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## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word "Sacrament" means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God's promise. "He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*", as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have not yet been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament, not to participate yet in the eating and drinking, but to receive a blessing from the Pastor. God bless your sharing in this wonderful Gift.

**Welcome:** As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, "I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God." In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, "He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to "render . . . to God the things that are God's." Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

### Altar Flowers

This morning's altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Michael and Cinde Menhart in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



**Quiet Room:** The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a "quiet room." It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

**Assisted Listening Devices:** are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

**Cushions** are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

**Communion Procedure:** Individually packaged wafers and wine/grape juice is available in the narthex as you come in. Take one of each with you to your seat. When it is time for Holy Communion, you will stay in your seat and take the body and blood when Pastor indicates.

# Welcome

Stand

## Opening Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory"



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple  
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;  
sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this  
grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these  
grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's  
grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.  
dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 96:1-9*

- P** Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
**C** Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.
- P** Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!  
**C** For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.
- P** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.  
**C** Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
- P** Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!  
**C** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

## Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 51:1-3; 96:9-13; Isaiah 45:5, adapted*

- P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
**C** according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!  
**C** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- P** As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.  
**C** We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.
- P** We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart  
**C** and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.
- P** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
**C** let the field exult, and everything in it!
- P** Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
**C** before the Lord, for He comes,
- P** for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.  
**C** Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

## Absolution

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God is a merciful and loving Father, of whom “there is no other, besides Him there is no God.” He has chosen you in the Gospel, which has come not only in word but with full conviction in power and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to redeem You. Through Him, in His stead, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Praise "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One, Give thanks\_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_ Je - sus  
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give  
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks\_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_  
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am  
strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"\_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of  
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am  
rich," \_\_\_\_\_ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, \_\_\_\_\_ give thanks. \_\_\_\_\_

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Sit

### First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

*(The Lord uses Cyrus as an instrument of deliverance.)*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of My servant Jacob,

and Israel My chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know Me. <sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know Me, <sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides Me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

*(The Thessalonians' faith and example)*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. <sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our

Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with

the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report

concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15–22**

*(Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in His talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone’s opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put Me

to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show Me the coin for the tax.” And they brought Him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then He said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended**

**into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Sermon Hymn "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
 With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon

Caesar and God

Offering

*During this time of crises we have put the following methods in place for you to contribute your offerings:* <https://gloriadeihudson.org/donate.html>. An offering plate is provided near the church entry for those who prefer to leave their offering there. We continue to encourage *Simply Giving* and online giving.

## Pastoral Prayers

### The Prayers of the Church

- A** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise. You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ. You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware. Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** We acknowledge that You are the Lord, and there is no other. Strengthen us to resist temptations to serve other gods, whether things of this world, others, or ourselves. Open our eyes to see Your presence in all of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** Our Savior Jesus Christ, has reminded us to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to You what is Yours. As You have established all authority over us, we pray for our leaders in this world, nation, state, and community. Give them wisdom and courage to act with justice and mercy for all lives, including the unborn and aged, those who experience fear and injustice, the vulnerable and needful. Bless also those who serve our Church as elected and called officials, and the leaders within our own congregation, that all actions bring glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- A** We lift up all those in need, the hungry and homeless, the mourning and grieving, and all who seek healing. Give peace, hope, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Bless all who commune here today, that through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, they be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptations of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

- C** **hear our prayer.**

### 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**

## Words of Institution

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Proclamation of Christ

**A** As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

—1 Corinthians 11:26

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** —Revelation 22:20

## The Peace

**P** The peace  $\text{✠}$  of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

## Communion Distribution

**P** The body of Christ given for you.

*Open the container and eat the wafer.*

**P** The blood of Christ shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

*Open the container with the wine/grape juice and drink it. Please replace the lid so the wine doesn’t drip out.*

## Communion Dismissal

### Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

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# Dismissal

**A** Go in peace as you serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

## Closing Hymn "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.