

**The First Reading. . . . .Revelation 14:6-7**

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

**The Epistle Reading. . . . .Romans 3:19-28**

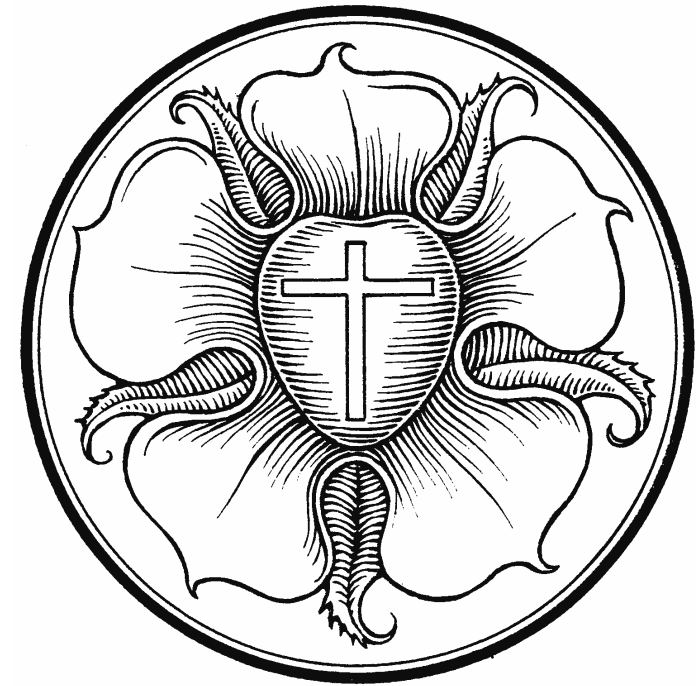
Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

**The Gospel Reading. . . . .John 8:31-36**

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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## Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. A small brochure is available in the pew which describes the importance of the Biblical and historic practice known as "Closed Communion." If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

**Notes on the service:** Today in the Service of the Word we will follow the hymnic form of the Divine Service codified as Setting 5 in the Lutheran Service Book, but first assembled by Martin Luther in the early Reformation period. Although Luther did not want to prescribe a particular form of the Divine Service, a number of people asked him to provide a good example of an evangelical, German order of worship for use in the fledgling Reformation congregations. He did some early work in that direction in 1523, and in 1526 assembled the *Deutsche Messe und Ordnung des Gottesdiensts* (English: *German Mass and Order of God's Service*). The *Deutsche Messe* was a conservative reworking of the Roman Catholic Mass that retained the form and order, but replaced much of the content. Changes included a thorough replacement of the Catholic "Sacrifice of the Mass" with the evangelical (Lutheran) Sacrament of the Altar, and inclusion of music and liturgical elements that were in the language of the people, rather than in Latin. We use it this day not because it is better than some other setting--Luther himself wrote against the idea of requiring congregations to follow one specific form or another--but as a way to honor the Lutheran Reformation and the man God raised up to bring first the Divine Service, and then the Bible itself, into the language of the people.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY: (The theme prayer of the day.)

P: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Psalm 34



I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | O Lord,\*

And shall not be | put to shame.

**I will bless the LORD at | all times;\***

**his praise shall continually be | in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*

let the humble hear | and be glad.

**Come, O children, lis- | ten to me;\***

**I will teach you the fear | of the LORD.**

The LORD redeems the life of his | servants;\*

none of those who take refuge in him will | be condemned.

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Organist. . . . . Ginny Valleau  
Communion Elders. . . . . Luther Salonen & Carl Pigors  
Ushers. . . . . Rich Rusche & Randy Wilson

Note: Standing and Kneeling are optional

**10:00 A.M.**

### **Divine Service Setting Five LSB 213**

#### **Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn**—LSB #556, stanzas 1-5

**Confession and Absolution LSB 213**

**Service of the Word LSB 214**

**Introit** - Psalm 34—(printed at left)

**Kyrie** - LSB #942

**Gloria in Excelsis**—LSB #948

**Salutation & Collect of the Day**—LSB 214

**The First Reading:** (printed on back)

**The Epistle Reading:** (printed on back)

**Hymn of the Day** - LSB #556, stanzas 6-10

**The Gospel Reading:** (printed on back)

**The Creed** - LSB #954

**Sermon** - Rev. Perry Copus

**Prayer of the Church** - LSB 215

**Offering** - LSB 216

**Service of the Sacrament LSB 216**

**Lord's Prayer** - LSB 217 (Spoken)

**The Words of Our Lord** - LSB 217

**Sanctus** - LSB 195

**Agnus Dei** - LSB 198

**Distribution** - LSB 217

Hymns—LSB #636

LSB #555

**Post-Communion Hymn** - LSB #633

**Post-Communion Collect** - LSB 218

**Benedicamus & Benediction** - LSB 218

**Closing Hymn**—LSB #656

**Postlude**