

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 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday at 9:00 am
and every 2nd & 4th 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 Baptism of Our Lord
The First Sunday after the Epiphany
Saturday, January 12, 2019
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 blue 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 WE PRAY

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The paraments are white, symbolizing the glory of God as revealed in the birth of our Savior. White is also the color of purity and completeness and reinforces the joyous message that “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow.”

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE (January 13 – January 19)

Acts 10:35: “*God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.*” (ESV)

WELCOME

✠ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE ✠

(Lutheran Service Book page 184)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.** *[Matthew 28:19b; 18-20]*

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, calling on Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: **who made heaven and earth.** *[Psalm 124:8]*

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *[Psalm 32:5]*

Silence for reflection on God's word and for self-examination

Pastor: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

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.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same 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: ISAIAH 42:5-7

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;

I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.” (ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

NEW TESTAMENT: ROMANS 6:1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (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: LUKE 3:15-22

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The Word in Baptism enlightens us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, provides us with new birth, cleanses us from sin, and raises us to eternal life. Today, as we recall the Baptism of Our Lord, it is appropriate that we take this opportunity to make public affirmation of our own Baptism.

Pastor: Do you renounce Satan?

People: I do.

Pastor: And all his works?

People: I do.

Pastor: And all his empty show?

People: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

People: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: Yes. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: Yes. I believe 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: Yes. 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.

Pastor: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on you forgiveness of sins, keep you by His grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to life + everlasting.

People: Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN *“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” – LSB 405 (Please rise for verse 6)*

THE SERMON

Acts 10:35: *“God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.” (ESV)*

“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).

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING *(Please be seated)*

*Remember the LORD your God,
for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth. – Deuteronomy 8:18*

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.

✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

PREFACE *(Please rise)*

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

People: **And also with you.**

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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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 *≈ The Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you. *[John 20:19]*

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Following the Words of Institution you are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament. 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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please rise)*

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:

People: Almighty God, we praise You for the abundant mercy that You so richly have provided us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. We commit ourselves to Your divine protection and fatherly care. Let Your holy angels be with us and grant Your abiding peace to us all; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

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 HYMN "*In Thee Is Gladness*" – *LSB 818*

POSTLUDE