

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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 28, 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

Almighty and ever-living God, You make us both to will and to do those things that are good and acceptable in Your sight. Let Your fatherly hand ever guide us and Your Holy Spirit ever be with us to direct us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word; 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 (July 29 – August 4)

Martin Luther’s Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed.

“I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.” (NIV)

WELCOME

✠ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR ✠

(Lutheran Service Book, Page 203)



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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

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

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *[Psalm 130:3-4]*

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *[Luke 18:13]*

Silence is kept.

Pastor: We pray,

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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]*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ≈ *Glory to God in the Highest* (Sung – LSB page 204)

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth:
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high –**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: GENESIS 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you – the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you – every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my

rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.” (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

NEW TESTAMENT: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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: MARK 6:45-56

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

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went – into villages, towns or countryside – they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.
(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 *“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear” - LSB 908 (Please rise for verse 3)*

THE SERMON

Ephesians 3:16-17: *“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”*

Please rise

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: Almighty God, who laid the foundations of the earth and sets bounds and limits to all things, we give You thanks for Your glorious creation, including the creation of our own bodies and souls. In Christ, You have come down to us to grant us forgiveness and new life. Help us to live in righteousness through faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You established Your Church on earth to so that all people may hear of the mercy You have had on us through Your Son. Continue to raise up servants in the Church to serve others in both Word and deed. Continue to

bless Zion Congregation with faithful servants, mindful that we are stewards of the glorious gift of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, our King, You are the Lord of all peoples, nations and tribes. Grant wisdom and truth to all who rule this great country of ours, that they may serve faithfully to promote all that is good and right and to prevent and punish evil. Wherever our courts or laws are unjust and contrary to Your will, reform them for Your mercy's sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, when the disciples were frightened, Your Son immediately calmed them with words of His presence. So also aid those who are sick in body or mind, those who suffer trials of faith, and those who grieve [*especially...*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father, in Your grace You have given Your children the promise of resurrection in Your Son. Receive our thanks for all who have fallen asleep trusting His promise. Bring us with them to the feast of joy that has no end. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

Just as you excel in everything...see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7

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.

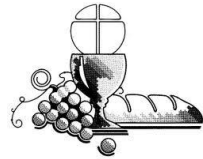
MUSICAL OFFERING

✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

GREETING *(Please rise)*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PREPARATION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation, we give You thanks and praise Your holy name. We especially give thanks for Your abundant love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

People: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All: 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." *[Matthew 26:26-28]*

INVITATION

Pastor: The bread of life, broken for you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The cup of eternal joy, poured out for you.

People: Praise be to God!



Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

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.

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:

All: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. 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 "*O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*" – LSB 632

**O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee, My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!**

POSTLUDE



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