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 aburch hedy believes and confessor. If you are not currently a member of a aburch

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Sunday, June 29, 2025

+ DIVINE SERVICE +

PRELUDE "Surrounded by Holy" Dustin Smith, Sean Matta and Zahriya Zachary

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" LBW 527

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia alleluia Thou burning sun with golden beam Thou silver moon with softer gleam Chorus O praise Him O praise Him Alleluia alleluia alleluia Verse 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong Ye clouds that sail in heaven along O praise Him alleluia Thou rising morn in praise rejoice Ye lights of evening find a voice Chorus Verse 5 Let all things their Creator bless And worship Him in humbleness O praise Him alleluia Praise praise the Father praise the Son And praise the Spirit Three in One

Chorus

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

C For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

INVOCATION

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

■ 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.

C Amen. Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! (*Psalm 43:3*)

+ Service of the Word +

Stand

HYMN OF PRAISE "All Creatures of Our God and King" LBW 527

Verse 7

People and nations take your part Love and forgive with all your heart Alleluia Alleluia All who long pain and sorrow bear Trust God and cast on Him your car **Chorus**

O praise Him O praise Him Alleluia alleluia alleluia

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have cared for your creation, and you have cared for your people, made by the works of your hands. As your people, help us to faithfully steward all you have given us to care for, and sustain our faith. Remind us of your grace and mercy in beauty of the world you have created, and comfort us with the promise of Jesus, through whom you have crowned us with an everlasting inheritance. Continue to direct our hearts to your great and abundant mercy, and comfort us with your steadfast love.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 8

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,

all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

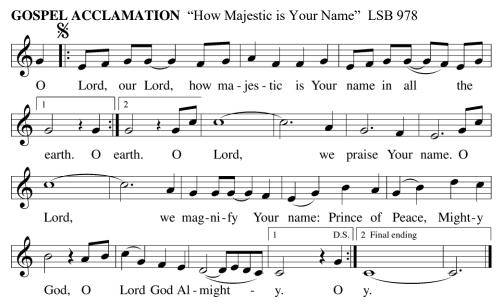
O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:15–30

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother." And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. When Jesus saw that he was sorrowful, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God." And Peter said, "See, we

have left our homes and followed you." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."

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

Sit

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,

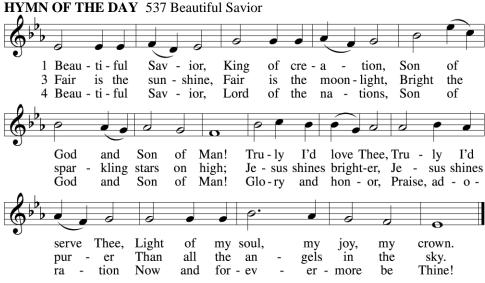
who spoke by the prophets.

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 + of the world to come. Amen.



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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 +

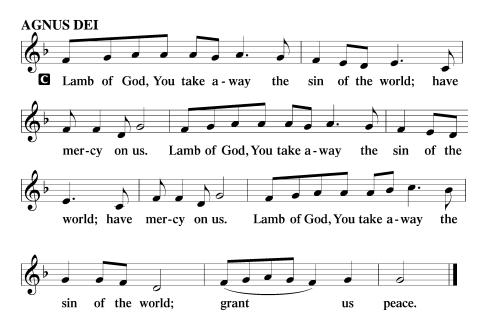
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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.



DISTRIBUTION How Great Thou Art – LSB 801 / "How Great is Our God" Chris Tomlin (see insert)

Stand

THE DISMISSAL

- 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.

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

- 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.



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POSTLUDE

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