

First English Lutheran Church

1311 East 18th Street

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8:00 & 10:45 am Communion Services

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PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Prelude, Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn - LSB # 850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Welcome

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone.

C: Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may attend to Your Word, confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 40:21-31 Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³who brings princes to nothing and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by

my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 9:16-27 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. ²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Holy Gospel - Mark 1:29-39 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many

who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Hymn - LSB # 396 "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

Sermon

Nicene Creed (Inside back cover of hymnal)

Offering

Offertory Hymn - LSB #851 vs 1-2 "Lord of Glory"

Collect of the Day

P: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Prayers

Hymn of Praise - LSB #790 vs.1, 4 "Praise to the Lord"

ORDER OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Exhortation

P: Dearly beloved, since it is our intention to come to the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we diligently examine ourselves as St. Paul tells us to do, for this Holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort and strengthening of those who humbly confess their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

C: But as we thus examine ourselves, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we cannot set ourselves free.

P: That is why our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us and has taken on Himself our nature;

C: that He might fulfill for us the whole law of God and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved.

P: That we might all the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith, Christ has instituted the Holy Sacrament of His Supper, in which He feeds us with His body and gives us to drink of His blood.

C: Therefore, whoever eats of this bread and drinks of this cup, firmly believing the words of Christ, dwells in Christ, and Christ in him, and has eternal life.

P: We should do this also in remembrance of Him, showing His death,

C: That He was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification,

P: And, giving Him our most hearty thanks, take up our cross and follow Him and according to His commandment to love one another as He has loved us.

C: For we are all one body, even as we all eat of His Body and drink of His Blood.

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. 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 to me, a poor sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith and confidence in Him.

C: Amen.

P: I stand before you as God's ambassador and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ announce that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Communion Collect

P: Lord of heaven and earth, we praise and thank you for having had mercy on those whom you created, sending your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior.

C: With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

P: Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we beg you, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit.

C: Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament.

P: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us. . .

ALL: "Our Father, who art. . ."

Consecration of Bread and Wine

Communion Distribution

Hymns

- LSB #632 "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"
- LSB #540 "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"
- LSB #618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"
- LSB #620 "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Collect After Holy Communion

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and praise you that you have again revived us with the gift of this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation in Your holy Body and Blood that we may now depart with peace and joy, knowing that we are reconciled to God; for You live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn - LSB #761 "Rock of Ages"

Announcements and Postlude

† † † **HOLY COMMUNION** † † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine ("*This is my body . . . This is my blood.*" Matt. 26:26,28). We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and strengthens our faith.

By communing together we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

† † **VISITORS AND MEMBERS** † †

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.

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*Very early in the morning ... Jesus got up, left the house
and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*
Mark 1:35

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