

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.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING

November 22, 2018

9:00 AM



Giving Thanks to God through Worship

Thanksgiving Day has a high and great meaning for us as Christians, for thanksgiving is grateful acknowledgement for the past and present mercies of God. We have so much for which to thank God – principally the Means of Grace, which is His Word and sacraments. The spiritual nourishment that renews our strength for the daily tasks of this life comes in the Sacrament of the Altar, where we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sin. This is our purpose today – to pray, praise, and give thanks for a faithful and gracious God who expresses His love for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ!

AS WE GATHER WE PRAY

Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN "*Come, Thou Almighty King*" – LSB 905 (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.

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

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, calling on Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. [Hebrews 10:22]

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

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

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sins. [Psalm 32:5]



Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I humbly come before Your throne of grace and confess to You all my sins and transgressions with which I have ever offended You. I justly deserve Your judgment and punishment. But I am deeply sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. [John 20:19-23]

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

HYMN OF PRAISE "*Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*" – LSB 803

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated

CHOIR ANTHEM "*Now Thank We All Our God*" – Arr. by Christopher Johns

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.*

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT: NEHEMIAH 9:1-6

On the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and putting dust on their heads. Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshipping the Lord their God. They cried out with loud voices to the Lord their God [and] said: "Stand up and praise the Lord your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting."

“Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.” (NIV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

NEW TESTAMENT: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Please rise

“Seek Ye First” – LSB 712

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you! Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev’ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well." (NIV)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The First Article of the Apostles' Creed and Martin Luther's Explanation

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN "*Now Thank We All Our God*" – LSB 895

THE THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

Colossians 3:17: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

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: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

The prayers continue

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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]

Please be seated

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS: THE OFFERING

Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.

1 Chronicles 29:14

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

After the offering is brought forward please rise to sing:

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" – LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE (*Responses are spoken.*)

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.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

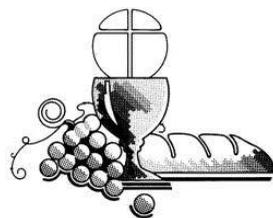
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

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*]

PAX DOMINI *≈ The Peace of the Lord*

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

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” – LSB 892

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” – LSB 809

After the distribution has been completed please rise to sing:

“For the Fruits of His Creation” – LSB 894

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and the 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: Almighty God, we praise You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. But above all, we bless You for Your abundant love, for the Means of Grace, and for the hope of glory. Direct our lives in ways of holiness and thanksgiving all our days so that we may show forth Your goodness with both our lips and our lives; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord. [Psalm 103:1]

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. [Numbers 6:24-26]

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" – LSB 782



V. 1 & 2 All → 1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
V. 3 Choir Only 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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