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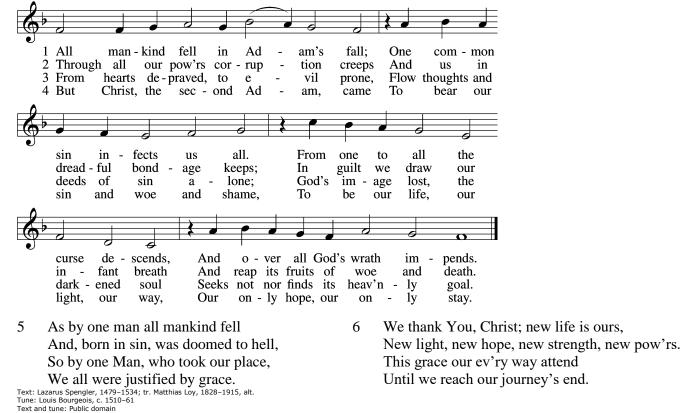
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Divine Service, Setting Three	

### As We Gather

"X marks the spot" is a reminder that a cross, whether on a treasure map or on a police investigation site outline, has a special meaning. It indicates what is at the center and is of greatest importance. In the Small Catechism, Dr. Martin Luther directs Christian people to make the sign of the cross to begin their day, as he writes, "In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross" (*LSB*, p. 327). He commends the same sacred action at the close of the day, writing, "In the evening when you go to bed, make the sign of the holy cross" (*LSB*, p. 327). The purpose of making the sign of the cross, whether at home or in conjunction with our worship, is to indicate that all our lives are marked by the redeeming action of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross for us and for our salvation. It is a most blessed sign!

# **Confession and Absolution**

### 562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall



Stand

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

**C** Amen.

- 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.
- 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.

**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.

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.

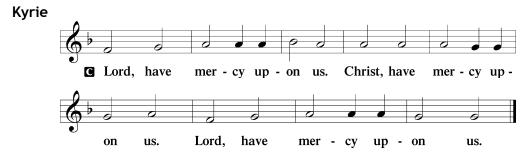
**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

### Introit

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-10, 13; antiphon: vv. 15a, c, 16

P	When he calls to me, I will answer him;*
	I will rescue him and honor him.
Wit	h long life I will sat-   isfy him*
	and show him my sal- vation.
С	He who dwells in the shelter of the   Most High*
	will abide in the shadow of the Al-   mighty.
P	I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my   fortress,*
	my God, in whom I trust."
С	Because you have made the LORD your   dwelling place—*
	the Most High, who is my   refuge—
P	no evil shall be allowed to be-   fall you,*
	no plague come   near your tent.
С	You will tread on the lion and the   adder;*
	the young lion and the serpent you will trample   underfoot.
С	Glory be to the Father and   to the Son*
	and to the Holy   Spirit;
as it	t was in the be-   ginning,*
	is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P	When he calls to me, I will   answer him;*
	I will rescue him and   honor him.
Wit	h long life I will sat-   isfy him*
	and show him my sal- vation.



# Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 3:1–21

**R** The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 3.

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."" <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field;

on your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring;

he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,

"I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
<sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.
<sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

R This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

# Epistle

**R** The Epistle is from 2 Corinthians, chapter 6.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

"In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you."

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

2 Corinthians 6:1–10

## Holy Gospel

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



■ <sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written,

"Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.""

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

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"He will command his angels concerning you,"
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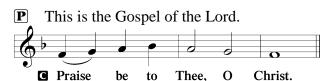
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"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.""

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.""

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.



## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

### 657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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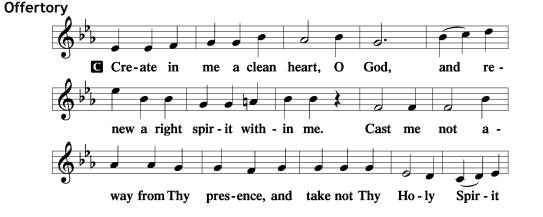
God, A Α might - y for - tress is our sword and shield vic -1 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re-3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill land All threat-'ning to the de a - bide, No thanks to foes, who 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall to rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal fight, Whom God Himed. But now a cham-pion comes to ject -We trem - ble not, stand; They un - moved we can - not vour us, For God Him-self fights by side With fear it; our weap-ons 0 va - tion glo - rious. The old sa tan - ic foe Has sworn to self e - lect - ed. You The ask who this may be? Lord of o - ver-pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or, With might He work us woe. craft and dread ful He, Christ Je might -Lord, God's hosts is sus, у we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched а way, They arms him - self to fight. On earth qual. he has no e Son, a - dored. He holds the field rious. on - ly vic - to judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him. can - not win the day. The King-dom's ours for - ev er! Text: tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978 Text and tune: Martin Luther, 1483–1546 Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110017219

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#### Sermon

# Offering

Stand



505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

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	6.	from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.
Prayer of the Church		
-	<b>P</b>	In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
	C	Lord, have mercy.
	P	For faithful hearts that look to the Lord for forgiveness, that when we wander from His Word we woul come to Him, confess our sins and be restored, let us pray to the Lord:
I	С	Lord, have mercy.
	P	For pastors, that God would command His angels concerning them to guard them in all their ways as they proclaim the One who trampled the serpent underfoot by His death on the cross, let us pray to the Lord:
	С	Lord, have mercy.
	P	For our homes, that God would sustain parents in their sacred charge; and that Christian homes would
	C	be places of confession and forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our rulers and those with worldly authority, that they would resist the allure of power, worship God alone, punish evil and praise those who do good, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

- **P** For help when tempted, that God would strengthen us for the sake of Christ who was tempted in our place and teach us to rely upon His Word as our defense against the evil one, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For the needy, the sick and the troubled, *[especially* \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, *i* that God would send His holy angels to protect and keep us in His ways so that no evil may befall us, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in the midst of this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# **C** Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

from His Word we would

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

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**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.

# 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On



### Announcements

Adult Sunday School is studying Exodus at 9am on Sunday mornings.

The Flowers that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory.

The Ladies Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10am. They are studying the book of Joshua.

Church Council next meeting is Mar TBD at 8am.

Lenten Vespers services begin Mar 1. A light meal will be at 6:30pm with service at 7pm.

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