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!

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

It is good to be together in the Lord.

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

TRINITY SUNDAY Sunday, June 15, 2025

+ DIVINE SERVICE +

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING HYMN 507 Holy, Holy, Holy



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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

나 Confession and Absolution 나

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

ATHANASIAN CREED



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Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. \mathbf{P}

 \mathbf{C} Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

 \mathbf{P} And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing

the persons nor dividing the substance.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one:

the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten vs.2

And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated

and one Infinite.

P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit

almighty;

and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

and vet there are not three Gods, but one God.

P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

P Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct

person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say

that there are three Gods or Lords.

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten vs.3

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor

begotten, but proceeding.

Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy

Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less

than another;

but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to

be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the

incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten vs.4

P	He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is
	man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to

His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

P one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the

assumption of the humanity into God;

one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day

from the dead,

P ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty,

from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account

concerning their own deeds.

P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have

done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly

cannot be saved.

384 Of the Father's Love Begotten vs.5

+ Service of the Word +

Stand







COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

¹Does not wisdom call?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand:

³beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴"To you, O men, I call,

and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶before he had made the earth with its fields,

or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there;

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master workman,

and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the children of man."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:14a, 22–36

 14 Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL John 8:48–59

PThe Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

CGlory to You, O Lord.

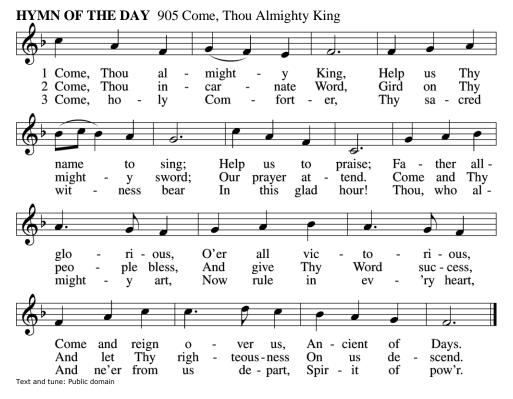
⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me.

⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

PThis is the Gospel of the Lord.

CPraise to You, O Christ.

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 **♣**

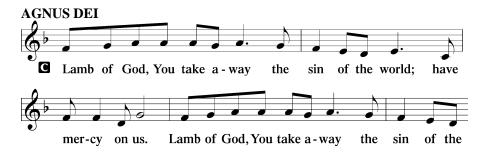
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 Holood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

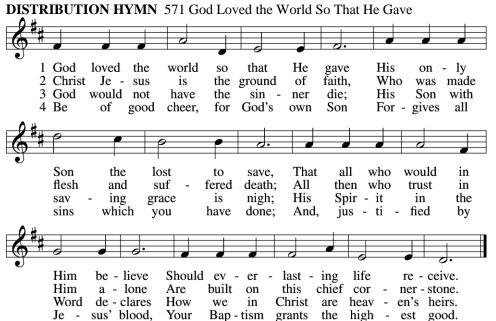
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice; For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice. My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.

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5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith. 6 Glory to God the Father, Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One To You, O Blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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Stand

THE DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.





Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

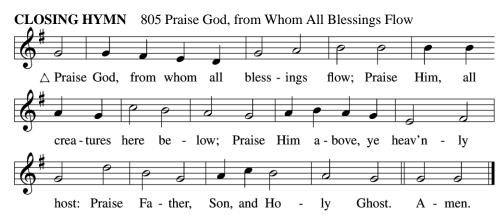
C Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.



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POSTLUDE

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