

Offerings are not gathered during Service. While Pastor Messer prepares the Table for the Holy Supper, you may spend time prayerfully preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament (you may wish to read through Luther's "Christian Questions . . ." on pp. 329-330). If you wish to leave an offering, you may do so by placing it in the plate by the door as you depart after Service.

The Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

The Service of the Sacrament

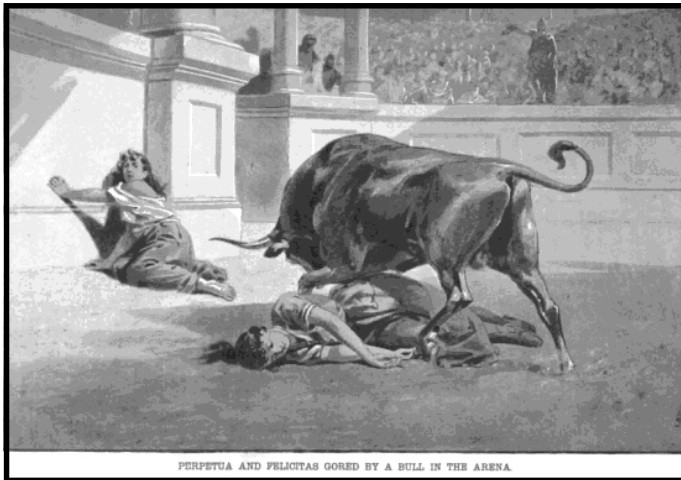
(Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS)

The Preface - Agnus Dei (pp. 194-199)

The Distribution

The Nunc Dimittis - Benediction (pp. 199-202)

Soli Deo Gloria!



PERPETUA AND FELICITAS GORED BY A BULL IN THE ARENA.

The Feast of Saints Perpetua and Felicitas, and Their Companions



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The Service of Preparation

(Upon entering the nave, *silence* should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)

The Confession and Absolution (pp. 184-185)

The Service of the Word

The Psalm

Psalm 34:1-8

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Kyrie (p. 186)

The Gloria in Excelsis (pp. 187-189)

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

O God the true Emperor of Your saints, who strengthened Your servants Perpetua and Felicitas and their companions to make a good confession, staunchly resisting, for the cause of Christ, the claims of human affection, and encouraging one another in their time of trial, grant that we who cherish their blessed memory may share their pure and steadfast faith, and win with them the palm of victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

The Epistle

Hebrews 10:32-39

³²But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, ³³sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. ³⁴For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. ³⁵Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. ³⁶For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised. ³⁷For,

“Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;
³⁸but my righteous one shall live by faith,
and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”

³⁹But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

The Gradual

Psalm 45:7b-8

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;
**your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.
From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad.**

The Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 45:14-15

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**In many-colored robes she is led to the king,
with her virgin companions following behind her.**

**With joy and gladness they are led along
as they enter the palace of the king.**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:9-14

⁹“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹²And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.”

The Apostles' Creed (p. 192)

The Hymn of the Day: 517 “By All Your Saints in Warfare” (1,4,3)

The Homily