

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

January 13, 2019

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 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)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

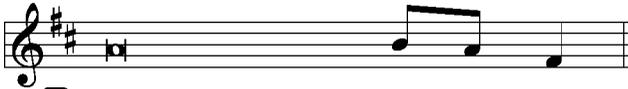
WELCOME and ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

✚ MATINS ✚
(Lutheran Service Book, Page 219)

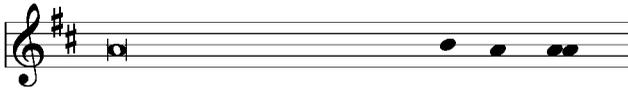
Please rise



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia



PSALMODY



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

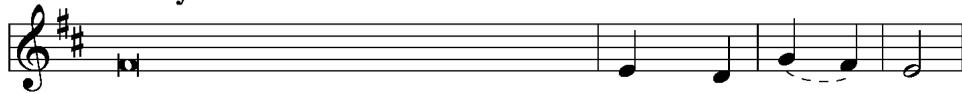


C O come, let us wor-ship Him.

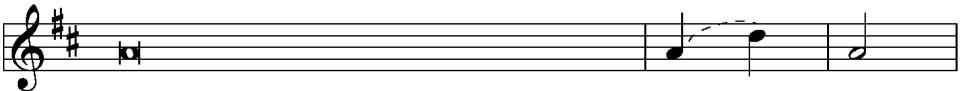
VENITE~O COME, LET US SING



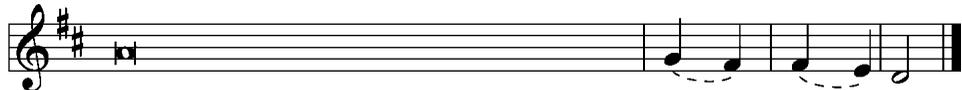
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
 2 and a great king a-bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry-land.
 5 and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giv-ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow-down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be-gin-ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al-so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak-er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for ev-er. A-men.

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

“Spirit of the Living God” – BOB #201

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?

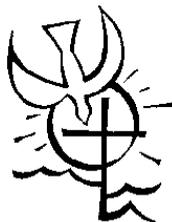
People: Yes. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the 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

**To Jordan’s river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.**

**The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father’s will
And all His righteousness fulfill.**

**As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,
Descended on Him from above.**

**Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound
Came God’s own voice with words profound:
“This is My Son,” was His decree,
“The one I love, who pleases Me.”**

**The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall
To save the world and free us all.**

Please rise

**Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

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)*

After the sermon please rise to sing:

"Change My Heart, Oh God" – BOB 33

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).

Please be seated

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

*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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Please rise for prayer

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

ALL: Almighty God, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You pour the gifts of love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant us, Your servants health both of mind and body that we may love You with our whole heart and with our whole strength perform those things that are pleasing to You as we await the return of our Lord Jesus Christ; in His name we pray. Amen.

THE 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



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