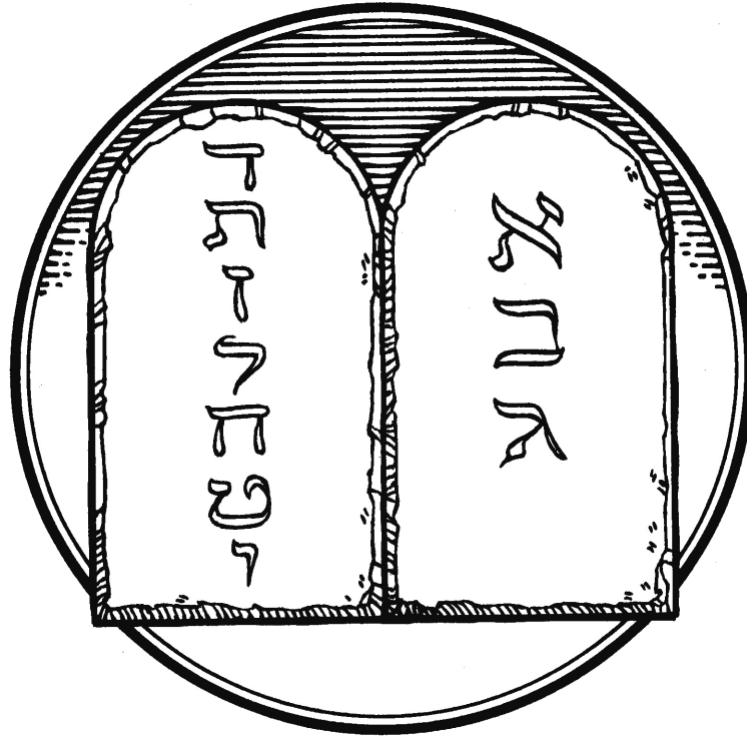


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The Order of Worship

Divine Service Setting Three (LSB 184)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB 590

Rite of Holy Baptism of Heidi Lucille Hanke

Introit*

(Ps. 28:1-2, 7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8-9)

The LORD is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Save your people and bless your heritage!

Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

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.

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Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 187

Collect*: Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying, ²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ³“You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. ⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹ For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. ¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³“You shall not murder. ¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵“You shall not steal. ¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

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

Gradual: Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants! Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Epistle: Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in

a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 5:17-26

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles’ Creed*

LSB 192

Hymn of the Day: All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall	LSB 562
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Lord's Prayer*	
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: All Christians Who Have Been Baptized	LSB 596

Announcements

What Does This Mean: Are you wondering what those letters are on the front of your bulletin? They are the first ten letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and you read them from right to left. And as the first ten letters of the Hebrew alphabet are set on two tables, they are highlighting the Ten Commandments, which are describe in the Old Testament reading for this day.

Hymn of the Month: The hymn of the month for July is Paul Gerhardt's (1607-1676) hymn, 'All Christians Who Have Been Baptized' (LSB 596). The hymn's earliest source directed that it be sung to the tune of the great justification hymn, "Salvation unto us has come" (LSB 556). Yet, LSB sets it to the tune of Martin Luther's justification hymn, "Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice" (LSB 556). Either hymn is fitting for this Baptism hymn, for Baptism gives the gift of justification (God's declaration of righteousness for Christ's sake) to sinners. And so, in stanza 1, Gerhardt invites us to consider the gift that God "gives to everyone baptized into Christ Jesus" (Stz. 1). Gerhardt's use of "you" and "us" in the hymn makes it clear that the new birth by water and the Spirit in Baptism (John 3:5-6) brings the comfort of Christ's atonement to all who are baptized. However, is Baptism really necessary? Stanzas 2 and 3 answer that question: "You were before your day of birth...condemned and lost with all the earth" (Psalm 51:5; Romans 3:23). Yet, "all of that was washed away in Baptism. Baptism is a great comfort for:

- sin is "washed away – Immersed and drowned forever" (Stz. 3),
- it restores a sinner (Stz. 3),
- it is where we "put on Christ-Our shame is full covered" (Stz.4), and
- "here the flood of [Christ's] own blood now makes us holy, right, and good before our heavenly Father" (Stz. 4).

All of this gives us Christians the confidence to live in Christ, "in all that you endeavor" (Stz. 5) "within your own vocation" (Stz. 6). I pray God's richest blessings as you sing and meditate on this hymn.

Christ Our Rock Fund Raiser: The CORLHS Track Team will be having a Rummage Sale and Chick-fil-A fundraiser on Saturday, July 27, 11 am - 4 pm at Christ Our Rock. Chick-fil-A must be pre-ordered between July 1 - July 21. For information, questions, or to sign up to volunteer: call the school at 618-226-3315 or contact Nickie Mitchell at nmitchell526@yahoo.com

Private Confession and Absolution: The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

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