

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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 16, 2018

9:00 AM

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in omnibus glorificetur Deus
that in all things God may be glorified
Romans 15:5-6 1 Peter 4:7-11

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, stir up Your Holy Spirit in and among us that He may rule and direct us according to Your will, comfort us in all temptations and afflictions, defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth that we, being steadfast in faith, may increase in all good works; 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 (September 16 – September 22)

Romans 6:22: *“Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.” (NIV)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME and ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

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

OPENING HYMN *“Evening and Morning” – LSB 726 (Please rise for verse 4)*

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. [*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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This is the Feast" (Sung – LSB page 155)*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

[Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9]

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

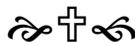
Pastor: The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated



+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: ISAIAH 50:4-10

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let the one who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on their God. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM *"For You, O Lord, Have Delivered My Soul from Death" – by Kevin Hildebrand*

NEW TESTAMENT: JAMES 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. *(NIV)*

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 8:27-38

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” (*ESV*)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, (*Romans 10:10; Exodus 20:2-3; Deuteronomy 6:4*)
the Father Almighty, (*Matthew 6:9; Genesis 35:11; Exodus 6:3*)
maker of heaven and earth (*Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 44:24; John 1:1*)
and of all things visible and invisible. (*Colossians 1:16; Romans 1:20; Hebrews 11:3*)

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, (*Romans 10:9; 2 Corinthians 1:3*)
the only-begotten Son of God, (*John 3:16; Matthew 16:16; Hebrews 1:5-6*)
begotten of His Father before all worlds, (*John 1:2; Revelation 1:8*)
God of God, Light of Light, (*John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*) →

very God of very God, (Colossians 2:9; 1 John 5:20)
begotten, not made, (John 1:2)
being of one substance with the Father, (John 10:30; Colossians 2:9)
by Whom all things were made; (Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:15-17)
Who for us men and for our salvation (1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23; Acts 4:12)
came down from heaven (John 6:41; Luke 15:20; John 6:38, 41)
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary (Luke 1:34-35; Matthew 1:18)
and was made man; (John 1:14; Philippians 2:6-7)
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. (Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18; Acts 2:36)
He suffered and was buried. (John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53; Matthew 16:21)
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6)
and ascended into heaven (Acts 1:9; 1 Timothy 3:16)
and sits at the right hand of the Father. (Mark 16:19; Acts 7:55; 1 Peter 3:21-22)
And He will come again with glory (Matthew 26:64; Acts 1:10-11; Revelation 1:7)
to judge both the living and the dead, (Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12)
Whose kingdom will have no end. (Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11)

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, (John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38)
the Lord and giver of life, (Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; Titus 3:5)
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (John 15:26; Luke 11:13)
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, (Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14)
Who spoke by the prophets. (Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, (1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:1-6)
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21)
and I look for the resurrection of the dead (1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
and the life + of the world to come. (Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42)
Amen. (Psalm 106:48)

Please be seated

HYMN *"The Day of Resurrection"* – LSB 478 (Please rise for verse 4)

THE SERMON

Romans 6:22: *"Now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." (NIV)*

After the sermon please rise to sing:

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

"Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone – Chris Tomlin)

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed**

Chorus

***My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love amazing grace***

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures (*Repeat Chorus*)**

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine You are forever mine**

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).

After the prayers, please be seated.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

Stop and consider the wondrous works of God. – Job 37:14

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

As the offering is brought forward please rise and sing:

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" – LSB 955

**Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather the harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with them prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence,
And give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE (*Responses are sung; LSB page 160*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

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, evermore 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]**

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

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.

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. [John 20:19]

People: Amen. (Sung)

THE AGNUS DEI *≈ The Lamb of God (Sung – LSB page 163)*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.** [John 1:29]

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake" – LSB 688

"Eat This Bread" – LSB 638

After the distribution has been completed please rise to sing:

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (*Sung – Lutheran Service Book page 164*)

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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:

People: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. By the working of this Means of Grace keep us attentive to the guidance of Your Spirit. Enlighten our minds, control our wills, and purify our affections so that we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "*There Is a Redeemer*" – BOB 211

POSTLUDE

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