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Divine Service III

**stand as you are able*

OPENING HYMN 572 *In the Shattered Bliss of Eden*

- 1 In the shattered bliss of Eden Dawned the day of sacrifice,
As our primal parents shuddered- Sin had caused this dreadful price!
Faith embarked with this discernment: Only God can cover sin,
As He took their leafy garments And He clothed their shame with skin.
- 2 Days and months and years unfolding Clearly showed what sin had wrought:
Fallen Adam's children learning Lessons fallen parents taught.
All these sacrificial off'rings Crested as a crimson flood:
Patriarchs and priests atoning For their sins with cleansing blood.
- 3 What these sacrifices promised From a God who sought to bless,
Came at last- a second Adam- Priest and King of Righteousness:
Son of God, incarnate Savior, Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,
Who in naked shame would offer On the cross His blood outpoured.
- 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners, Host, who spreads this meal divine,
Here You pledge our sins are covered, Pledge received in bread and wine:
"Take and eat; this is My body, Given on the cross for you.
Take and drink; this cup of blessing Is My blood poured out for you."
- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven Known by saints around the throne,

Where the Lamb, in closest union, Lives to love and feed His own.
From His riven side forever Flows the purest stream of love,
Love that robes us with the raiment Worn by all who feast above.

6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden, Gone the age of sacrifice;
Ours the time of grace and favor, Ours the call to paradise!
Ever, Lord, impress upon us: Only You can cover sin-
Take our worthless, self-made garments; Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray...

(The Collect of the Day is spoken.)

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:27; 3:8-15

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:12-21

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter. (1-6a, 17)

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY 342 *What Hope! An Eden Prophesied*

- 1 What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild;
The Lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem, A branch from David's line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: The fruit of God's design.
- 3 As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.
- 4 Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel's flaming sword-Come, open heaven's door.

SERMON *“Jesus, the Seed of Jesse’s Tree”*

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*LORD’S PRAYER

*COLLECT

*SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN 336 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev’ry sinner slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
2. Ev’ry eye shall now behold Him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall their true Messiah see.
3. Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the kingdom as Thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!

SERVING:

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

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Budget Voter's Meeting Sunday, December 6th at 1:00pm.

LEARN BY HEART
THE FAMILY ALTAR

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Lord's Prayer

The Fourth Petition - Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Bible Passage: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:1, 14

Hymn 347 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* (st. 1)

Psalm 146

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Nativity of Our Lord – Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Christ Is Announced to Shepherds – Luke 2:8-14

The Shepherds Visit Bethlehem – Luke 2:15-20

POINSETTIAS



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