

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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 2, 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

Lord God Almighty, even as You bless Your servants with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace to use them always to Your honor and glory; 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 2 – September 8)

James 1:27: *“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.”*
(NLT)

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME and ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

✝ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR ✝
(Lutheran Service Book, Page 203)

OPENING HYMN *“Come, Thou Almighty King” – LSB 905 (Please rise for verse 4)*

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.

People: Amen. *[Matt.28:19b]*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth. *[Psalm 124:8]*

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *[Psalm 130:3-4]*

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Silence is kept.

Pastor: We pray,

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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]*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ≈ *Glory to God in the Highest* (Sung – LSB page 204)

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth:
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high –**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

(Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. [2Timothy 4:22]

Pastor: O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

NEW TESTAMENT: EPHESIANS 6:10-20

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.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. *(NIV)*

Please rise

“Only by Grace” – BOB 178



THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 7:14-23

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."

After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come – sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person." (NIV)

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. (*Psalms 106:48*)

Please be seated

HYMN "*Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You*" – LSB 668 (*Please rise for verse 3*)

THE SERMON

James 1:27: "*Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.*" (NLT)

After the sermon please rise to sing:

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

"Think About His Love" – BOB 222

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).

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs...

After the prayers, please be seated.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

Honor the LORD with your wealth. – Proverbs 3:9

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 HOLY COMMUNION ✝

GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PREPARATION

Pastor: Heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation, we give You thanks and praise Your holy name. We especially give thanks for Your abundant love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin. Stir up Your Holy Spirit among us that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

People: 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.

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." *[Matthew 26:26-28]*

INVITATION

Pastor: The bread of life, broken for you.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The cup of eternal joy, poured out for you.

People: Praise be to God!



AGNUS DEI ≈ *Lamb of God (Sung – LSB page 210) [John 1:29]*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION *(Please be seated)*

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

“The Lamb” – LSB 547

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” – LSB 761

After the distribution has been completed please rise to sing:

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” – LSB 632

**O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee, My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!**

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:

All: Gracious God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, we thank You for providing in this sacrament that peace which the world cannot give; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG *"Shine, Jesus Shine" – BOB 204*

**Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

Chorus:

*Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze Spirit blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

**Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, Shine on me. (Chorus)**

POSTLUDE



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



CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST HAS ASCENDED! CHRIST WILL RETURN IN GLORY!