

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 every 2nd & 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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 17, 2018

9:00 AM

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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.

AS WE GATHER WE PRAY

Almighty and everlasting God, always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than we either desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things that we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Christ, 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 17 – June 23)

2 Corinthians 5:17: *If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone; the new is here! All this is from God. (NIV)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME and ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

✠ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR ✠

(Lutheran Service Book, Page 203)

HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” – LSB 901 (Please rise for verse 5)

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen. *[Matthew 28:19b; 18-20]*

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

People: who made heaven and earth. *[Psalm 124:8]*

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. *[Psalm 130:3-4]*

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. *[Luke 18:13]*

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. *[John 20:19-23]*

People: Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ≈ *Glory to God in the Highest (Sung – LSB page 204)*

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth:
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high –**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: EZEKIEL 17:22-24

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will

produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.” (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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



NEW TESTAMENT: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

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. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Sung – LSB page 205*)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
These things are written that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

[Jesus] also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything. *(NIV)*

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. (*Psalms 106:48*)

Please be seated

HYMN “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*” – LSB 702

THE SERMON

2 Corinthians 5:17: “*If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God.*” (NIV)

After the sermon please rise to sing:

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND

“*Renew Me*” – BOB 189

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

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all you produce. – Proverbs 3:9

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

In preparation to receive the Sacrament please rise and sing:

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” – LSB 955

**Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather the harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with them prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE (*Responses are spoken*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.** [*Colossians 3:1*]

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** [*Psalm 136*]



PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever-more praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *≈ Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung – LSB page 208)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**
[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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." *[Matthew 26:26-28]*

PAX DOMINI ≈ *The Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you. [*John 20:19*]

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God (Sung – LSB page 210) [John 1:29]*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION (*Please be seated*)

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

“Lamb of God” – LSB 550

“How Great Thou Art” – LSB 801

After the distribution has been completed please rise to sing:

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” – LSB 632

**O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee, My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!**

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.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. [*Psalm 103:1*]

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. [*Numbers 6:24-26*]

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “*Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*” – LSB 643

POSTLUDE



Spiritual formation and growth is not evolutionary.

It is revolutionary.

Therefore, it must be intentional.