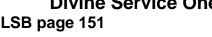
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God's creation is filled with amazing creatures, some of which dedicate their lives to making peoples' lives fuller and better. Since 1942, the Guide Dogs for the Blind association has graduated more than 16,000 person and dog teams from its training programs. The canine guides assist their human teammates each day of their lives together. The guidance they give is expert and dependable. Good guidance in every stage of life is essential! Throughout Scripture, our Lord promises His presence and His divine guidance to sustain and direct His people. Paul summed up that blessed relationship very simply: "So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8). Seeking the Lord's guidance and responding to His promptings brings blessing to our lives!

Opening Hymn: LSB #606 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Confession and Absolution

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 143:1-2; antiphon: v. 9 **Kvrie** LSB 152 This Is the Feast LSB 155 Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 156

Old Testament Reading Genesis 50:15-21 Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19, alt. **Epistle** Romans 14:1–12

Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel Matthew 18:21–35

Hymn of the Day: LSB #501 "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Sermon Nicene Creed LSB 158 Prayer of the Church

Offering Offertory

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160 Sanctus LSB 161 Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161 The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini LSB 163 Agnus Dei LSB 163 Distribution

Distribution Hymn: LSB #609 "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

Thank the Lord LSB 164 **Post-Communion Collect** LSB 166 Benediction LSB 166

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Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. Matthew 18:21-22

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