

The First Reading. Acts 1:12–26

Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it"; and "Let another take his office.' So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

The Epistle Reading. 1 John 5:9–15

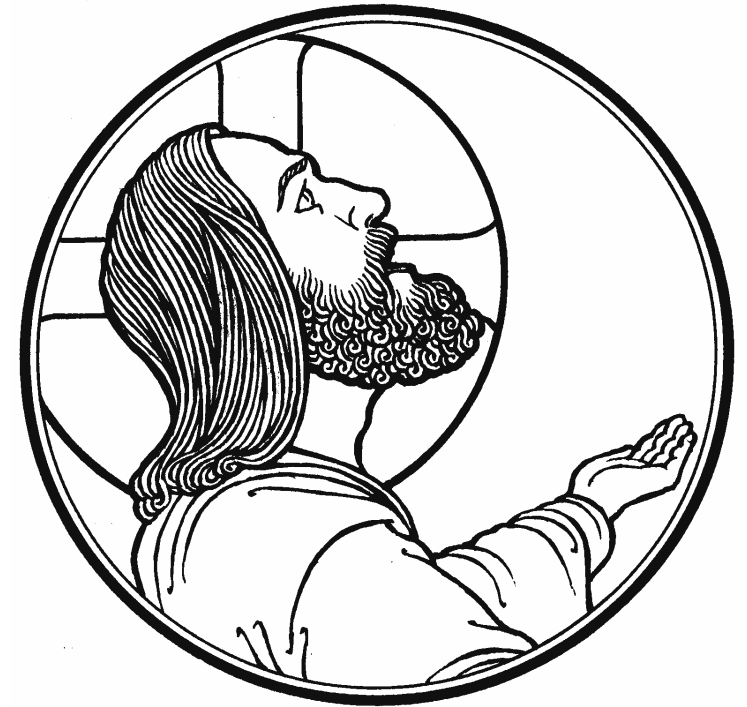
If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

The Gospel Reading. John 17:11b–19

Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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May 16, 2021

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Receiving the Lord's Supper at Holy Cross

Our Lord gives both directions and warnings in Scripture when it comes to the precious gift of Holy Communion, which we take great care to follow. A small brochure is available in the pew which describes the importance of the Biblical and historic practice known as "Closed Communion." If you are not under the spiritual care of Holy Cross, please speak with the pastor before communing so that our unity with Christ and with one another may be genuine. Our aim is not to insult, but to instruct and prepare those who earnestly desire to join our communion. So, if you or your children are not yet communicants, you may come forward for a blessing tied to baptism, and you are encouraged to signify this by crossing your arms over your chest as the pastor comes by. The Blood of Christ is offered either in individual glasses, or simply hold out your hand to take the chalice by the base as you drink from it.

Notes on the service: May the joy of the Ascended Lord be yours this day and always. Even though our Lord ascended to the Father, He has prepared for our care here. Even before His death He prayed for all of His disciples. In that prayer, He asked the Father to keep them in His care. That is Jesus' prayer for you also. Jesus has not left us unattended but has given us His Word of promise. Jesus is "no longer in the world" but still prays for us who are and, by the power of God's name, protects us "from the evil one," just as He did while on earth. In the Word we hear that we have been set apart as God's special people.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Organist. Ginny Valleau
Communion Elder. Randy Wilson
Ushers. Steve Hoffman & Luther Salonen

Psalm 27



Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation; *

whom | shall I fear?

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.

For my father and my mother have for- | saken me, *

but the LORD will | take me in.

Wait | for the LORD;*

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

All: 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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Note: Standing and Kneeling are optional

10:00 A.M.

Divine Service Setting One—LSB 151

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn—LSB #821

Confession and Absolution—LSB 151

Service of the Word—LSB 152

Introit—Psalm 27 (printed at left)

Kyrie - LSB 152-153

Hymn of Praise - This Is the Feast - LSB 155

Collect of the Day

The Lessons: (printed on back)

Hymn of the Day - LSB #544

Sermon - Rev. Perry Copus

The Nicene Creed - LSB 158

Prayer of the Church - LSB 159

Offering

Offertory - LSB 159-160

Service of the Sacrament—LSB 160

Sanctus - LSB 161

Lord's Prayer (right column) - LSB 162

Agnus Dei - LSB 163

Distribution - LSB 164

Hymns—LSB #517, stanzas 1, 13 & 3

LSB #644

LSB #696

Thank the Lord - LSB 164

Benediction - LSB 166

Closing Hymn—LSB #651

Postlude