

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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, June 23, 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 worshippers 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

The Augsburg Confession is the principal doctrinal statement of the theology of Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformers. At its heart, it confesses the justification of sinners by grace alone, through faith alone, for the sake of Christ alone. In this document Lutheran Christians declare: We “teach that human beings cannot be justified before God by their own powers, merits, or works”...and that “we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God out of grace for Christ’s sake through faith when we believe that Christ suffered for us.” (*Augsburg Confession, Article IV*).

The Confession was formally presented to Holy Roman Emperor Charles V at Augsburg Germany on June 25, 1530.

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 (June 24 – June 30)

Psalm 119:46: *“I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame.” (NIV)*

WELCOME

✚ SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING ✚

(Lutheran Service Book, Page 260)

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

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING VERSICLES

Pastor: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** [*Psalm 118:24*]

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** [*Psalm 113:3*]

Pastor: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

People: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

[*Psalm 84:10*]

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

People: **Teach me Your paths.** [*Psalm 25:4*]

Pastor: Sanctify us in Your truth.

People: **Your Word is truth.** [*John 17:17*]

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

People: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**



All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us” – LSB 915

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, You preserved the teaching of the apostolic Church through the confession of the true faith at Augsburg. Continue to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of everlasting life; though 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: NEHEMIAH 8:1-2, 5-6, 9-12

And all the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel.

So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand.

Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, “Amen! Amen!” Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, “This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.” For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law.

Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

The Levites calmed all the people, saying, “Be still, for this is a holy day. Do not grieve.”

Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them. (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen. (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The
Word of God

Please rise

HYMN “Seek Ye First” – LSB 712

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:2-5a, 26-33

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.” (*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 *“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”* – LSB 729

THE SERMON

Psalm 119:46: *“I will speak of your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame.”* (NIV)

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).

Please be seated

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.
Deuteronomy 4:39.

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.

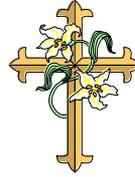
MUSICAL OFFERING

✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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]

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!



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.

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:

People: Lord God, our heavenly Father, stir up Your Holy Spirit in our hearts that He may rule and direct us according to Your will. Enlighten us with Your favor and kindness that we may forever give You thanks for

Your grace, be strengthened in all times of tribulation and temptation, and increase in all good works; 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.

CLOSING HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” – LSB 475

POSTLUDE



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