

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.

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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Saturday, November 3, 2018

5:00 PM

WELCOME FRIENDS AND GUESTS!

We are delighted that you are here, and so is the Lord!

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

Today is All Saints’ Sunday and we take comfort in the fact that God has made us part of one very large family, Christ’s Body, the Church. As we prepare for worship, consider the following paragraph from *The Book of Concord; The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*:

“Our confession approves giving honor to the saints. This honor is threefold. The first is thanksgiving: we ought to give thanks to God because He has given examples of His mercy, because He has shown that He wants to save humankind, and because He has given teachers and other gifts to the church. Since these are the greatest gifts, they ought to be extolled very highly, and we ought to praise the saints themselves for faithfully using these gifts just as Christ praises faithful managers (Matthew 25:21, 23). The second kind of veneration is the strengthening of our faith. When we see Peter forgiven after his denial, we, too, are encouraged to believe that grace truly superabounds much more over sin (Romans 5:20). The third honor is imitation: first of their faith, then of their other virtues, which people should imitate according to their callings” (Apology of the Augsburg Confession; Article XXI: 4-6).

WE PRAY

Almighty God, grant that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The paraments today are white, the color of cleanliness and purity. It symbolizes God's majesty and holiness and reminds us that we have been made to be His saints through Christ's redeeming love

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (November 4 – November 10)
Psalm 34:3: "Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together." (NIV)

✠ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE ✠

(Lutheran Service Book page 151)

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.

People: **Amen.**

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. *[John 20:19-23]*

People: **Amen. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.** *[Psalm 19:14]*

HYMN OF PRAISE *“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” – LSB 814*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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 +

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:2-4, 9-17 (NIV)

Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put

a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?”

I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE: 1 JOHN 3:1-3

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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: MATTHEW 5:1-12

Now when [Jesus] saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

(NIV)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Martin Luther’s Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.



In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN “For All the Saints” (Verses 1, 2, 3) – LSB 677

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE SERMON

Psalm 34:3: “Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.” (NIV)

After the sermon please rise to sing:

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” – LSB 805

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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

I urge you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.

Ephesians 4:1

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

Please rise to sing:

"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" – LSB 488

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.**

**O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!**

PRAYERS

Pastor: Let us remember with thanksgiving on this day our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us in the Faith and who have received Christian burial. In His loving-kindness, God granted these saints new life through His Son in Holy Baptism and nourished them in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at His Holy Table. Now in His mercy He has summoned them to His eternal presence that they may be continually engaged in worshipping the Lamb forever and ever.

Pastor: **+ Edward Konkolewski +** (November 23, 2017)
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

People: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness.
(2 Timothy 4:7-8)

Pastor: **+ Barbara Stallworth +** (December 28, 2017)
The pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and He has set the world upon them.

People: He will guard the feet of His saints. *(1 Samuel 2:9)*

Pastor: **+ Westin James Fuller +** (January 2, 2018)
I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies.

People: And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. *(John 11:25-26)*

Pastor: **+ Evelyn Mae Ebbert +** (April 24, 2018)
Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

People: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
(Colossians 3:1-2)

Pastor: **+ Lillian Catherine Boucek +** (April 28, 2018)
I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.

People: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.
(Job 19:25-26)

Pastor: **+ Loris Walter Rather +** (May, 10, 2018)
The Lord will watch over your coming and going

People: both now and forevermore. *(Psalm 121:8)*

Pastor: **+ Beverly Lautner +** (August 30, 2018)
I tell you the truth, whoever hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned;

People: He has crossed over from death to life. *(John 5:24)*

Pastor: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we now remember before You, O Lord, in our hearts and minds, all those relatives, friends,

and fellow church members who have gone before us in faith. We give You thanks for the faith into which we have been baptized. In hope and prayer, we hold on to Your eternal promises.

(A time of silence is observed)

Pastor: Lord, remember Your Church throughout the world. Help its members grow in love for You and one another. As You have received our loved ones who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence, that we too may give You glory forever.

People: Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

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]*

CLOSING HYMN *"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" – LSB 477*

POSTLUDE