kingdom of heaven. ⁴Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. ⁵Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. ⁷Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. ⁸Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. ⁹Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. ¹⁰Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹²Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

The Apostles' Creed (p. 192)

The Hymn of the Day: 677 "For All the Saints"

The Homily

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)

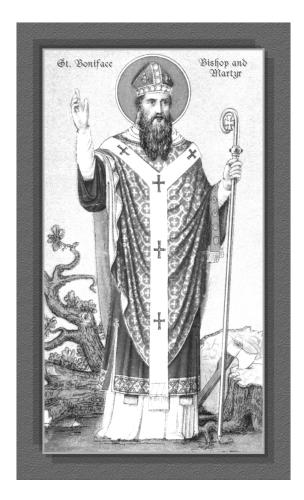
The Preface - Agnus Dei (pp. 194-199)

The Distribution

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

Soli Deo Gloria!

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The Service of Preparation

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

Confession and Absolution (pp. 184-185)

The Service of the Word

The Introit

Ps. 44:1; antiphon: Isaiah 65:19, 23

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blesséd of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us what work Thou didst in their days.

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.

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The Kyrie (p. 186)

The Gloria in Excelsis (pp. 187-189)

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

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that, celebrating the heavenly birthday of Blessed St. Boniface, Apostle to the Germans and Thy Holy Martyr, we may, by his example, be emboldened in our faith toward Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

The Epistle Sirach 44:1-15

¹Let us now praise men of renown, and our fathers in their generation. ²The Lord hath wrought great glory through his magnificence from the beginning. ³Such as have borne rule in their dominions, men of great power, and endued with their wisdom, shewing forth in the prophets the dignity of prophets. ⁴And ruling over the present people, and by the strength and wisdom of instructing the people in most holy words. ⁵Such as by their skill sought out musical tunes, and published canticles of the scriptures. ⁶Rich men in virtue, studying beautifulness: living at peace in their houses. ⁷All these have gained glory in their generations, and were praised in their days. 8They that were born of them have left a name behind them, that their praises might be related: ⁹And there are some, of whom there is no memorial, who are perished, as if they had never been: and are become as if they had never been born, and their children with them. ¹⁰But these were men of mercy, whose godly deeds have not failed: 11Good things continue with their seed; ¹²their posterity are a holy inheritance, and their seed hath stood in the covenants. ¹³And their children for their sakes remain forever; their seed and their glory shall not be forsaken. ¹⁴Their bodies are buried in peace, and their name liveth unto generation and generation. ¹⁵Let the people shew forth their wisdom, and the church declare their praise.

(NOTE: Since this reading is from the Apocrypha, it is concluded with the words, "Thus endeth the reading," with no response from the congregation)

The Gradual 1 Pet. 4:13-14a

Rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you.

The Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

I will bring upon him as it were, a river of peace, and as an overflowing torrent the glory.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

¹And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: ²And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, ³Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the