

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.**

Holy Communion is celebrated each 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9:00 am  
and every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 5:00 pm.

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*

**FOR WHERE THERE IS FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THERE IS ALSO LIFE AND SALVATION**

**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

August 19, 2018

9:00 AM

## I O G D

*in omnibus glorificetur Deus*

*that in all things God may be glorified*

Romans 15:5-6

1 Peter 4:7-11

### ***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.”*

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

### **WELCOME and ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP**

## ✝ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE ✝

*(Lutheran Service Book, Page 151)*



**OPENING HYMN** *"Voices Raised to You We Offer" – LSB 795 (Please rise for verse 5)*

*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. *[John 20: 19-23]*

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"This is the Feast" (Sung – LSB page 155)*

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*[Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9]*

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

**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.** *(Responses are spoken)*

*Please rise*

*“Seek Ye First” – LSB 712*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev’ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> 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!**

## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God,** (*Romans 10:10; Exodus 20:2-3; Deuteronomy 6:4*)  
**the Father Almighty,** (*Matthew 6:9; Genesis 35:11; Exodus 6:3*)  
**maker of heaven and earth** (*Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 44:24; John 1:1*)  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** (*Colossians 1:16; Romans 1:20; Hebrews 11:3*)

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,** (*Romans 10:9; 2 Corinthians 1:3*)  
**the only-begotten Son of God,** (*John 3:16; Matthew 16:16; Hebrews 1:5-6*)  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds,** (*John 1:2; Revelation 1:8*)  
**God of God, Light of Light,** (*John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*)  
**very God of very God,** (*Colossians 2:9; 1 John 5:20*)  
**begotten, not made,** (*John 1:2*)  
**being of one substance with the Father,** (*John 10:30; Colossians 2:9*)  
**by Whom all things were made;** (*Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:15-17*)  
**Who for us men and for our salvation** (*1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23; Acts 4:12*)  
**came down from heaven** (*John 6:41; Luke 15:20; John 6:38, 41*)  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** (*Luke 1:34-35; Matthew 1:18*)  
**and was made man;** (*John 1:14; Philippians 2:6-7*)  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** (*Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18; Acts 2:36*)  
**He suffered and was buried.** (*John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53; Matthew 16:21*)  
**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures** (*1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*)  
**and ascended into heaven** (*Acts 1:9; 1 Timothy 3:16*)  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** (*Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55; 1 Peter 3:21-22*)  
**And He will come again with glory** (*Matthew 26:64; Acts 1:10-11; Revelation 1:7*)  
**to judge both the living and the dead,** (*Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*)  
**Whose kingdom will have no end.** (*Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11*)  
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,** (*John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*)  
**the Lord and giver of life,** (*Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; Titus 3:5*)  
**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,** (*John 15:26; Luke 11:13*) →

**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,** (*Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*)

**Who spoke by the prophets.** (*Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21*)

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,** (*1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:1-6*)

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,** (*Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21*)

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** (*1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*)

**and the life + of the world to come.** (*Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*)

**Amen.** (*Psalms 106:48*)

*As you are able please remain standing to sing:*

*"I Am the Bread of Life" – BOB 100*

## **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**

*"Spirit of the Living God" – BOB 201*

## **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: Father, Your Son assures us that His flesh is true food and His blood true drink, and that those who feed on Him will live forever because of Him. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to welcome Him as He comes to us in this Holy Supper, that we may rejoice in His promises and depart in His peace. 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**

*As the offering is brought forward please rise and sing:*

*"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" – LSB 955*

**✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE** (*Sung – LSB page 160*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**



Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalms 136*]

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** *≈ Holy, Holy, Holy* (*Sung – LSB page 161*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*[Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9]*

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.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." [Mark 14: 22-24]

## **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE AGNUS DEI** *≈ The Lamb of God (Sung – LSB page 163)*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.** [John 1:29]

## **DISTRIBUTION** *(Please be seated)*

*Our belief and practice concerning Holy Communion is written on page 2 of this worship folder. Reception of Communion indicates that you share our confession. If a gluten free wafer is needed, please inform the pastor as you proceed to Communion.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*"What Is This Bread" – LSB 629*

*"O Living Bread from Heaven" – LSB 642*

*After the distribution has been completed please rise to sing:*

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (*Sung – Lutheran Service Book page 164*)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of the Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart with joy and with confidence in His peace.

**People: Amen!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: We pray together:

**All: Heavenly Father, we praise Your holy name for Your wondrous love shown to us in this Holy Supper and we give You thanks for the Means of Grace and for the hope of glory. Stir up Your Spirit among us that He may grow us in the right understanding of all Your mercies; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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.

**People: Amen.**

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

**POSTLUDE**



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