**32ND Regular Convention of the Florida-Georgia District of the LCMS**

Sunday Morning Worship - June 14, 2015

In anticipation of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, portions of this service follow the tradition of Luther’s German Mass (LW Divine Service III) in which parts of the liturgy for Holy Communion are replaced with hymns. The service also includes a commemoration of the faithful departed, remembering those who engaged in the Master’s business with us and now are with Him, as well as Luther’s Questions & Answers before receiving Holy Communion.

**Engaged in the Master’s Business**

L = Leader; **P = People**

**PRESERVICE PRAISE** (*Rising, Because He Rose or music of your choice*)

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION AND THEME VERSE:**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**P: Amen**

L: Nearing Jerusalem, Jesus explained in a parable the nature of the kingdom of God: *A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.*

**P: *Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, “Engage in business until I come….”*** (Luke 19:12,13)

**OPENING HYMN** (LSB 827)  ***Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling***

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*(The following commemoration is optional. Continue with Psalm 1 if not used.)*

**COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:**

L: *And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the LORD from now on.”*

**P: *“Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”*** (Revelation 14:13)

L: It is the custom of the Church to remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

*(The names of those departed are read, each followed by the toll of a bell.)*

L: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before You, O Lord, All our departed family, friends and coworkers who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises.

We pray … Gracious Father, in Jesus Christ we remember with thanksgiving before You all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light - that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore.

Lord, remember Your Church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that in union with all Your saints, we may laud and magnify Your name forever, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**P: Amen!**

**RESPONSIVE SONG** (or LSB 725**)** ***Soon and Very Soon***

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**PSALM 1**

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, be the way of the wicked will perish.

**KYRIE** (LSB 617) ***O Lord, We Praise Thee***

**GLORIA**  (or LSB 947 or LSB 948) ***To God Be the Glory***

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

L: Heavenly Father, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**P: Amen**

**EPISTLE**   **2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**GRADUAL** (LSB646; Tune: LSB 686)) ***Church of God, Elect and Glorious***

**HOLY GOSPEL**   **Luke 19:11-27**

L: The holy Gospel according to St, Luke the nineteenth chapter.

**P: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(Gospel is read)*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**P: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CREED** (or LSB 953) ***This I Believe***

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord …

**P:** *(after each petition)* **Lord, have mercy.**

**OFFERING RECEIVED**

Voluntary (or music of your choice) *Offering*

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*(If communion is not celebrated, continue with the Lord’s Prayer, Benediction, and Closing Hymn)*

**LUTHER’S QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS BEFORE COMMUNION:**

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.**

2. How do you know this?

**From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.**

3. Are you sorry for your sins?

**Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

**His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**

5. Do you hope to be saved?

**Yes, that is my hope.**

6. In whom then do you trust?

**In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.**

7. Who is Christ?

**The Son of God, true God and man.**

8. How many Gods are there?

**Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

**He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

10. Did the Father also die for you?

**He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.**

11. How do you know this?

**From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.**

12. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

**Yes, I believe it.**

13. What convinces you to believe this?

**The word of Christ: “Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.”**

14. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

**We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**

15. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

**First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could to that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.**

16. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

**His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners.**

17. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

**That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.**

18. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

**First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.**

**ABSOLUTION & ADMONITION TO COMMUNICANTS** (LW Divine Service III, page 197)

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**SANCTUS** (LSB 507)  ***Holy, Holy, Holy***

**DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:**

Revelation Song (or LSB 627) How Great Is Our God (or LSB 617)

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast (LSB 655) Jesus Shall Reign (LSB 832)

This is the Feast (LSB 155)

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:**

L: 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.

**P: Amen**

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**BENEDICTION:**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace.

**P: Amen and amen!**

**CLOSING HYMN** (LSB 643)  ***Sent Forth by God’s Blessing***