Take a moment to notice the * at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The * indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.



In great love He was slain for us and by His blood He ransomed us for God. As our substitute, carrying our sin, the Holy Lamb of God received the punishment that we deserved! And as He, Himself, cried out, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). As we marvel at the forgiveness He won for us at Calvary, we also give thanks for the means by which He brings it to us still today. As we

receive Holy Communion during this Lenten season, guests who desire to commune are asked to speak with the pastor or an elder before the service. For Scriptural reasons, we practice close communion. If you do not belong to a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we invite you to join our communion fellowship. For details, please speak or make an appointment with Pastor Kane through the church office (319) 235-6705.

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Jesus Does Battle in Our Place

February 26, 2023

AS WE GATHER: In the Garden, man exalts himself to be a god in place of God (Gen. 3:1-21). He succumbs to the temptation of the devil, and eating of the forbidden fruit, he receives death. But in the sin-cursed wilderness, God humbles Himself to become man in place of man (Mt. 4:1-11). He does not eat but fasts and bears the onslaughts of the devil for us that we may be restored to life. Jesus stands as David in our place to do battle against the Goliath, Satan (1 Samuel 17:40-51). Though outwardly Jesus appears weak, yet He comes in the name of the Lord of hosts. He draws from the five smooth stones of the books of Moses and slings the Word of God. The stone sinks into the forehead, and the enemy falls. In Christ we are victorious over the devil. Let us therefore not receive the grace of God in vain (2 Cor. 6:1-10), but seeing that we have a great High Priest, let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain help in time of need (Heb 4:14-16).

IMPOSITION OF ASHES:

Pastor:

Let us pray. Almighty God, Your people from ages past put on sackcloth and ashes so that their inner penitence might take physical form. As we shape these ashes into the form of Your Son's cross, grant that they not only show our penitence but also our confident hope in Your forgiveness for His sake; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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People: Amen.

Those who desire to receive ashes come forward.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: O Lord God,

People:

You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PARTICIPATING:

Worship Leader/Preacher Pastor Justin D. Kane
Organist Mrs. Kolleen Hosford
Worship Elder Mr. Kevin McCrindle

Mr. Al Hosford

Lay Reader Ms. Rebekah Hosford Greeters: Kevin and Beth McCrindle

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers Continued on next page-

ORDER OF WORSHIP Divine Service IV

Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 777
"Grant Peace, We Pray in Mercy, Lord"

Imposition of Ashes: (printed)

Confession and Absolution: LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

*Kyrie LSB 204

*Salutation: LSB 205

*Collect of the Day: (Printed)

Catechism Review

*Nicene Creed:

Old Testament: Genesis 3:1-21

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Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

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*Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 Pew Bible Page 1499

LSB 206

Sermon Hymn: LSB 657

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Sermon

Offertory LSB 955

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

*Prayer of the Church

*Lord's Prayer LSB 209

*Benediction LSB 212
This concludes the service for online viewing

*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 208ff

Distribution Hymns:

"On Eagles Wings" Chancel Choir
"The Tree of Life" LSB 561

*Nunc Dimittis: LSB 211

*Post-Communion Collect: LSB 212

*Benediction: LSB 212

Closing Hymn: LSB 718

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

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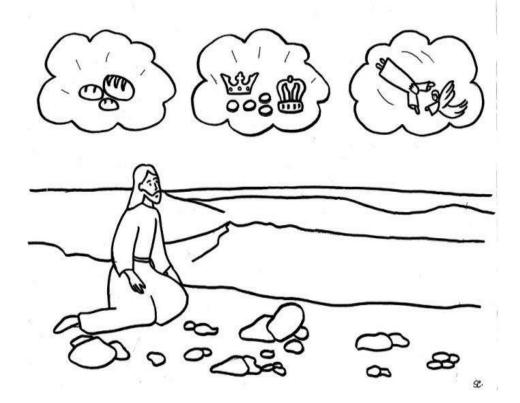
Prayers continued:

Please help us keep our prayer requests current by calling the office (235.6705) with updates – especially with our long term requests and military personnel.

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women – a woman please pray over her family as they start a new life here in Waterloo after her husband was recently released from prison. a woman please pray over her finances, and for her to continue to press on. a woman please pray for her health to improve, and that her speech will improve after having a TIA. a woman please pray over her life, and her circumstances. Also, please pray for her grandmother with cancer. a woman please pray for her situation to be resolved. a woman please pray for her baby, due in June, to be healthy. a woman please pray that her two children would know that she loves them. Also, please pray for her newborn in the NICCU at Allen, that she would live and grow strong. For men- a man with depression, please pray for him. Also, as he is soon to have cataract surgery, please pray all will go well.

These requests have come through the Begin Now classes. Pray God would bring all the volunteers and participants He desires into the program this February. Pray for discernment and a spirit of prayer in the planning and preparation. First, praise God for bringing so many eager participants to Begin Now! There has been a real joy and positive energy these first few weeks. There have also been a good number of kids. Pray that all will hear the message of Jesus, His goodness and grace, His holiness, His power to change and save. Pray for volunteers to be encouraged week by week and filled by His Spirit. Pray that what we would share and teach would proceed straight from the heart of God. This week is the last week for any new people to come. Pray that God would bring anyone who was on the fence or needed a work-shift change or a ride.

Prayer requests from participants: Please pray for me to get back on my feet & get a place to live. I'm really struggling financially & emotionally. I am hoping through the Lord I can heal. Please pray a diabetic niece who is in and out of the hospital. Pray for two friends both have pancreatic cancer. Pray for incarcerated sons, that God will show them favor. Pray for health, Self image, To move forward from my past, Grandchildren, Finances. Peace. Health & Working with difficult people. My sister needs prayers for her health. To pray for a better life in the future. Pray for a man in poor health, that he would come to saving knowledge of Jesus. Pray for a young mom struggling severely with mental health issues. Please pray that my financial situation gets better, my body heals, and for strength in all areas of my life. – woman Pray that my health improves & I learn to say NO so that I may be able to have more time to myself. – young woman Pray for the strength to get through the payment plans & debt. – young man Pray for me to get back on my feet. –young man Please pray for my diabetes doctors to have wisdom in how to make the correct adjustments in my insulin doses, etc. – anonymous Bringing family closer together. –anonymous Pray for one participant with serious health issues who does not yet follow Jesus – for health and salvation in Jesus' name. Pray for one woman who never learned to read or write to be able to understand her faith and finances class. Pray for one volunteer with significant pain in her body.



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