<u>THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION</u> 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 each 2nd and 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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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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 eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The paraments are purple. It is a somber color in keeping with the penitential nature of the Lenten Season yet it is also the color of royalty, reminding us that Jesus Christ, who struggled so hard to win our salvation, is none other than our heavenly King.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (March 1 – March 7)

James 4:7, 8: Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. (NLT)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME and ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Four (LSB Page 203)



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

- Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[Matthew 28:19b]*
- People: Amen.
- Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- People: who made heaven and earth.
- 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.

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.

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.

People: Amen.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that

following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: GENESIS 2:4-9, 15-17; 3:1-7

This is the account of the creation of the heavens and the earth.

When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵ neither wild plants nor grains were growing on the earth. For the LORD God had not yet sent rain to water the earth, and there were no people to cultivate the soil. ⁶ Instead, springs came up from the ground and watered all the land. ⁷ Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person.

⁸ Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east, and there he placed the man he had made. ⁹ The LORD God made all sorts of trees grow up from the ground—trees that were beautiful and that produced delicious fruit. In the middle of the garden he placed the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶ But the LORD God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— ¹⁷ except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

² "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. ³ "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

⁴ "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. ⁵ "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

⁶ The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. *(NLT)*

Pastor: 0 Lord, have mercy on us.

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

NEW TESTAMENT: ROMANS 5:12, 17-19

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. ¹⁹Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous. *(NLT)*

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

<u>"Jesus, Draw Me Close"</u> – BOB 131

THE HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11

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

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. ² For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

³During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say,

'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.''' $% \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{C})$

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶ and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,

'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the LORD your God.""

⁸Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

¹⁰ "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say,

'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'"

¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus. (*NLT*)

Pastor: 0 Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

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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. (*Psalm 106:48*)

Sit

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" – LSB 656 (Stand on verse 4) **HYMN** 1 A might у for is our God. tress 2 With might of ours naught be done. can 3 Though dev ils all the world should fill, 4 The Word they still shall let re main

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THE SERMON

James 4:7, 8: "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you." (*NLT*)



After the sermon please rise to sing:

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).

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence as we trust the Holy Spirit to intercede for us "with groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

Sit

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. - Deuteronomy 4:39.

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

+ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Pastor: Blessed are You, O God, Maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, that we might be for the world signs of Your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- People: Amen.
- Pastor: We give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore we praise Your name for the gifts of salvation come to us in the body and blood of Jesus our Savior. In confidence of His grace and in the life that we share with Him and with all the saints together we lift up our voices and 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 betraved, 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." (Mark 14: 22-24)

PAX DOMINI ≈ *The Peace of the Lord*

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



THE AGNUS DEI \approx *The Lamb of God* – *LSB 210*

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





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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Pastor: We pray together:
- All: Gracious God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, we thank You for providing in this sacrament that peace which the world cannot give; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

- Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
- People: Thanks be to God!
- 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.
- People: Amen.



POSTLUDE