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## "The Divine Service Part 2"

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Sunday School 9:00 am  
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Worship 10:00 am  
(Holy Communion on 1st  
and 3rd Sundays)



**Sunday Morning Worship  
Service  
with  
Pastor Oddi**

KNIM 1580 AM or 95.9 FM  
10:00 am to 10:30 am

We are privileged to worship a God who comes to us, who serves, forgives, and teaches us during what we call "The Divine Service." For the next few months we will be looking at "The Divine Service" and its parts. The information for this article is taken from *An Explanation of the Divine Service* by Rev. Alan Kornacki, Jr. (Unless otherwise noted) This is part 2.

"The high and holy worship of God is faith in Jesus Christ. Such faith is created and sustained by God's Service to us. In the Divine Service, the Lord comes to us in His Word and Sacraments to bless and enliven us with His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, and we respond to the outpouring of those gifts. God speaks to us, and we speak His words back to Him. These two terms are sometimes called 'sacramental' and 'sacrificial.' God sacramentally serves us

through His word, and we, in turn, sacrificially serve God with our prayer, thanksgiving, and praise."

### Part 2 – The Office of the Word – Introduction and Psalmody

Corporate Confession and Absolution were not always parts of the Divine Service. Originally the Introit marked the actual beginning of the Service. In a way, it still does. Confession and Absolution are a sort of preparation for true worship. Our sins forgiven, we are glad to enter into the gates of the house of the Lord with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise.

Neither you nor I could ever know anything of Christ, or believe in Him, unless it were offered to us and granted to our hearts by the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Gospel. In the Office of the Word, we hear the Word of the Lord in the readings from Scripture and the sermon, and offer our prayers to God, as He bids us do: "*Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver*

*thee, and thou shalt glorify me*" (Psalm 50:15). The Office of the Word has three parts:

1. The Psalmody: The Introit through the Gloria in Excelsis;
2. The Word: The Salutation through the Votum ("The Peace of God which passes all understanding . . ."); and
3. The Offerings: The Offertory through the Prayers.

### The Office of the Word

#### The Introit

The word "Introit" comes from the Latin word introitus, which means entrance. Historically, this is the time when the processional cross, the minister, and his assistants would process to the front of the church.

The Introit historically was formed of an antiphon, a whole Psalm (or an alternate passage from Scripture or a liturgical text), and the Gloria Patri. The antiphon is a selected verse which gives the message of the Psalm in a brief statement.

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10/6 – Nancy Jenkins  
10/13 – Nancy Jenkins  
10/20 – Pam Shannon  
10/27 – Pam Shannon



10/6 – LWML Members  
10/13 – TBA  
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The Psalm itself introduces the main theme of the day and reflects the season of the church year. We then include the Gloria Patri (Glory be to the Father and to the Son . . .), which is a confession of our belief in the Triune God, and fundamentally distinguishes the use of the Psalms in the New Testament Church from their use in the Old Testament Church.

#### **The Kyrie**

The Greek words kyrie eleison (κύριε ελέησον), meaning “Lord have mercy,” are a general prayer for the Church and the world. Christians know that the gracious mercy of God is the hope of all who are in need. Faith is complete reliance upon the Lord, whatever the petition. It is a very scriptural prayer (Psalm 51:1; Matthew 9:27, 15:22, 17:15, 20:30-31; Luke 16:24, 17:13). This is NOT, however, another confession of sins. It is not a meek prayer of resignation, but a bold cry of faith from our cleansed and forgiven hearts to the merciful heart of God. We say this prayer knowing that God has mercy on those who fear him.

#### **The Hymn of Praise**

The hymn of praise gives a powerful expression to why Christians worship, namely, that God gives His gracious gifts, and thankful believers receive and celebrate God’s gifts. Originally part of the prayer offices (Matins, Vespers, etc.), it was imported into the Divine Service around the 4th Century. We have come to use two hymns of praise: the Gloria in Excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) and “Worthy Is Christ.” Both are hymns of creation in praise of its God. The hymn of praise is a response to the kyrie, in that it proclaims the glory of God and voices the joy of believers in His merciful goodness in sending His Son to be the Savior of the world. Due to the penitential nature of the seasons of Advent and Lent, it is appropriate to omit these hymns of praise, adding instead the hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” during Advent and the hymn “The Royal Banners Forward Go” during Lent.

#### **The Gloria in Excelsis**

This is the song of the angels to the shepherds found in Luke 2:14. Generally the pastor or his assistant will speak or chant the words “Glory be to God on high,” and the congregation will respond with the rest, just as the angel came alone to give the message to the shepherds, and then was joined by the multitude of the heavenly host.

#### **“Worthy is Christ”**

This canticle is relatively new to use in the Divine Service, at least those on earth. However, it is a very scriptural song. It is taken from various texts in the book of the Revelation to John (5:9, 12-13; 11:17; 115:3-4; 19:5). This song focuses on the praise of the risen Lord, and the God who sent Him to be our Savior. It has only come into use in the Lutheran Church in the 20th century, but it is a constant hymn of worship to God in heaven, and thus is very appropriate for our use on earth. “Worthy is Christ,” also known by the title “This Is the Feast.”

#### **Questions about the Introduction and the Psalmody**

Why do we sing the Festival Canticle (“Worthy is Christ”) once in a while? Again, it is a question of when it is appropriate to use it. The Gloria in Excelsis is more appropriate during the Christmas and Epiphany seasons because it talks more about the Incarnation of Christ, while “Worthy is Christ” discusses the victory that Christ won through His death and resurrection, and this is more appropriate for Easter.

Next month we will look at: An Explanation of the Divine Service Part 3 – The Office of the Word – The Word

*God's Blessings,  
Pastor Dave*



10/1 – Joe Richardson  
 10/2 – Mark Bohlmann  
 10/3 – Cheree Abbott  
 10/3 – Matt Johnson  
 10/9 – Ken Suvanto  
 10/10 – Jonathan Rogers  
 10/17 – Virginia McNair  
 10/17 – Gladys Strauch  
 10/20 – Mike Mandrick  
 10/21 – Lisa Estrada  
 10/22 – Pastor Dave Oddi  
 10/24 – Evelyn Estrada  
 10/28 – Leanna Roush



## **LWML Kicks Off Another Year of Service**

**T**he LWML met on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the church. Our hostess Lesley Oddi served a delicious peach upside down cake.

President Lesley Oddi called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Members present were Pam Myers, Marie Walsh, Liz Mandrick, Lesley Oddi, Twyla Hazen, Mary Ann Zanzie, Beth Goudge, Phyllis Abbott, Marilyn Bettis and Virginia McNair.

Pastor Oddi opened our meeting with prayer.

Secretary Twyla Hazen reported her computer availability has changed, and so the program booklet will be forthcoming. It was reported that we will be collecting monies for our various in gatherings for three months in a row for each. That way we can send checks once every 3 months.

Twyla Hazen led the devotion “God’s Time” from the Summer 2019 Quarterly. Time is something that can’t be contained. It keeps going on and on sometimes too fast and sometimes too slow. Paul had a thorn in his side that he prayed to God to remove, but God said, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” When we recognize our weaknesses, we also realize our need to depend on God who gives us strength. Time is past, present and future. God has a reason for all that happens in our lives. Things may not always go as we want, but they will always go how God wants because He knows what is best for us. We will have difficult times and joyful times. We should praise and thank God for our blessings, especially for the gift of His son Jesus. More than that, we should tell others about Jesus. The right time to praise God is morning, noon, night, when you are happy, when you are sad, when you are a new Christian and when you are a life-long believer because God made us and He redeemed us.

**B**irthdays: Kate McKee on September 24. We passed around a birthday card for all to sign.

**I**n Gathering: Lutheran Campus Center

**S**ecretary's Minutes: Minutes from the June meeting was approved as printed and emailed to all.

**C**orrespondence: Seminary Guild luncheon invitation and dues for Seminary Guild are due. Liz Mandrick made a motion to pay the annual dues to the Seminary Guild. Beth Goudge made the second. Motion carried.

**T**reasurer's Report: The report was passed out to all and placed on file for review. No new bills were presented. Lesley led a discussion about a different treasurer's form.

**U**nfinished Business:

1. Old and new officers – remained the same.
2. Treasurer's Audit Report – Volunteers to audit the Treasurer's books are Twyla Hazen, Liz Mandrick and Beth Goudge.

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10/18 – Ken & Katherine Suvanto  
 10/20 – Jeffrey & Kirsten Maronde



October 10, 2019, 5:00 pm

- Pat Bobzien
- Marilyn Bettis

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3. Rummage sale updates - Lesley will pull together where we have given garage sale monies for the past two years and we will vote on where our current proceeds will go in October. It was suggested by Phyllis Abbott that 10% of the monies be retained for our ministry here at the church. Our group treasury is quite low.

4. Thanks to Pam, Phyllis and Twyla for their extra work over the summer trying to sell the leftover items in the garage. Over \$1800 was raised from Art White's items alone. Items left include two clocks and the wardrobe. Special thanks to Phyllis for keeping track of the items and dollars collected to give a report to Art for tax purposes.

### New Business:

1. Review information sheet – Lesley passed out papers with a calendar for each month listing what LWML has going on each month.  
2. Meeting hostess/devotion sheet. Liz signed up twice for devotions and being hostess but Marilyn and Beth had not had a chance to sign up for anything yet. Twyla will send the list so far to Beth, Marilyn, Liz and Jean so that Marilyn and Beth can perhaps take one of those dates from Liz and Jean can update the booklet before she makes copies for us.

3. Review important dates; set rummage sale dates – April 3-4, 2020 are set for the rummage sale.  
4. Marilyn – Roland, April garage sale – Roland is moving to Colorado in the spring to be near his children. He reached out to Marilyn about helping him with a garage sale in April with all proceeds going to the LWML. We decided to have that sale on April 24-25. It will be at his house. Marilyn will head this effort.

5. LWML Sunday – October 6, 2019. Sign-up sheet was passed around as well as a copy of the service to review.  
6. Pastor appreciation month is October – we will sign a card at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 PM. Hostess is Virginia McNair Jean Memken is the devotion leader. In gathering will be for the Lutheran Campus Center.

Shepherd's Kitchen - Thursday, September 12 – Pat Bobzien and Marilyn Bettis

We closed the meeting by singing verses 3 and 6 of the hymn "All Praise to Thee My God, This Night." We had sung the other verses during the devotion. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.—*Respectfully submitted, Twyla Hazen, Secretary*



Here are the items that were discussed at the last Church Council Meeting.

The meeting was attended by Matt Gaarder, Larry Abbott, Dean Biermann, Mike Mandrick, Pam Myers, Pastor Oddi and Kim Hullinger.

Elders: Dean Biermann reported the shepherding list has been updated. They are continuing with training.

Trustees: Larry Abbott reported that he is repainting the stripes on the parking lot.

Finance: Mike Mandrick reported the Time and Talent sheets have been updated per suggestions from the Council. Boards are encouraged to use the people that have volunteered to serve.

Campus Relations: Pam Myers reported the LCC Bible Study and Fellowship Dinners have been getting some attendance.

No reports from Long-Range Planning or Education.

### Old Business:

Bearcat Radio Network: An anonymous donation was received to continue advertising at the \$1,000 level.

### New Business:

Nodaway News Leader: We are included in the listing of churches and do not need to do further advertising.

Planning and Zoning: There is a Planning Zoning Commission meeting to discuss the use of a house near the LCC for short term rentals.

## Honestly!

Every year, the *Oxford Dictionary* comes up with a “word of the year.” It is the word or short phrase that has attracted a great deal of interest over the last 12 months. Editors of the *Oxford Dictionary* consider many different words for this honor each year, and pick the one that best reflects the mood of society during the year.

In 2016 (an election year in the U.S. if you recall) the word of the year was “post-truth,” which describes a situation where people are more influenced by emotions and personal beliefs than by actual facts.

This past year, the word of the year was “toxic” which means poisonous. The rationale for toxic was it was looked up on the on-line *Oxford Dictionary* 45% more this past year than in the year before, and is now used to describe not only poisonous substances, but also the environment, relationships, culture, substance abuse, and masculinity. One of the runners-up last year was “gaslighting” which is when a person manipulates others into distrusting what is true and believing something that is actually false.

I notice a trend here, and it is not good. Why are these so-called honored words that describe culture and society for a given year so negative and related to dishonesty? Why are they linked to the idea of telling lies and trying

to manipulate or fool another person? Is that really what our civilization has become?

My personal observations have been that there truly is more tolerance to dishonesty and denial of facts today than ever before. Lies have become routine in many aspects of our lives. And there seem to be many people who have no qualms about telling lies on a regular basis.

In our weekly Bible Study, we are studying the Book of Hebrews, where the author warns the new Jewish Christians to beware of false prophets and those who do not speak the truth about Jesus. One of the questions we were asked to ponder in that study was what are some strange teachings that are making the rounds today and which might mislead unwary Christians. The phrase that came into my mind immediately was “fake news.” It appears some of our leaders and cultural icons like to use that phrase when they don’t like what they see and hear in the media. That goes for some Christian leaders as well. These days, it seems to be getting more and more difficult to discern the truth.

If you think my lament about the lack of truth today is unique, think again. In Psalm 12, King David writes, “*Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore; . . . Everyone lies to their neighbor; they flatter with their lips but harbor deception in their hearts.*” (vs. 1a, 2)

But David doesn’t stop with that thought and wallow in

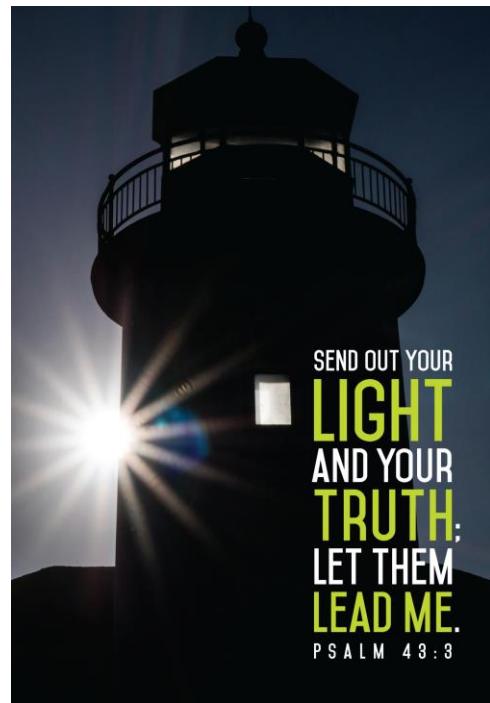
self-pity. He knows where to find the truth. Later in the Psalm, he very eloquently reveals the one source of truth when he writes, “*And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.*” (vs. 6)

When liars surround him, David knows where to turn. He goes on to write, “*You, Lord, will keep the needy safe and will protect us forever from the wicked, who freely strut about when what is vile is honored by the human race.*” (vs. 7-8). That is something good for all of us to remember in these days when it is difficult to discern what is really true. Praying a prayer that starts, “Help, Lord” like David is a good start to your day, asking God to guide all your activities.

One person from the Bible who was certainly tested to speak honestly was Joseph. You remember how he was sold into slavery by his brothers. Imagine being abandoned by your family and put in prison in a strange land because someone lied about you. Life for Joseph couldn’t get any worse. But Joseph couldn’t stop telling the truth, about God and the prophecies God revealed to him. Because of that, he became a great leader in Egypt, second only to Pharaoh himself.

And God’s truth stayed with Joseph throughout the rest of his life. He was immersed in a foreign (and not exactly moral) society, but he never wavered in doing God’s will and speaking God’s truth.

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Joseph's brothers had been totally dishonest with their father about Joseph's fate. They thought all the trouble that had come upon them with the famine was a result of their lies. However, when Joseph confronted them, what did they say? "We are honest men." (Genesis 42:31) So they didn't quite pass the sincerity test that Joseph gave them, but he forgave them and then revealed the truth about what their actions had done and how they fulfilled God's will for his life. What a marvelous example of leadership when God's love and truth are in one's heart.

Joseph saw the corruption all around him and yet never became bitter. When he finally became second in command over all of Egypt, he didn't let it go to his head. He stuck with God through good and bad. And maybe in these times, that is a very good way for us to go as well.

Jesus had a few things to say about the honesty or more specifically, about the lies and dishonesty of leaders. In Matthew 15, he confronts the Jewish leaders who accuse his disciples of breaking the law because they do not wash their hands before they eat. Jesus calls them out, calling them hypocrites and showing them his opinion of them by quoting the prophet Isaiah: "*These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.*" (vs. 8-9).

I once heard a young minister speak at a youth gathering and he said the way to recognize false teachers is that true followers of Christ preach the "Good News" and if someone comes to you saying they have the "Good News" but what they are saying isn't "Good News", then they ain't got the "Good News!" That's a bit simplistic, but true. If so-called Christian leaders are espousing ideas that don't measure up to the Good News of the Gospel, then don't fall for their lies. If they puff themselves up instead of walking humbly with God, get away. And if they prey upon your emotions instead of what you know to be true, know that they really don't have anything of value to offer.

The examples in this article show that God abhors dishonesty. Throughout the Bible, we see the scorn God has for dishonest people. He included "bearing false witness" as one of the Ten Commandments, and there are many examples in the Bible where people are called out for being liars. But most importantly, God wants us to honest with *Him*. He wants to hear our problems, our feelings, and our frustrations. He appreciates our sincerity as we come to Him in prayer. He wants to know what is really in our hearts. When was the last time you had an honest heart to heart talk with God? He's waiting to hear from you. Honestly.—jm



## News from the LCC Director

A little over a month is under our belt, and we're building relationships with God and with each other! Our goals this month were to: have one way to communicate easily with each other that we achieved through a group text. Thank you, Wren! Another goal was to get some activities scheduled: we went to the Basilica in Conception Junction, Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>, we've scheduled a hayride and bonfire at the Papperts for Friday, November 1, and we're bringing back the All Saints Walk with the date to be announced. We are planning a Sunday night event with pizza and a custom party for the kids. We're studying the Fruits of the Spirit, led by Pastor D, with a break to study Apologetics. The students enjoy worshipping to traditional songs, and we hope to have an LCC service soon! I think the Sunday night meal is the highlight of the week! Thank you, Hope members, for the delicious meals! We have seven students regularly attending throughout the week, with a few more that come as their schedule allows. It's not a numbers game, it's a heart, mind and souls responsibility and we are so thankful for the students who have chosen to make Hope Lutheran Church and The LCC a part of their busy week. Praise God! We appreciate continued prayers for our ministry.—Joyce Cronin, LCC Director



# Puzzlo

## Harvest hunt

*Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.*

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**Galatians 6:9**

**James 3:18**

**John 4:35**

Peacemakers who sow in \_\_\_\_ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become \_\_\_\_ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the \_\_\_\_! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, wary, fields

## Some Stewardship Humor?

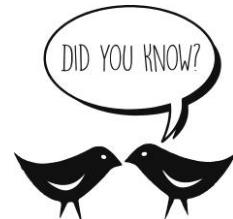
There were once two old dollar bills. One was a \$100 dollar bill and the other was a \$1 bill. The \$100 dollar bill said, "I've lived a good life. I've been to the theater, the amusement park, baseball games and the finest restaurants."

"Wow," said the \$1 dollar bill. "You sure have had a good life."

"Where have you been?" asked the \$100 bill.

"Oh, I've been to a Baptist church, a Methodist church, a Lutheran church and an Episcopal church."

The \$100 bill said, "What's a church?"



-- **Isabel Brunnert** received a medal from the Maryville Public Library for keeping up a schedule of reading every day during the Summer Reading Program. Way to go, Isabel!

-- **Deanna Mandrick** has taken a position as an instructional aide at the Horace Mann Laboratory School at Northwest Missouri State University. Blessings on your new job, Deanna!

-- **Cindy Carmichael** retired from her position as a nurse at Mosiac Healthcare after 44 years of service in our healthcare community. Congratulations, Cindy! Well done!

