

P: For the gift of reverence for God who values all that he has created; for reverence for people, for animal life, for the earth and all its resources—all precious in God's sight. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For all others whom are on the prayer list, and for those whom we name silently before You now, that You would intervene with Your most gracious aid according to Your holy will. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all the people and all the needs we bring before you in our prayers, trusting in your mercy, through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Offering

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

Choir Anthem: "All Because of Your Amazing Grace" By Cindy Berry

As the offering is brought to the Altar we stand and sing:

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Service of the Sacrament (p. 160)

At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Pastor comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte. If you are not a member of this congregation or a sister congregation within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it is suggested that you speak to the Pastor before partaking of Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **684**: "Come Unto Me Ye Weary"

HYMN No. **620**: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with the Thank the Lord on p. 164

✠ CLOSING HYMN No. **790**: "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

✠ SILENT PRAYER

✠ POSTLUDE

SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:

Pastoral Intern – Jordan Cooper

Lay Assistant – Paul Brose

Lay Reader – Robin Greenspan

Acolytes- Sam Conroy & Alayna Miller

Music Director – Paul Domaingue

THE FLOWERS in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God by the Freida Kousch Flower Fund.

Sunday Worship Bulletin

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." *John 13:34-35*

The Order of Holy Communion – Setting One

✠ PRELUDE

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PRESENTATION of COLORS

✠ CUB SCOUT PROMISE

✠ HYMN of INVOCATION No. **966**: “*Before You, Lord, We Bow*”

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Hymn of Praise: *Gloria in Excelsis*

✠ PRAYER of the DAY

P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

✠ ON MY HONOR

P: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. (Psalm 25:10)

C: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country.

P: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord the people whom he has chosen as his heritage. (Psalm 33:12) My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. (Proverbs 3:1-2)

C: On my honor I will do my best to obey the Scout Law—and the Law is this: A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

P: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:37-39)
Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

C: On my honor I will do my best to help other people at other times.

P: Because we have failed in the trust that others have placed in us, we pray for forgiveness and for renewal to be trustworthy. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For strength to be loyal to our calling in baptism as his disciples in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For forgiveness when we saw the need to help and passed that need by, when we failed to ask if we could be helpful to a friend or a stranger. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the spirit to be friendly to all people and even to those who are unfriendly to us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the gift of courtesy to all people but especially to the elderly, the disabled, and little children. Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For a heart that rejoices in being kind to people, to animals, and to earth on which we live. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the will to discipline ourselves to be obedient to the will of our God, and not to our selfish desires. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For a cheerful spirit to see us through disappointing events in our lives, for a faith that believes God will bring some good even from events that cause us pain and sadness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For an appreciation that all that we have is the gift of our gracious God, for a mind and a heart that will be thrifty in managing the resources God has entrusted to our care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the courage not to be afraid of doing what is right and to be brave in working for justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For the will to work to keep clean our minds, our hearts, and our land. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control,^[a] lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39 (*Jesus shuns mere popularity.*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

✠ HYMN of the Month No. **846**: "O God of Light"

✠ SERMON

✠ **NICENE CREED** (Page 158)

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Let us pray for Scouts, for Scouters, and for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Remember also the Golden Text: And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. (Luke 6:31) Do you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are. (I Corinthians 3:16-17)

C: On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

P: Wisdom is the principal thing: Do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth. Get wisdom; get insight. (Proverbs 4:5)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. (Psalm 119:9)

C: On my honor, I will do my best to keep myself morally straight.

P: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. (Isaiah 55:7)

✠ FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31 (*The Lord's understanding is unsearchable.*)

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✠ EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 (*Sharing with all the blessings of the Gospel.*)

For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the

