lord's Work Needed Weekly:	\$4,648
Lord's Work Received 7/11-7/17:	5,351
Difference Received vs. Needed:	+703
Difference Received vs. Needed YTD:	+5,597

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

7/18 Cheryl Moe
Valerie Zuehls
7/19 Mary Sandberg
LeAnn Varvil
7/22 Dennis Helmke

ATTENDANCE 7/11: 130

ANNIVERSARIES

7/23 Jeff & Amy Vallis (27 years)