

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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 30, 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, grant that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, may be renewed by Your Holy Spirit to live in righteousness and true holiness; 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 30 – October 6)

Psalm 19:1-2: *The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. (NIV)*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME and ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

✝ DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE ✝

(Lutheran Service Book, Page 151)

OPENING HYMN *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" – LSB 802 (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: 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.

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.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared us to do; 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: NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost – also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. He asked the LORD, "Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, 'Give us meat to eat!' I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me – if I have found favor in your eyes – and do not let me face my own ruin."

The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied – but did not do so again.

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!"

But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

MUSIC TEAM *"Above All"*

NEW TESTAMENT: JAMES 5:13-20

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer

offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.
(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: MARK 9:38-50

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

“If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you

to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.’

Everyone will be salted with fire.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.” (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*)

As you are able, please remain standing for the song:

SONG "*Shout to the Lord*" – BOB 198

THE SERMON

Psalms 19:1-2: *"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge." (NIV)*

CHOIR ANTHEM "*Forth in the Peace of Christ*" – by Thomas Keesecker

*Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; Kingship with Him His servants gain;
With Christ the Servant – Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth. This world of time to consecrate,
This world of sin by grace to heal, Christ's world in Christ to recreate.
Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak; Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be Christ in the world to spread Christ's name.
Forth in the peace of Christ we go.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please rise)*

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 people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Silent reflection)

Pastor: For the Church, that we may ever stand faithful to the Word of God and confess that Christ lived, suffered, and died to reveal His glory to all nations, For the Rev. Matthew Harrison, the President of our Synod, the Rev. Allan Buss, the President of our District, the ministers, deaconesses, chaplains, teachers, missionaries and staff of the Northern Illinois District, and for all servants of the Church, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit as they do the work of ministry and missions You have given them to do with excellence and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the leaders of these United States, for the President of our nation, our representatives and senators, and all public servants who strive to advocate for vulnerable neighbors, that the plight of the unborn, the poor, widows, orphans, strangers, immigrants, the lonely, and other needy and suffering persons be present in their every thought, word, and deed, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, especially those whom we name in our hearts (*silence for intercession*) that they would be healed, comforted, consoled, and delivered, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all who eat and drink the Lord's precious body and blood, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins, strengthening of faith, life, and salvation, and be filled with the love of Christ to offer their lives in service to all neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: We submit these prayers, those spoken and those pondered in the silence of our hearts, along with these offerings, for the praise of Your glory. For all these and whatever other things You would have us ask, Heavenly Father, we pray for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. – Ephesians 1:3

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 (*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

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

People: Amen.

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]

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

"Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed" – LSB 560

"How Great Thou Art" – LSB 801

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.

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. [*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 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" – LSB 922

Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.

Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.

Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.

POSTLUDE