

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9:00 am  
and every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

# VETERANS DAY

Saturday, November 10, 2018

5:00 PM

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**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 blue 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 ON VETERANS DAY

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War,” officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, near the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

On May 13, 1938, an act of the U.S. Congress made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation’s history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation, on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

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 (November 11 – November 17)**

**Psalms 29:11:** *“The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.” (NIV)*

**WELCOME**

**✠ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE ✠**  
*(Lutheran Service Book, Page 151)*



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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *(Please rise)*

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

**People: Amen.** *[Matt.28:19b]*

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *[1 John 1:8-9]*

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

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: 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.**

**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.**

**HYMN OF APPROACH** *“Before You, Lord, We Bow”* – LSB 966

**PRAYER FOR THE USA**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Bless our country with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 10:12-13, 17-21**

And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord’s commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. Fear the Lord your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. *(NIV)*

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

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

The  
Word of God



## **EPISTLE: 1 PETER 4:7-11**

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

*Please rise*

**ALLELUIA** *(Sung – LSB page 156)*

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*[John 6:68]*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**



### **JOHN 14:15-21**

[Jesus answered] "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**HYMN** *"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"* – LSB 733

## THE SERMON

**Psalm 29:11:** *"The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace."* (NIV)

*Please rise*

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"* – LSB 780

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; When I call answer me.**

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; Come and listen to me.**

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; When I call answer me.**

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer; Come and listen to me.**

## 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).*



## LITANY FOR VETERANS DAY

Pastor: Loving God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that You have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us. Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms You have granted us, to make it impossible for those who would take away our freedoms from prevailing.

Pastor: For the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, we pray

**People: Lord, keep them under Your protective wing.**

Pastor: For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way, we pray

**People: Lord, bless and keep them in Your care.**

Pastor: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return, we pray

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us, we pray

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the veterans of past wars who bear scars on their bodies and upon their spirits, we pray

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For veterans who came home but found it difficult to "fit in" with their families or communities anymore, we pray

**People: Lord, have mercy.**



Pastor: Keep all our veterans in Your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all Your people the ways of harmony and concord, that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING**

*Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith.*

Hebrews 10:22

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 OFFERTORY**

### **✝ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✝**

#### **GREETING** *(Please rise)*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

#### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation, we give You thanks and praise Your holy name. We especially give thanks for Your abundant love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**People: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.** *[Matthew 6:9-13]*

## 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." *[Mark 14: 22-24]*

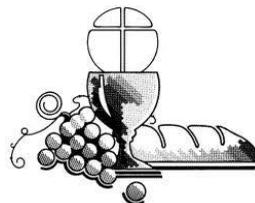
## INVITATION

Pastor: The bread of life, broken for you.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The cup of eternal joy, poured out for you.

**People: Praise be to God!**



## DISTRIBUTION

*Following the Words of Institution you are invited to come forward to receive the sacrament. 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.*



## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING** *(Please rise)*

**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:** **Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. 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.**

**HYMN** *"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" - LSB 923*

## **POSTLUDE**



**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**CHRIST HAS ASCENDED!**

**CHRIST WILL RETURN IN GLORY!**