

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
ESTABLISHED BY CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Our congregation believes that Holy Communion is a gift of Christ to His Church. The apostle Paul wrote, “A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself” (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Out of loving concern for the communicants and from our understanding of the Bible and the Lutheran Confessions, we request that those who commune here:

1. **Be Baptized Christians**
2. **Have received special instruction on the essence and significance of the Lord’s Supper.**
3. **Are mature enough to examine themselves, recognizing their sin and their need for God’s grace through His special means.**
4. **Profess the “real presence” of Christ in this Sacrament, that is, confessing the true presence of Christ’s body in the bread and His blood in the wine.**
5. **Have faith in the Savior’s words, “Given and shed for you.”**
6. **Recognizing that participation at our table indicates public agreement with our understanding of this blessed Sacrament.**

Uninstructed children are invited to come forward with
their parents to receive a blessing.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS TO REVIEW

Q. Do you acknowledge your sins and are you willing to turn from them with the aid and assistance of the Holy Spirit?

A. Yes, I acknowledge my sin and seek the Lord’s mercy. [*1 John 1:8-9*]

Q. Do you believe that God, for Jesus’ sake, has forgiven you all your sins?

A. Yes, Christ died for me, and suffered the punishment that I deserve.

[Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 6:21, 23]

Q. Do you believe that the Lord offers Christians His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the strengthening of faith and the forgiveness of sins?

A. Yes, I believe the Scripture which teaches, “Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?” [*1 Corinthians 10:16*]

Q. Should Christians with weak faith receive the Sacrament?

A. The Sacrament is especially offered for those weak of faith.

[Isaiah 42:3; John 6:37]

Non-Alcoholic Fruit of the Vine

Persons who have a preference for no alcohol are invited to receive
Holy Communion using non-alcoholic grape juice.
The juice is located in the center circle of each individual tray and is lighter in color.

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, August 18, 2018

5:00 PM

Giving Thanks to God Through Worship!

Welcome! We hope that your time in worship will encourage and strengthen your relationship with God. We share the greatest hope through the One who loves you most – Jesus Christ! We invite all worshipers today to fill out the Fellowship Pew Pad during the offering portion of worship. You are also invited to make a prayer request on the green card, which is in the pew rack and then place the card in the offering plate or hand them to an usher. We pray God’s blessings upon you and invite you to worship with us every Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday morning at 9:00 am.

AS WE GATHER

Eternal God, amid all the turmoil, strife and changes of this world, grant Your people courage and hope. Where anxiety is present and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. O Lord, strengthen us together in a common goal: to listen for Your voice and to serve one another with care and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The paraments are green, which is the symbolic color of life in nature and so represents our spiritual life in God’s kingdom of Grace.

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (August 19 – August 25)

John 6:63: *“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.”*
(NIV)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

✝ **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE** ✝
(Lutheran Service Book, Page 151)



The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[Matt.28:19b]*

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*[1 John 1:8-9]*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

KYRIE ≈ *Lord, Have Mercy (Sung – LSB page 152)*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. [Mark 10:47]

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sung – LSB page 154*)

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

**We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:**

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

[Luke 2:14; John1:29]

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

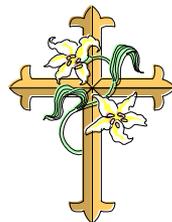
Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated



✦ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✦

OLD TESTAMENT: PROVERBS 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has set up its seven pillars. She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her servants, and she calls from the highest point of the city, "Let all who are simple come to my house!" To those who have no sense she says, "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of insight." (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. (*Responses are spoken*)

NEW TESTAMENT: EPHESIANS 5:15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise

ALLELUIA (*Sung – LSB page 156*)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

[John 6:68]

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

[Jesus answered] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”* – LSB 807

THE SERMON

John 6:63: *“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.”*
(NIV)

After the sermon please rise to sing:

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” – LSB 805

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O God, hear the prayers and petitions of Your people. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy (Daniel 9:18).

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Pastor: Heavenly Father, the words of our Savior are spirit and life. Give us grace to cling to them always, but especially when we find them hard to listen to, that we may discover, like the other disciples before us, that Christ alone has the words of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, look in mercy on all Your baptized people and stir up Your Spirit on us, filling us with the light of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, Ruler of all, look in compassion on the president of these United States, on all who serve in the legislature or as judges; and on all who serve in our armed forces. Uphold them in honor and integrity, and make them a blessing to Your people, that we may live godly and quiet lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, Your Son is the healer of the sick, the resurrection of the dead and our bread of life. Hear our prayers today for those who suffer, those taking treatments or facing surgery, the sick and those who need Your intercession...Comfort them and sustain them with Your powerful Word, granting whatever healing You will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Please be seated

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

Come near to God and He will come near to you. – James 4:8

Because we value your presence in worship and desire to serve you as best as we can, please use this time to complete the Fellowship Pew Pad and pass it to your neighbor. Prayer requests may be made by filling out the green card in the pew rack in front of you and placing it in the offering plate.

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER

Pastor: We pray together,

People: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Strengthen our faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. [*Psalm 103:1*]

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. [*Numbers 6:24-26*]

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG "*O Blessed Light, O Trinity*" – LSB 890

POSTLUDE



*Spiritual formation and growth is not evolutionary.
It is revolutionary.
Therefore, it must be intentional.*