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THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE IV THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 26 & 27, 2025 5:30 & 8:00 AM

PRELUDE Duane & Johann, Accordions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO OPEN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790, sts. 1,2,5 Please stand

INVOCATION

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- ▶ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

CONFESSION

- **P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that 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.

Divine Service IV (C) 2 June 26 & 27, 2025 **KYRIE C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy. **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (Glory to God in the Highest) glo - ry And peace to **C** 1 To God on high be all the earth; You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, 2 To we pray; ho - ly; You on - ly 3 For You a - lone are Lord. are the Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth! Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. 0 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored; We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt Have mer - cv on cry, Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High, You with the Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high-Where You God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad In re - ply. Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect)

- Let us pray... O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen <u>Please sit</u>

FIRST READING Genesis 18:17-33

¹⁷The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in

SECOND READING Colossians 2:6-15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there."

He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

- L This is the Word of the Lord
- **C** Thanks be to God.

according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, *(continued...)*

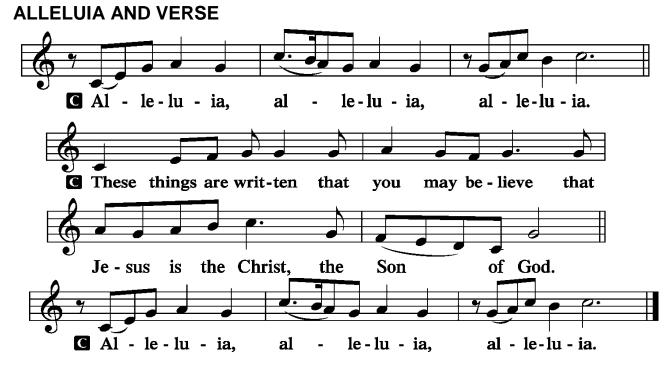
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in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of

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debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

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- **G** Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL READING Luke 11:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. *(continued...)*

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⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you July 26 & 27, 2025

then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" LSB 577, sts. 1-4

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SERMON "IN THE DARK" (Text: Acts 9:1-4)

The Rev. Peter Gueldner

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...
- 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

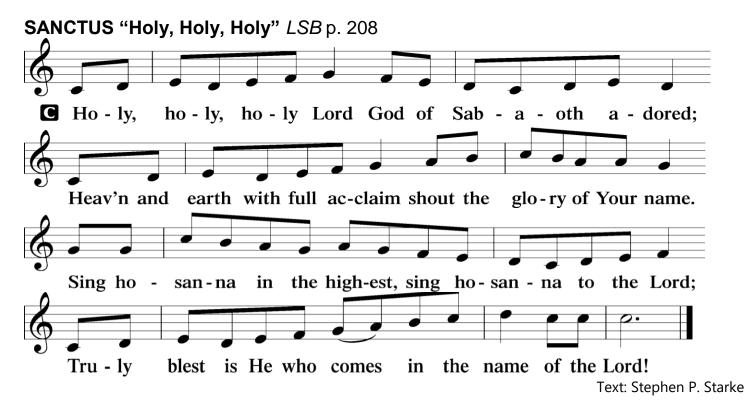
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

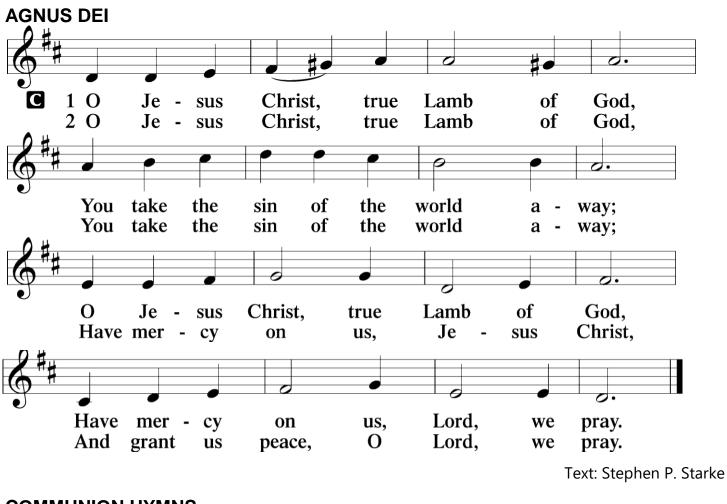


WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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COMMUNION HYMNS

"Come, My Soul, with Every Care" "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB 779, sts. 1-6 LSB 770, sts. 1-3

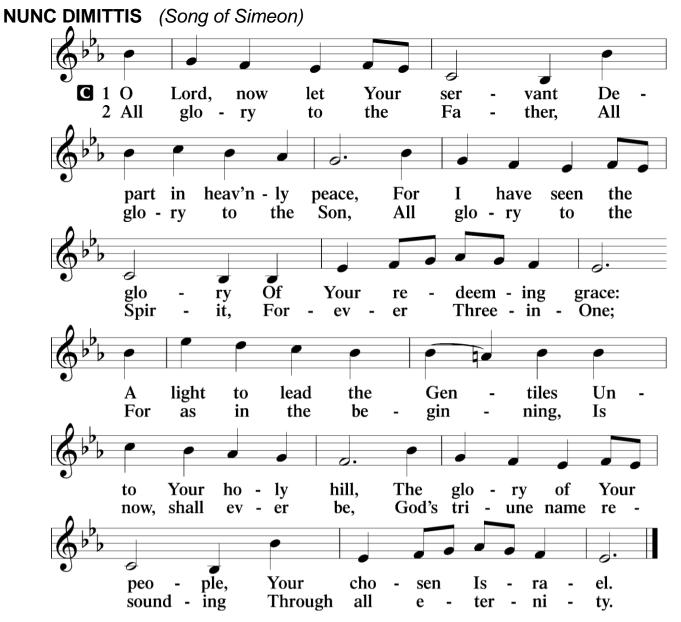
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DISMISSAL

C Amen.

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BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord (+) make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN "O Savior, Precious Savior" LSB 527, sts. 1-4

- **P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God!

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* * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * *
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