

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.

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



Saturday, October 6, 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.

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman’s identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are encouraged and equipped to live out their lives in active mission ministries and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of Mite Box offerings and tireless service. As God’s children, we rest in the assurance that He loves us and sent His Son to redeem us. God is our rock and salvation. That firm foundation enables us to reach out into a changing world in need of the Gospel.

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 7 – October 13)

Psalm 62:5: *"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation."*

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. *[Matt.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.

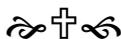
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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: Gracious God and Father, we give you thanks this day for the labors of all Your saints, especially Lutheran Women in mission, and we pray that You will empower us by Your Holy Spirit to invite neighbors of all nations living in our midst to come and see Your awesome deeds of salvation; 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



+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 62:1-8

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

How long will you assault me? Would all of you throw me down – this leaning wall, this tottering fence? Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place; they take delight in lies. With their mouths they bless, but in their hearts they curse.

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

NEW TESTAMENT: EPHESIANS 6:10-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of

the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (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 11:25-30

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Serve the Lord
With Gladness*

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 *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" – LSB 575*

THE SERMON

Psalm 62:5: *"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him. Truly he is my rock and my salvation."*

After the sermon please rise to sing:

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

"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

Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing! – Psalm 100:2

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

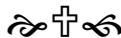
PRAYER

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.**

THE 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. [Matthew 6:9-13]



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 SONG

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

(Tune: LSB 662 “Onward, Christian Soldiers”)

**“Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.**

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name.

**“Serve the Lord with gladness!” He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.**

Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

**“Serve the Lord with gladness!” There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.**

**As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.**

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

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