

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.



When life seems oppressive and burdens weigh us down, it is easy to feel alone, unloved and defeated. As the Lord of Life gives us His body and blood in the Lord’s Supper, however, we are reminded that we are not alone, that we are deeply loved, and that in Christ we have the victory! 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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jesus Receives Sinners

June 25, 2023

**AS WE GATHER** *"This man receives sinners and eats with them"* (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees’ statement of judgment against Jesus is in face a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18-20). *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"* (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11-32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father’s house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. *"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you"* (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at the table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

\*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: O God,  
People: the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns, with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Divine Service IV

Announcements

Opening Hymn: LSB 814  
"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"

Confession and Absolution: LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

\*Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

\*Salutation: LSB 205

\*Collect of the Day: (Printed)

Catechism Recitation

Catechism Review Question #5

Old Testament: Micah 7:18-20

Pew Bible Page 1450

Epistle: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Pew Bible Page 1892

Alleluia and Verse LSB 205

\*Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Pew Bible Page 1623

\*Nicene Creed: LSB 206

Sermon Hymn: LSB 609  
"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

Sermon

Offertory LSB 956

\*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:

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB 618  
"Oh, That the Lord ..." LSB 707

\*Nunc Dimittis: LSB 211

\*Post-Communion Collect: LSB 212

\*Benediction: LSB 212

Closing Hymn: LSB 922  
"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

***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 for her nephew - that he continues to talk and thrive. Also please pray that she can care for him well. a woman please pray for comfort for her as she grieves three family members in the last year dying only a few months apart. a woman please pray that she will with wisdom find a place to live that she can afford and that is safe. a woman please pray over her health, that she may feel better. a woman please pray for her family as they continue to struggle having their basic needs met. a woman please pray for her health. a woman working, trying to stretch her paycheck please pray for over her finances. a woman please pray for protection of safety around her family. a woman please pray over her life as she settles into her new life here with her children. Please also pray for her friend with cancer. a woman please pray for her and her kids as they struggle to start over after an abusive boyfriend. Please pray for discernment for her in this area of her life. a woman please pray that she can get self-sufficient; get back to work; get license and insurance and car and phone. a woman please pray over her unborn baby. Please pray that she will live a healthy lifestyle, and that the baby will be born healthy. For men – a man please pray for financial stability in his life. a man please pray that he will continue to have his needs met, and that he will thrive in his new home. a man please pray for continued strength through his current journey and success at school and work. a man please pray over his mental health issues. These issues prevent his from living the life he desires.

Alpha has started! This is a **gospel-oriented series of video and discussion** geared toward skeptics opening to faith in Jesus, and toward new believers becoming more rooted in their faith.

- Please pray for those whom God called to this opportunity.
- Please pray for volunteers and local church members to grow in love for Jesus as they walk alongside Love INC clients for a longer period of time.
- Please pray for Table Hosts to be equipped and given the words they need by the Holy Spirit.
- Please pray that the kids of participants would learn and grow in love for Jesus through the kids programming this summer.



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