

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.⁵ 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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 6, 2025

PRELUDE “Give Me Jesus” Arr. Moses Hogan

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “A Shield About Me” BOB 2

*Words and Music by
Donn Thomas and Charles William*

VERSE

♩ = 76

D A C2 G/D D A/C# Bm7

Thou, O Lord, are a shield a - bout me. You're my glo - ry, You're the

CHORUS

6 Em7 A7sus A7 G/A D A7sus A7 D G/D D G/D A/D D

lift - er of my head. head. Hal - le -

12 D/C C G G/D D D/C C Em7 A7sus A7

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, You're the lift - er of my

1 **2**

18 D G/A A7 D

head. head.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 3:3-5,8)

P: But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,

C: You are my glory, and the lifter of my head.

P: I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.

C: I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

All: Salvation belongs to the LORD;

your blessing be on your people!

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.

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.
C 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.
C 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, we come before you as a people who are often weighed down by the brokenness of creation, struggling with the sin around us and the sin within us. Let us not despair, but help us to practice faithful lament, and fix our eyes on you, and to see the cross, where salvation is won for your people. There is no darkness your light cannot overcome. In our sorrow, remind us you are with us, and nourish our faith as we wait for you more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

C: Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Psalms 80*

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might and come to save us!

C Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

P O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh among themselves.

C Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

P You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.
It sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.
Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.
Turn again, O God of hosts!
Look down from heaven, and see;
have regard for this vine,
the stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!
But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name!

C Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CHORUS

10 D G/D A/D D D/C C G G/D D

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

1 2

15 D/C C Em7 A7sus A7 D G/A A7 D

hal - le - lu - jah, You're the lift - er of my head. head.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 11:1-4, 17-27, 32-44*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never

die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G: Praise to You, O Christ.

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**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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY 430 My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es
6 In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their
have; In death no friend - ly tomb But what a strang - er



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake
know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,
King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,
gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?
Who at my need His life did spend!
And for His death They thirst and cry.
But mine the tomb Where - in He lay.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Congregation sings:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O

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between each petition:

P: Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

following the final petition, congregation joins in repeating "O Lord, Hear My Prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

P 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.”

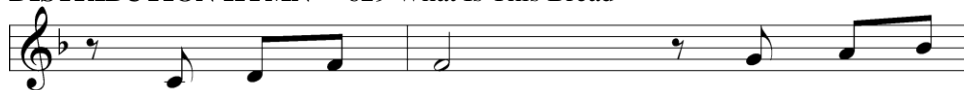
PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI

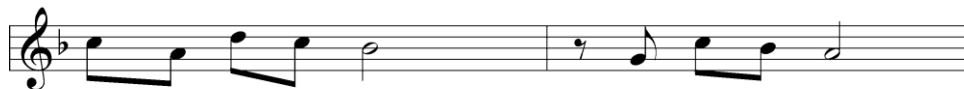
C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 629 What Is This Bread



1 What is this bread?
 2 What is this wine?
 3 So who am I,
 4 Yet is God here?
 5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
 The blood of
 That I should
 Oh, yes! By
 I am for -



ris - en from the dead:
 Je - sus shed for mine;
 live and He should die
 Word and prom - ise clear,
 giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,
 The cup of grace
 Un - der the rod?
 In mouth and soul
 I do be - lieve



This life we take,
 Brings His em - brace
 My God, my God,
 He makes us whole—
 That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Of life and love un - til I
 Why have You not for - sak - en
 Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see—
 sing! O taste and see—
 me? O taste and see—
 meal. O taste and see—
 blood. O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
 the Lord is King.
 the Lord is free.
 the Lord is real.
 the Lord is good.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN I Am the Bread Of Life ELW 485



"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall not
 "The bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the
 "Un - less you eat of the flesh of the Son of
 "I am the res - sur - rection, I am the
 Yes Lord I be - lieve that you are the



hun - ger. He who be - lieves in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 world. And he who eats of this bread, he shall live for
 Man, and drink of his blood and drink of his
 life. He who be - lieves in me, e - ven if he
 Christ, the Son of God, who has



me un - less the Fa - ther draws him." "And I will raise him
 ev - er, he shall live for ev - er.
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die he shall live for ev - er."
 come in - to the world.



up, and I will raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last day.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

CLOSING HYMN 850 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple;
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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POSTLUDE

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