

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 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, June 9, 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 WE PRAY

Almighty God, merciful Father, You have promised to hear the prayers of all who in repentance call out to You. Graciously hear us so that all evils which beset us may be of no avail, that we, Your servants, may evermore give thanks to You in Your holy Church; through 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 green, a change from the previous Sunday’s white. Green 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 10 – June 16)

Psalm 130:3-4: *“If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. (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 APPROACH “*Baptismal Waters Cover Me*” – LSB 616

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit.

People: **Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT: GENESIS 3:8-15

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”

He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”

The man said, “The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and

between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13 – 5:1

It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. (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



MARK 3:20-35

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

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.”

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.”

So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man’s house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.”

Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”

“Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked.

Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.” (*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 *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* – LSB 702

THE SERMON

Psalm 130:3-4: *“If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. (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

*Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in
full assurance of faith. – Hebrews 10:22*

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.**



PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. We now come at Your invitation to the heavenly feast, which You have provided for Your children on earth. Preserve us from impenitence and unbelief, cleanse us from our unrighteousness, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with Your blood. Strengthen our faith, increase our love and hope, and assure us a place at Your heavenly table; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE 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.

[Matthew 6:9-13]

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:

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 “*In Thee Is Gladness*” – LSB 818

POSTLUDE



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