

Guests and Visitors – Brief Statement Regarding Communion

“I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

We welcome you to worship today as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, we confess that communion was instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and that when consecrated, the bread and wine are truly his body and blood!¹

We also believe that every Christian is called to examine themselves before coming to the table, trusting in God’s forgiveness as an answer to our sin, while truly recognizing the body and blood of Jesus, given for us. We further believe that Jesus has made the altar a place of *unity* – a place we are called to be in full agreement and reconciliation with one another.²

From scripture,³ the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), and Zion Lutheran Church, as a part of that Synod, understands unity not only as a matter of relational peace with each other, but public confessional unity as well. Your faith is a public witness, in addition to a personal conviction.⁴

To come to the altar for Holy Communion is to make a public witness that you agree with all this church body believes, teaches, and confesses. If you desire to receive communion today as a visitor, please speak with Pastor David.

Our call from Jesus is to steward God’s gifts faithfully, and to uphold the church’s confessional integrity, as well as yours.⁵ If you are not receiving communion today, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, or to remain seated as we sing God’s praises.

May you be blessed as we gather around the Word of God in faith, hope, and love. It is good to be together in the Lord!

¹ Matthew 26:26-28

² Matthew 5:21-24; 1 Corinthians 11:17-18

³ 1 Corinthians 1:10

⁴ Matthew 5:14-16

⁵ 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 1, 2025

✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

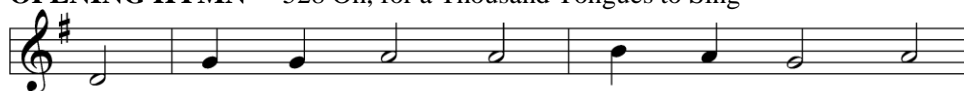
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RINGING OF THE BELLS

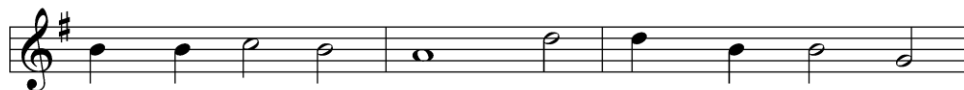
WELCOME

Stand

OPENING HYMN 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your
6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through
Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.
of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Sit

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

℟: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and He made us in His own image to live in fellowship with Him. Yet, like Adam and Eve, we have listened to the serpent's voice, doubted God's Word, and chosen our own way.

℣: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have hidden from Your presence, O Lord, and have blamed others rather than taking responsibility for our sin.

℟: Like the people in Noah's day, our thoughts and intentions are often bent toward evil. We build towers to our own glory instead of walking humbly with You.

℣: Forgive us, Lord. Wash us, and make us clean.

℟: Like Abraham, we have not always trusted in Your promises but have taken matters into our own hands.

℣: Forgive us, Lord. Strengthen our faith.

℟: Like Jacob, we have deceived and grasped for blessings in selfish ways. Like Joseph's brothers, we have let jealousy and bitterness harden our hearts.

℣: Forgive us, Lord. Reconcile us by Your mercy.

℟: O Lord, Your Word is written so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in His name. Yet we confess that we have not always lived as those who believe.

℣: Forgive us, Lord. Give us life in Jesus' name.

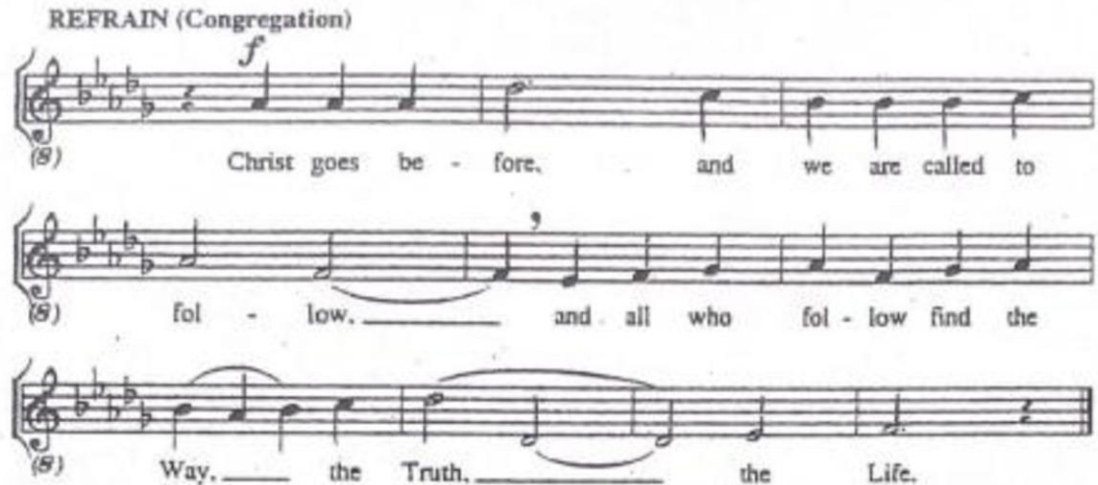
℟: The same Lord who spoke light into darkness has shined His mercy upon you; the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has now worked salvation through the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son for you. These things are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℣: Amen.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE “*Christ Goes Before*” Carl Schalk (congregation joins in singing the refrain)



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have given us Your Word so that we may see and believe that Jesus is the Christ, Your Son, and that by believing we may have life in His name. As every part of the Scriptures testifies to Him, grant that we also may see our lives gathered into Christ, who is the fulfillment of all things. By Your Holy Spirit, fix our hearts on this Gospel, that in every account of Your Word we may behold our Savior, and in every day of our lives we may confess Him. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C Amen.

EPISTLE *Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you

have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your^[a] life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Christ Goes Before” Carl Schalk (congregation joins in singing the refrain)

REFRAIN (Congregation)

Christ goes be - fore, and we are called to

fol - low, and all who fol - low find the

Way. the Truth. the Life.

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1-23, 30-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus^[a] head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic,^[b] “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews,^[c] Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY "Be Thou My Vision" ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Stand

GREETING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

between each petition:

P: Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

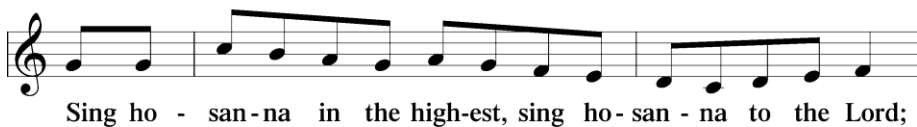
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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

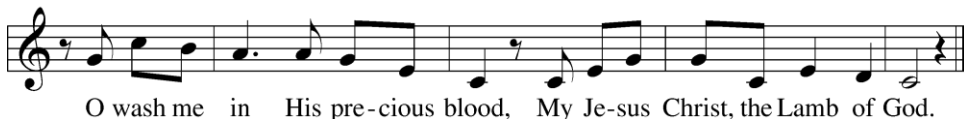
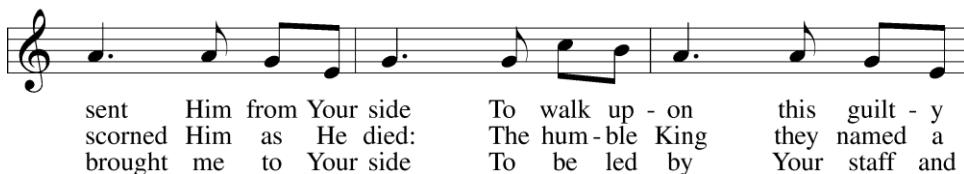
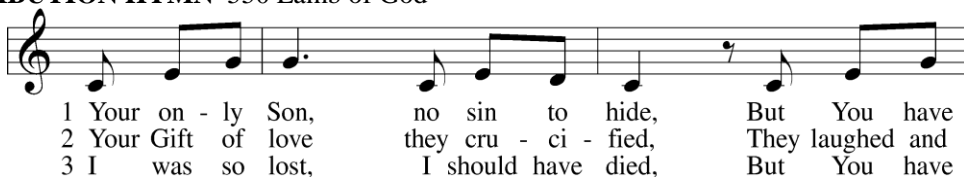


Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 550 Lamb of God



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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 638 Eat This Bread (*Congregation sings refrain, choir will sing the verses.*)

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

Cantor or Choir

1 This is His bod - y giv - en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.

2 As of-ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un-til He comes a-gain.

3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.

4 An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

5 If we be-lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

Refrain

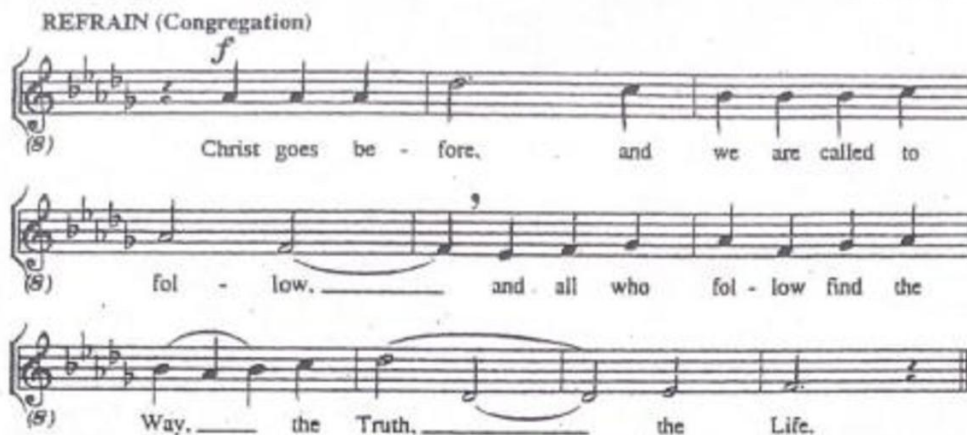
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Stand

THE DISMISSAL

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Christ Goes Before” (*congregation joins in singing the refrain*)



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

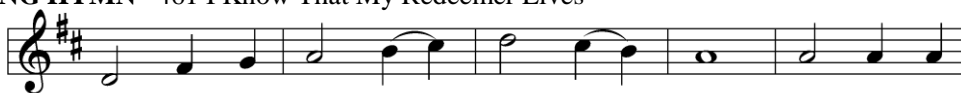
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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POSTLUDE

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