

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.**

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]

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 located in the center circle of each individual tray and is lighter in color.

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, October 20, 2018

5:00 PM

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 God, You gave Your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Himself. Grant that we, Your adopted children by grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The paraments are green, which 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 (October 21 – October 27)

Romans 5:1: *“Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (NIV)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME and ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

✝ 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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[Matthew 28:19b]*

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.

People: Amen.

KYRIE ≈ *Lord, Have Mercy (Sung – LSB page 152)*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy. [Mark 10:47]

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sung – LSB page 154*)

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

**We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:**

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

**You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

[Luke 2:14; John 1:29]

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; 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

The
Word
of God

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: ECCLESIASTES 5:10-20

Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?

The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when they have children there is nothing left for them to inherit. Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart. They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands.

This too is a grievous evil:

As everyone comes, so they depart, and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind? All their days they eat in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger.

This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them – for this is their lot. Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil – this is a gift of God. They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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



NEW TESTAMENT: HEBREWS 4:12-16

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. *(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: MARK 10:23-31

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is

easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.” (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

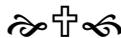
APOSTLES' CREED

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 *“By Grace I’m Saved”* – LSB 566

THE SERMON

Romans 5:1: *“Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (NIV)*

After the sermon please rise to sing:

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.**

(Sing twice)

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

Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand. 1 Chronicles 29:14

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



PRAYER *(Please rise)*

Pastor: We pray together,

People: **Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Strengthen our faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

All: **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.**

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 "*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*" – LSB 814

POSTLUDE

*Spiritual formation and growth is not evolutionary.
It is revolutionary.
Therefore, it must be intentional.*