

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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Lord Lifts Up the Lowly

August 20, 2023

**AS WE GATHER:** *"And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard"* (Gen. 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, *"God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"* was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). *"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast"* (Eph. 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor. 15:1-10). Therefore, *"everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."*

\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

**People: Amen.**

\*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God,

**People: always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy 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. Amen.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Matins

**Organ Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn** **LSB 572**  
"In the Shattered Bliss of Eden"

**\*Confession and Absolution:** (Printed)

**"O Lord, open my lips..."** **LSB 219**

PSALMODY

**Venite:** **LSB 220ff**

READINGS

**Catechism Review**

**Catechism Recitation** **Question #13**

**Old Testament:** **Genesis 4:1-15**

**Epistle:** **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**\*Holy Gospel:** **Luke 18:9-14**  
Pew Bible Page 1628

**\*Common Responsory** **LSB 221**

**Office Hymn:** **LSB 565**  
"Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

**Sermon**

**Offertory** **LSB 955**

**\*Canticle** **LSB 941**

PRAYER

**\*Kyrie:** **LSB 227**

**\*Lord's Prayer:** **LSB 227**

**\*Prayer of the Church**

**\*Collect of the Day:** (Printed)

**\*Collect for Grace:** **LSB 228**

**\*Benedicamus/Benediction:** **LSB 228**

**Closing Hymn:** **LSB 920**  
"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"

As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.: For women- a woman please pray for her heart problem, her health in general, her family and children, for peace and patience as she heals from childbirth and this heart situation. a woman please pray for her relationship with her mother - needs improvement. Also, please pray that she will lose her desire to smoke, and will quit smoking. a woman please pray over her family, her finances, and her dreams of a better life. a woman please pray over her life. Please pray that her broken arm will heal fully. a woman please pray as she lives with a brain tumor. She has major headaches, and can't take pain meds. She opted not to do surgery or chemo. a woman please pray that she will get her belongings moved out of storage, and into her apartment soon as to stop the daily fee being charged. Also, for her continual back pain. a woman please pray for healing from her leg surgery; financial security; for her niece who was in car accident and broke her back; she's in a brace; won't give her pain pills (as they are addictive. a woman please pray that she will have financial stability. a woman please pray for her to have wise decision making, as she is pregnant and is unsure if she wants to keep the baby. a woman please pray over her upcoming ankle surgery. For men - a man please pray that he will be able to stretch his monthly income to cover his needs. Please pray for financial stability in his life.

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