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## Greetings in Christ, and welcome to Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church!

If you are visiting us for the first time or have not before received Communion from Pastor Scheltens, please speak to Pastor before approaching the altar for the first time.

# Divine Service III (LSB 184)

Opening Hymn

**656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

Introit

*Psalm 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19; antiphon: vv. 5b, 6a, 35b*



God is in his holy habi- | tation;\*  
[he] settles the solitary | in a home.  
The God of Israel—he | is the one\*  
who gives power and strength to his | people.  
**God shall arise, his enemies shall be | scattered,\***  
**and those who hate him shall flee be- | fore him!**  
**But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult be- | fore God;\***  
**they shall be jubilant | with joy!**  
**O God, when you went out before your | people,\***  
**in your goodness, O God, you provided for the | needy.**  
**Blessèd be the Lord, who daily | bears us up;\***  
**God is our sal- | vation.**  
**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.**  
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[he] settles the solitary | in a home.  
The God of Israel—he | is the one\*  
who gives power and strength to his | people.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 4:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” <sup>2</sup>And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. <sup>3</sup>In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, <sup>4</sup>and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup>but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. <sup>6</sup>The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.”

<sup>8</sup>Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup>And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup>When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” <sup>13</sup>Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. <sup>14</sup>Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

*Psalms 28:7b, 1a, 2a*

In [God] my heart trusts, and | I am helped;\*  
my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.  
To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\*

**hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA

*LSB 190*



*Pastor -- Alleluia Verse    Congregation – REPEAT Alleluia*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 18:9–14*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus:

‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ <sup>13</sup>But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 191*

*Hymn of the Day*

**689 Let Me Be Thine Forever**

**Sermon**

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**Rite of Confirmation**

*LSB 272*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Service of the Sacrament**

*LSB 194*

*Distribution Hymns*

**622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

**559 Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion**

**555 Salvation unto Us Has Come**

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**Thanksgiving, Salutation and Benediction**

*LSB 200-202*

*Closing Hymn*

**865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain**