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Divine Service IV

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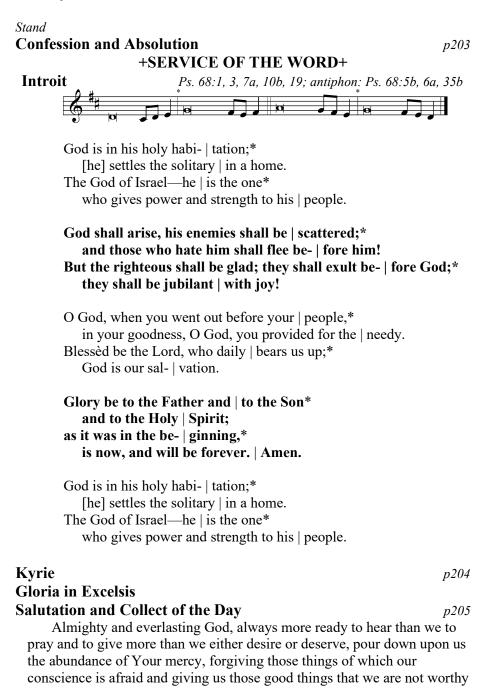
VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

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: Tyler Nehls Ushers: Brent Jiter & Garett Koch Greeter: Liz Joslyn Pianist: Elyse Adams Altar Guild: Angela Pynaker & Diana Dissen



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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1–15

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If 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."

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, 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." ¹⁵Then 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.



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

Ephesians 2:1–10

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Luke 18:9–14

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse Holy Gospel

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The 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. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But 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!' ¹⁴I 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."

Nicene Creed Sit	<i>p206</i>
Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion	LSB 559
Sermon Stand	
Prayer of the Church Offertory Hymn - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful <i>Sit</i>	LSB 955

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

Stand	
Preface	p208
Sanctus	
Prayer of Thanksgiving	p209
Lord's Prayer	
The Words of Our Lord	
Pax Domini	
Agnus Dei	<i>p210</i>
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Just as I Am, without One Plea	LSB 570
By Grace I'm Saved	LSB 566
Come unto Me, Ye Weary	LSB 684
O Love, How Deep	LSB 544
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Benedicamus and Benediction	-
O Christ, Our True and Only Light	LSB 839

+VDMA+

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

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✤ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rick Zuehls, Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, and veterans.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Kathy Krause (niece of Jane Gundlach), Vicky Basquez, Nancy Hilliard, Vernon Koch, and Louie Capriotti.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20th+

- ★ CHURCH PICNIC: Please join us for our annual church picnic after the service today. Lunch will be served at 11:00 and Kona Ice will be here at 12:00.
- ★ MEMORIAL SERVICE for Bob Smuda will be Tuesday, August 29th. Visitation from 10:00 – 11:00, with the service at 11:00.
- ★ FIRE NIGHT: Our next Fire Night is planned for Friday, September 15th.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 8/18:	\$161,576
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 8/18:	\$148,088
Difference:	-13,488
Restricted contributions YTD as of 8/18:	\$28,007
Mortgage Balance as of 7/18:	\$32,235

ATTENDANCE 8/13: 109

BIRTHDAYS

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

8/26 DuWayne Griepentrog

8/21 Gabby Nevius8/22 David Knuth Lynda Koch