



## Regarding the Lord's Supper

We believe that the Lord's Supper is one of the greatest gifts God gives to His church on earth. It is our Lord's meal of grace, in which He bestows the forgiveness of sins to troubled souls; and for that reason, we want all who are able to receive the Lord's Supper.

We also believe, however, that this sacrament *can* be received to our spiritual detriment, because we receive with the bread and wine the real body and blood of a holy God who died to redeem the world. The scriptures tell us:

*"Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. 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 11:27-29)*

Because we want to be good stewards of this precious and mysterious gift of the Lord's Supper, we lovingly restrict its distribution to those who are able properly to examine themselves and recognize the body and blood of Christ in the meal.

To assist all of our worshippers in examining themselves, we offer the following questions for your reflection and affirmation:

- ✘ Do I believe that I am a sinner without hope of eternal life, except for God's mercy offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ? (*1 John 1:8-10; 4:10; John 3:16*)
- ✘ Am I sorry for my sins, and do I believe Christ's promise that in His body and blood is forgiveness, life and salvation? (*Proverbs 28:13; Matthew 26:26-28; Luke 22:19-20; John 6:51*)
- ✘ Do I believe that with the bread and wine I receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, not just a symbol of it? (*1 Corinthians 10:16; Mark 14:22-24*)
- ✘ Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a life that is pleasing to God? (*Ephesians 4:22-24*)

If you can answer "yes" to these questions, then come with a repentant heart to join us in the blessing of Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and the strengthening of your faith. If you hold a belief that differs from the beliefs of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you refrain from communing at our altar at this time. We also ask that children, under the age of 15, who have not been instructed in the faith, also refrain from communing. If you have any questions we invite you to speak to one of our pastors after the service. May God bless our worship together!



**SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY** *(Page 205, spoken responsively)*

P: O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**.....Genesis 18:17-33

*(Abraham pleads for the righteous in Sodom.)*

<sup>17</sup> The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup> seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup> For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." <sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup> I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup> And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** *(with a shout)* **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING** .....Colossians 2:6-19

*(Remain rooted in Christ.)*

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. <sup>16</sup> Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup> These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** *(with a shout)* **Thanks be to God!**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** *(Page 205 - sung by all)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** **Glory to You, O Lord.** *(spoken)*

**GOSPEL READING** .....Luke 11:1-13

*(Jesus teaches about prayer.)*

<sup>1</sup> Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.      3

And lead us not into temptation.” <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(with a shout)* **Praise to You, O Christ!**

**APOSTLES CREED** *(Page 207 – spoken by all)*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

**SERMON HYMN**                      “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”                      Hymn 780

**SERMON**                              "Lessons on Prayer"                      Genesis 18 & Luke 11

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**      “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”                      Hymn 770

## OFFERING

*(This is a time when we give back to the Lord as a response of faith. As our offerings are being gathered, we ask that each of you sign the Rite of Fellowship Folder located in each pew. If you are visiting with us please include your full name, mailing address, & phone number. After all have signed it please pass it back to the center aisle.)*

**MUSICAL OFFERING** ..... “What a Friend” ~ Vogt, Schraeder

## **PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

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

(Petitions) P: Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

**Regarding the Lord's Supper:** *We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion which, we believe to be a great gift from our loving God. If you desire to participate with us in this sacred part of our service, please refer to our communion statement on the inside front cover of the bulletin. Thank you.*

**Communion Distribution:** *We will commune this morning by "continuous line." The ushers will direct each pew to come forward by the center aisle. We invite you to pause and consume each element at the station in which you receive it before moving on. If you wish, you may move to the end of the chancel for further reflection before returning to your seat. Please place individual cups in the basket at the end of the first pew.*

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**DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS** Hymn 769, "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ"  
Hymn 771, "Be Still, My Soul, Before the Lord"

