

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 at 9:00 am
and every 2nd & 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 COMMEMORATION OF †
THE LUTHERAN REFORMATION OF THE CHURCH

WELCOME FRIENDS AND GUESTS!

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

Saturday, October 27, 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

This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health, but healing, not being but becoming. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified. – Martin Luther

Tomorrow morning in worship, these young adults: *Marty Boland, Tyler Folkmann, Rachel Palermo* and *Courtney Polarek* will stand before God, their family, friends and Zion Congregation and publicly confess their Faith and freedom in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They will continue in the tradition of Martin Luther and our church fathers to boldly witness to God’s free gift of forgiveness and life. That was Luther’s mission and so should it be ours as well, that future generations would not be deprived of the glorious Gospel of salvation through faith alone in Christ!

The color for this day is red, which symbolizes the Holy Spirit's operation through spokesmen as on the day of Pentecost. He showed His presence then in tongues of fire resting on the Apostles. It is also the color of blood and reminds us of the dedication of God's servants including Luther and the other reformers who were willing to suffer and shed their blood if necessary for the sake of the Gospel.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (October 28 – November 3)
John 15:16: *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit." (NIV)*

✝ DIVINE SERVICE ✝

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: Dear saints in Christ, we have come together to affirm again the truths that the Reformation restored to the one holy apostolic Church. We are here to worship God because of His infinite grace in creating us, in saving us through the sacrifice of our Lord, and in working faith in our hearts so that we might receive His own righteousness. Indeed, without the promise of forgiveness, we would never admit to our failings but would, in our fallen nature, constantly flee from God. But with the gracious promise of full and free forgiveness, let us consider our sins and call on God for mercy.

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

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. *[Psalm 103:8]*

People: **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.** *[Psalm 103:10]*

(Silence is kept to reflect on God's holiness and His grace.)

Pastor: Almighty God,

People: **hear our confession and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We admit that we have not completely trusted in Your promised protection and strength but have looked elsewhere for help and**

refuge. We praise You, Father, for You alone have provided the remedy for that which truly causes our separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, Your Son, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from Your present help. Lead us by the power of Your Spirit so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

People: Yes.

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe.

Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to each of you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (Verses 1 & 5) – LSB 525*

**Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.**

**Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.**

**Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: REVELATION 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water." *(ESV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

NEW TESTAMENT EPISTLE: ROMANS 3:19-24, 28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. *(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: JOHN 8:31-36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PROFESSION OF FAITH

From the Second Part of the Smalcald Articles written by Martin Luther in 1537 and recorded in The Book of Concord (The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church)

People: The first and chief article is this, that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins, and was raised again for our justification, and He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; and God has laid on Him the iniquities of us all. Likewise: All have sinned and are justified without merit – freely, and without their own works or merits – by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood. Now, since it is necessary to believe this, and it cannot be otherwise acquired or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us. Of this article nothing can be yielded or surrendered. For there is none other name under heaven, given among men whereby we must be saved. And upon this article all things depend which we teach and practice. Amen!

Please be seated

HYMN “Thy Strong Word” – LSB 578

**1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**3. Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**4. From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

**5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.**

Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send!

Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

(Please rise)

**6. God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.**

Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.

Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

THE SERMON

John 15:16: *“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit.” (NIV)*

After the sermon please rise to sing:

"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).

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING *(Please be seated)*

I will speak of Your statutes before kings and will not be put to shame. – Psalm 119:46

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 blue card in the pew rack in front of you and placing it in the offering plate.

MUSICAL OFFERING

✝ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✝

Please rise

PREFACE *(responses are sung – page 160)*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever-more praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *≈ Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung – LSB Page 161)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**
[Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9]

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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]

PAX DOMINI *≈ The Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

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.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING *(Please rise)*

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We pray together:

People: Almighty God, we praise You for the abundant mercy that You so richly have provided us, blessing us not only with daily bread for our bodies but also with heavenly food for our souls. We commit ourselves to Your divine protection and fatherly care. Let Your holy angels be with us that the evil foe may have no power over us, and grant Your abiding peace to us all; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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]

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *“The Church’s One Foundation”* – LSB 644

POSTLUDE



VDMA, stands for the Latin *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum* – in English: “The Word of the Lord Endures Forever,” the motto of the Lutheran Reformation. It is a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God’s Word based on Isaiah 40:6-8 and 1 Peter 1:24-25.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

THE THREE SOLAS OF THE REFORMATION

Sola Scriptura – Scripture alone

Sola Gratia – Grace Alone

Sola Fide – Faith Alone

... ALL ON ACCOUNT OF CHRIST ALONE!

