Guests and Visitors – Brief Statement Regarding Communion

"I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

We welcome you to worship today as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, we confess that communion was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and that when consecrated, the bread and wine are truly his body and blood!¹ We also believe that every Christian is called to examine themselves before coming to the table, trusting in God's forgiveness as an answer to our sin, while truly recognizing the body and blood of Jesus, given for us. We further believe that Jesus has made the altar a place of unity - a place we are called to be in full agreement and reconciliation with one another.²

From scripture,³ the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), and Zion Lutheran Church, as a part of that Synod, understands unity not only as a matter of relational peace with each other, but public confessional unity as well. Your faith is a public witness, in addition to a personal conviction.⁴ To come to the altar for Holy Communion is to make a public witness that you agree with everything this church body believes, teaches, and confesses. If you are not currently a member of a church within the LCMS, that would be difficult to say truthfully, and though we make no judgment of your genuine faith in Jesus, the call to confessional unity still stands.

Our call from Jesus is to steward God's gifts faithfully, and to uphold the church's confessional integrity, as well as yours. Out of love and respect for you, and in obedience to the will of God, please speak with Pastor before coming up to receive communion. If you are not receiving communion today, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, or to remain in your pew as we sing God's praises.

Please come and speak with Pastor David with any questions you may have – this is a good and Spirit-filled place for conversation!

We're glad you're here. May you be blessed in our time together today as we gather around the Word of God in faith, hope, and love.

¹ Matthew 26:26-28

² Matthew 5:21-24; 1 Corinthians 11:17-18

^{3 1} Corinthians 1:10

⁴ Matthew 5:14-16

⁵ 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

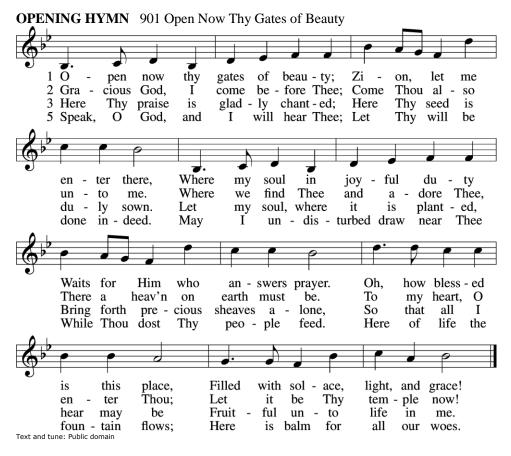
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, July 20, 2025

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Stand



CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:1-5)

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

- **P** Let Israel say,
- **C** "His steadfast love endures forever."
- P Let the house of Aaron say,
- C "His steadfast love endures forever."
- **P** Let those who fear the LORD say,
- **C** "His steadfast love endures forever."

All: Out of my distress I called on the LORD;

the LORD answered me and set me free.

INVOCATION

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Sit

CONFESSION

Psalm 14:2-3

- P The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God.
- C They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

ABSOLUTION

Psalm 103:8-14

- **P** The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- **C** He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.
- P He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- G For as the heavens are far above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- P As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
- C For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.
- P 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. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. (*Psalm 34:4-5*)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, we give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy endures forever. You have healed us from the leprosy of our sin, and called us to return to you to daily so that we would continue to receive your mercy and grace. May our lives give a thankful witness to your love, and to your Son, our cornerstone of faith and life, who has become

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 118:19-29

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

The LORD is God,

and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God; I will extol you.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever!

Stand



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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 17:11–19

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter
- Glory to You, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

- **P**: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God. begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Sit



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Stand

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 Hobody, 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."

PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



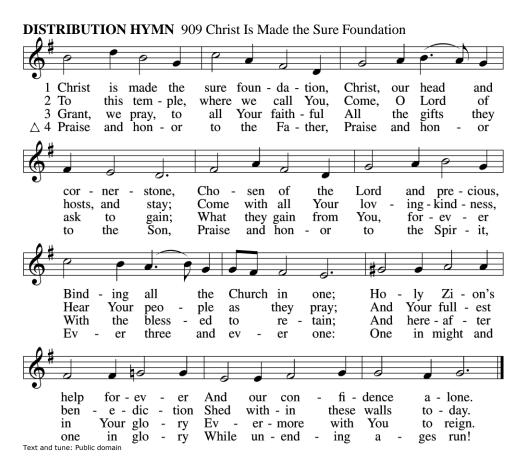




Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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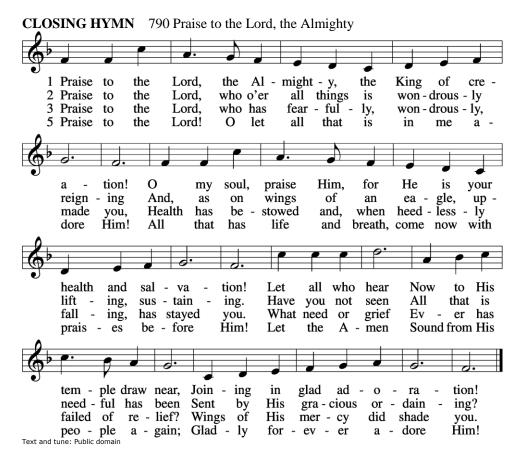
BENEDICTION

- 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.
- C Amen.



POSTLUDE

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