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 each 2nd and 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.

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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.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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. Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green, which is the color symbolic of growth.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (January 19 - January 25)

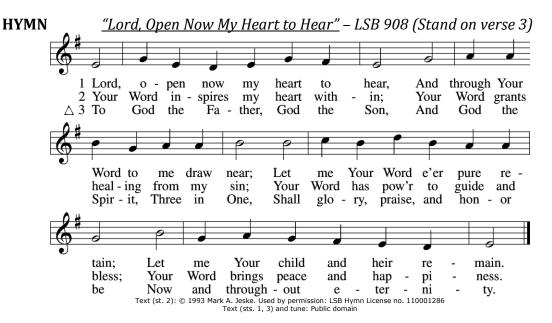
Proverbs 3:5: Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. (NLT)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

+ DIVINE SERVICE +

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

28:19b]

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

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.

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.

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. **AMEN**.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on

earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives

and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 49:1-7

Listen to me, all you in distant lands! Pay attention, you who are far away! The LORD called me before my birth; from within the womb he called me by name. ² He made my words of judgment as sharp as a sword. He has hidden me in the shadow of his hand. I am like a sharp arrow in his quiver.

³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, and you will bring me glory."

⁴I replied, "But my work seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose. Yet I leave it all in the LORD's hand; I will trust God for my reward."

⁵ And now the LORD speaks—the one who formed me in my mother's womb to be his servant, who commissioned me to bring Israel back to him. The LORD has honored me, and my God has given me strength. ⁶ He says, "You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

⁷The LORD, the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel, says to the one who is despised and rejected by the nations, to the one who is the servant of rulers: "Kings will stand at attention when you pass by. Princes will also bow low because of the LORD, the faithful one, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." (*NLT*)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

NEW TESTAMENT: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

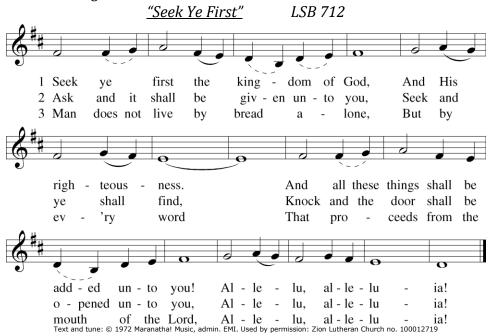
³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *(ESV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Please stand and sing:



THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 1:29-42a

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.' ³¹ I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel."

³² Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. ³³ I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God."

- ³⁵ The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. ³⁶ As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ When John's two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.
- ³⁸ Jesus looked around and saw them following. "What do you want?" he asked them. They replied, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"
- ³⁹ "Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.
- ⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. ⁴¹ Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ".
- ⁴² Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. (NLT)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, (Romans 10:10; Exodus 20:2-3; Deuteronomy 6:4) the Father Almighty, (Matthew 6:9; Genesis 35:11; Exodus 6:3) maker of heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 44:24; John 1:1) and of all things visible and invisible. (Colossians 1:16; Romans 1:20; Hebrews 11:3)

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, (Romans 10:9; 2 Corinthians 1:3)

the only-begotten Son of God, (John 3:16; Matthew 16:16; Hebrews 1:5-6)

begotten of His Father before all worlds, (John 1:2; Revelation 1:8)

God of God, Light of Light, (John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1)

very God of very God, (Colossians 2:9; 1 John 5:20)

begotten, not made, (John 1:2)

being of one substance with the Father, (John 10:30; Colossians 2:9)

by Whom all things were made; (Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:15-17)

Who for us men and for our salvation (1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23; Acts 4:12)

came down from heaven (John 6:41; Luke 15:20; John 6:38, 41)

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary (Luke 1:34-35; Matthew 1:18)

and was made man; (John 1:14; Philippians 2:6-7)

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. (Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18; Acts 2:36)

He suffered and was buried. (John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53; Matthew 16:21)

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6)

and ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9; 1 Timothy 3:16)

and sits at the right hand of the Father. (Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55; 1 Peter 3:21-22)

And He will come again with glory (Matthew 26:64; Acts 1:10-11; Revelation 1:7)

to judge both the living and the dead, (Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12)

Whose kingdom will have no end. (Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11)

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, (John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38)

the Lord and giver of life, (Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; Titus 3:5)

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (John 15:26; Luke 11:13)

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14)

Who spoke by the prophets. (Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, (1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:1-6)

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21)

and I look for the resurrection of the dead (1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

and the life + of the world to come. (Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42)

Amen. (Psalm 106:48)

Sit

"Thy Word"

Chorus:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.

Verse

When I feel afraid, And I think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. (Chorus)

Verse

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet My heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my guide And hold me to Your side; And I will love You to the end. (Chorus)

THE SERMON

Proverbs 3:5: "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding." (NLT)

After the sermon please rise to sing:

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND:



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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).

Sit

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 +

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O God, Maker of all things. Through Your goodness You

have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our

possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, that we might be for the world signs of Your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and

Lord.

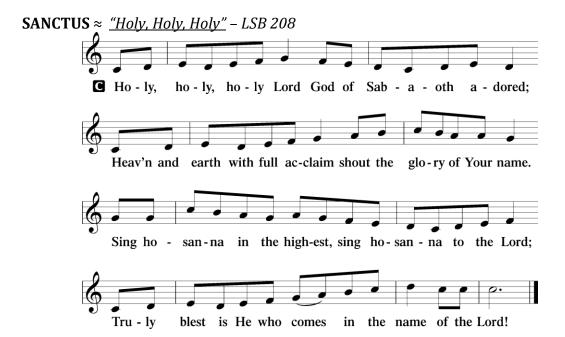
People: Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all

places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally.

Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome death and rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

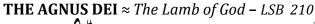
Pastor:

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 ≈ *Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

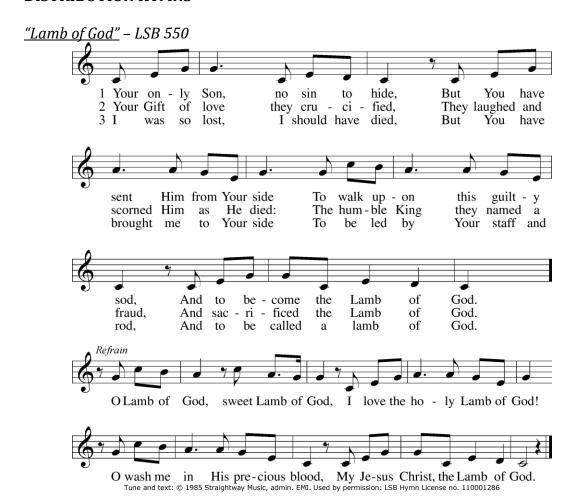




DISTRIBUTION (Sit)

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS



"For the Fruits of His Creation" - LSB 894



POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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: Gracious God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, we thank You for providing in this sacrament that peace which the world cannot give; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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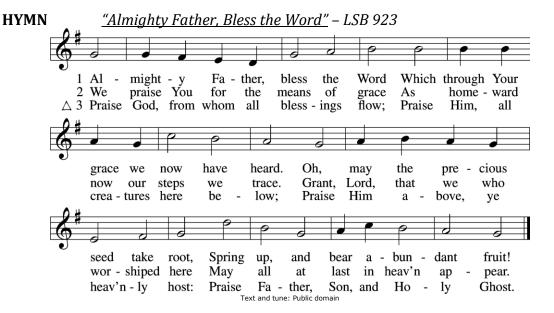
Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God!

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.



POSTLUDE