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Pastor is *not* part of the prayer chain)

**A personal prayer before worship:** *I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (Luther's Morning Prayer, M. Luther)*

**+ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE +**

**605 Father Welcomes**

*LSB 605*

ref Father welcomes all His children  
To His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation,  
Life forever has been won.

- 1 Little children, come to Me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. Refrain
- 2 In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again. Refrain
- 3 Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God. Refrain

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**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**

*LSB 184*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

LSB 184

- 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.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- 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.**

## Absolution

LSB 185

- 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** +

## Introit

- P** 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.
- C** **Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

**P** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

**C** But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**P** Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** 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.

### Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

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

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 33:7–9*

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 32:1–7; antiphon: v. 1*

**P** Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**C** **Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

**P** For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

- C** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- P** I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- C** Therefore let everyone who is godly  
offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;  
surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.
- P** You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Epistle

*Romans 13:1–10*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as

yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 18:1–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went

astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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.**

*Please be seated*

**820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker**

*LSB 820*

- 1 My soul, now praise your Maker!  
Let all within me bless His name  
Who makes you full partaker  
Of mercies more than you dare claim.  
Forget Him not whose meekness  
Still bears with all your sin,  
Who heals your ev'ry weakness,  
Renews your life within;  
Whose grace and care are endless  
And saved you through the past;  
Who leaves no suff'rer friendless  
But rights the wronged at last.
  
- 2 He offers all His treasure  
Of justice, truth, and righteousness,  
His love beyond all measure,  
His yearning pity o'er distress;  
Nor treats us as we merit  
But sets His anger by.  
The poor and contrite spirit  
Finds His compassion nigh;  
And high as heav'n above us,

As dawn from close of day,  
So far, since He has loved us,  
He puts our sins away.

3 For as a tender father  
Has pity on his children here,  
God in His arms will gather  
All who are His in childlike fear.  
He knows how frail our powers,  
Who but from dust are made.  
We flourish like the flowers,  
And even so we fade;  
The wind but through them passes,  
And all their bloom is o'er.  
We wither like the grasses;  
Our place knows us no more.

4 His grace remains forever,  
And children's children yet shall prove  
That God forsakes them never  
Who in true fear shall seek His love.  
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,  
His rule is over all;  
O hosts with might excelling,  
With praise before Him fall.  
Praise Him forever reigning,  
All you who hear His Word—  
Our life and all sustaining.  
My soul, O praise the Lord!

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**Sermon**

*Vicar Tim Benzinger*

*Please stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit  
from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

#### **Preface**

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

#### **Proper Preface (Full)**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary....

#### **Sanctus**

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 196*

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

**Distribution**

*The Lord's Supper will be distributed by individual/family in a continuous no contact flow. The dismissal will be given to all at the conclusion of the Supper.*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**Post-Communion Collect**

- A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Salutation

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

### Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*LSB 202*

**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.

### 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*LSB 709*

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor is *not* part of the prayer chain.** Please contact Pastor directly so he can care for your spiritual needs.

**Prayers** - Please remember in your daily prayers our Members in Nursing Homes and those at home: John & Lois Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Gene & Janice Klopfenstein, Dortha Marsh, Maxine Lott, Bill Niedermeyer, Tim & Sandra Rueger, John Myers, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, Jack & Joanne Lane, Shane Hoffman, Ralph & Barbara Keiper, Lynn Kyler and Melinda Puckett.

**Those serving our Country in the Armed Forces:** Jason & Ashley Weatherly.

**Welcome reception will be September 20** welcoming Vicar Tim and his family. Please join us in the gym after church.

**Thursday evening Bible Study at 7 pm** in the gym. Masks and social distancing observed.

**Catechism classes have resumed** this week online with Vicar Tim. If you have not been contacted for your child, please reach out to be included in the class .

**Please see the information we have received from the Indiana District LC-MS regarding the wearing of face masks during worship.**

Dear Brother Pastors in the Indiana District,  
Re: Wearing Face Coverings in Worship

Please find below the link to Governor Holcomb's newest executive order (EO) requiring face coverings. Note carefully that this new order does NOT change the restrictions of recent practice in Indiana - namely, a pastor need only wear a face covering during the distribution of Christ's body and blood when the mandated distancing cannot be kept. Otherwise, so long as we are all following current law regarding distancing and sanitizing, neither pastors nor parishioners are required to wear face coverings during the service. Concerning when your worship service begins or ends, it is your discretion whether entering and exiting the church building is considered part of "attending" your worship service. Some congregations currently require wearing masks to enter and exit the church building, while others do not require masks to be worn upon entry or exit as this would be considered part of "attending...a religious service." Note that if your congregation is in a county or city that has tighter restrictions than Governor Holcomb's EO, these supersede the state restrictions. Congregations in Kentucky currently have nearly identical restrictions (Governor Beshear's EO does not specify churches, but he has recently encouraged congregations to "worship" remotely.). However Governor Beshear is due to issue a new EO, likely today (7/27). Kentucky pastors, carefully consider and obey any EO, unless such an EO clearly demands that we disobey God...and telephone me if you think it does make such a demand. Indiana pastors, the following from Governor Holcomb's EO specifically applies to what has just been outlined (for those of you with schools, you may also find specific interest in section 6 of Governor Holcomb's EO):

Here is the link to the order:

<https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%202020-37%20Face%20Covering%20Requirement.pdf>

Be considerate and loving to those who are conscience-bound to be on either side of mask-wearing practice.

Blessings to all as we strive to faithfully distribute and receive Christ's gifts.

In Him,

**Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege**  
**President, Indiana District**

**“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood...be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”**

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