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HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

The Order of the Holy Communion

Prelude

Hymn – #364

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

Stand

Invocation

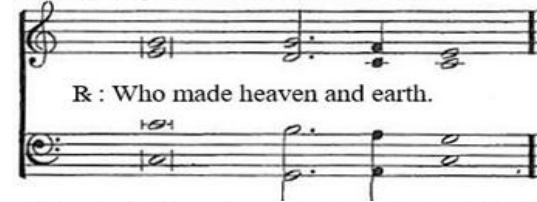
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



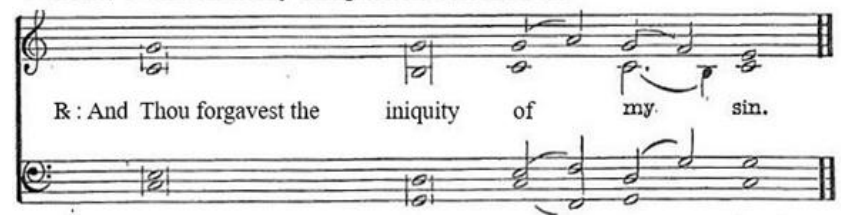
The Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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



V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord



O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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 Ghost.



Introit Psalm 91:2, 9-10; antiphon: v. 1

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*

**I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."**

*Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—*

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.*

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

♯: Glory be to God on high: ♭: And on earth peace, good will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

• O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Salutation

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy Spir - it.

Let us pray.

The Collect for The Day

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R: A - - - - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
 behold, your king is coming to you;
 righteous and having salvation is he,
 humble and mounted on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
 and the war horse from Jerusalem;
 and the battle bow shall be cut off,
 and he shall speak peace to the nations;
 his rule shall be from sea to sea,
 and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
 I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
 today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Epistle: Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.
¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

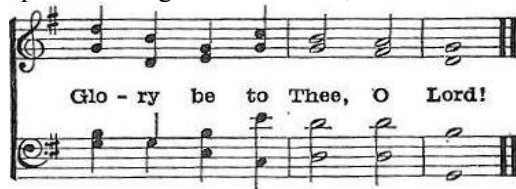
²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Stand



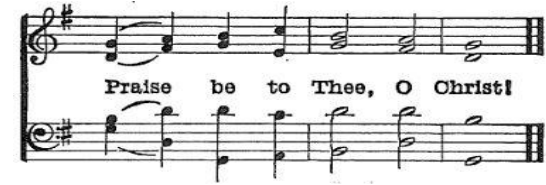
Holy Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

Sermon Hymn #276

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

**Sermon – "Jesus, Our Divine Teacher and Savior, Instructs on His Divine Rest"
Matthew 11:25-30**

Stand

The Offertory

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion; and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Sit

The Offering

Stand

The General Prayer

The Preface

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spir-it.

V: Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up un-to the Lord.

V: Let us give thanks unto the lord our God.

R: It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Sab-a-oth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is Ho,

Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The 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;

B: For Thine is the king-dom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini

V: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

B: A - - - - men.

The Agnus Dei

O Ohrst, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Ohrst, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Ohrst, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. . . . A - - - - men.

Sit

Communion Distribution

Hymn #310 – “Thy Table I Approach”

Hymn #577 – “God Bless Our Native Land”

Hymn #575 – “Before the Lord We Bow”

Stand

The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - - - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the 'Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be-

ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end.. A - men.

The Thanksgiving

V: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

R: And His mercy en - dur - eth for - ev - - - er.

We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R: A - - - - men.

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spir - it.

V: Bless we the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

R: A - men, A - men, A - men.

Sit

Closing Hymn #577 (7:00 p.m.)

“God Bless Our Native Land”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

DAILY READINGS July 5: Joshua 23:1–16; Acts 12:1–25; **6:** Joshua 24:1–31; Acts 13:1–12; **7:** Judg. 2:6–23; Acts 13:13–41; **8:** Judg. 3:7–31; Acts 13:42–52; **9:** Judg. 4:1–24; Acts 14:1–18; **10:** Judg. 6:1–24; Acts 14:19–15:5; **11:** Judg. 6:25–40; Acts 15:6–21.

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