Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

June 18, 2023

The Third Sunday after Pentecost Confirmation Sunday



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God In honor of Zoe Christensen's confirmation by Pastor Jon & Sarah Christensen

Serving Today

	Robert Hamrick, Organist
Craig E	scude, Choir Director/Cantor
<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Paul Mincer	David Maloney
Linda Licht	Kathy Kirchoefer
Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
Marilyn Pittman	Debbie Leger
-	Michele Escude`
	Debby Zagone
Serving Next Week	
<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Jerry Kaufman	John Zagone
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Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
	8:00 AM Paul Mincer Linda Licht Jackie Fry Marilyn Pittman Serving Next Week 8:00 AM Jerry Kaufman

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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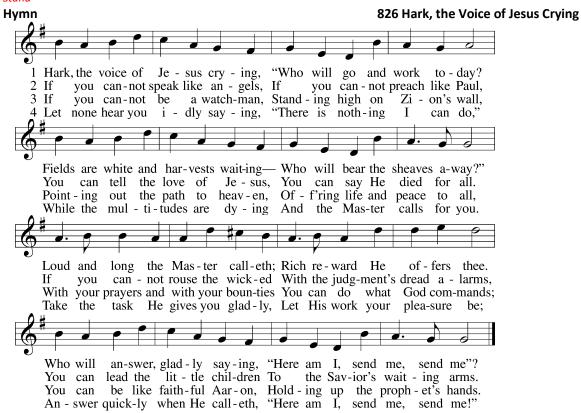
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The Divine Service: Setting Three

Prelude Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

Stephen R. Johnson

Stand



Confession and Absolution

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

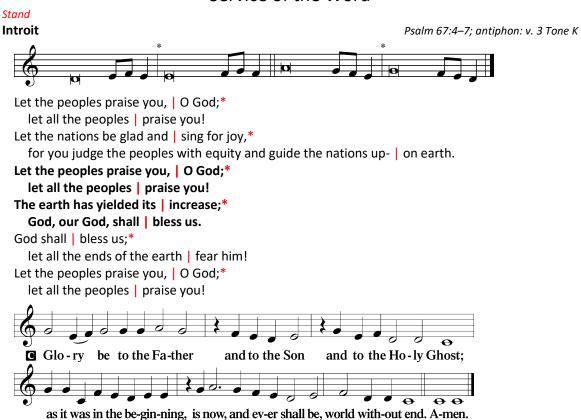
- P In the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.
- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

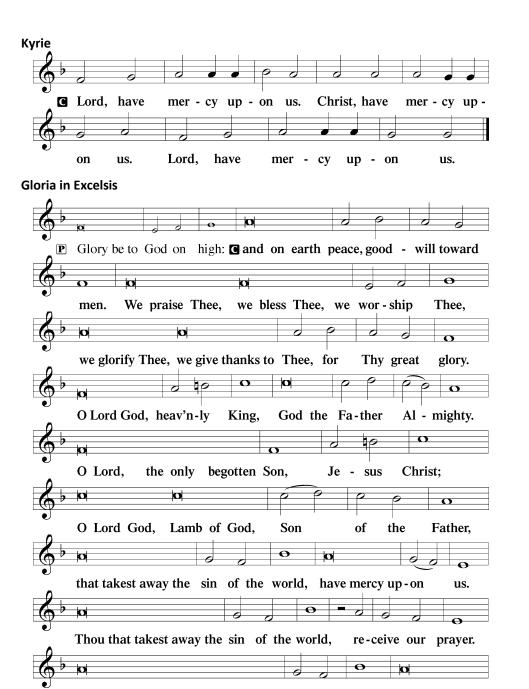
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless 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.
- P 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 Spirit.
- C Amen.

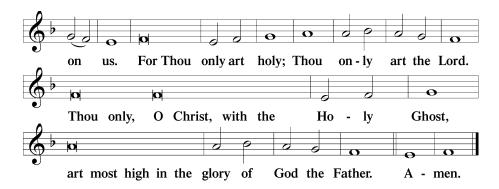
Service of the Word



LSB 187



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



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19:2-8

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you

shall speak to the people of Israel." ⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

²Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!

³Know that the LORD, he is God!*

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his | pasture.

⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to him; | bless his name!

⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever,* and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

EpistleRomans 5:6–15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

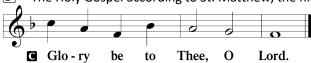
C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel Matthew 9:35—10:20

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



³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

¹⁶"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."



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.





687 Thine Forever, God of Love



Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

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LSB 192





Sit

Offering 8:00 service

Sour, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Anton Wilhelm Leupold

10:45 Choir

Teach Me, O Lord

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For glad obedience, that we who are treasured by God for Christ's sake may do all He has spoken, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the spread of the Gospel among all nations; for the labor of pastors, missionaries and all who share His Word; and that all the peoples would praise Him, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the fathers and sons of the Church, that they would be perfectly united in faith, hope and love after the example of Christ and His heavenly Father, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all who make, execute and judge our laws, that their eyes may be turned toward the Lord, and that they would receive wisdom and strength to faithfully carry out their duties, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For daily bread and wisdom as stewards of the earth, that God would bless us with this world's increase, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the sick and afflicted, that God who is able to heal every disease and affliction would deliver them according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For the good work God began in our all our catechumens through Holy Baptism and the blessings He bestows in their instruction and training in His Word, that God would continue to pour out His Holy Spirit on their hearts and minds so that they will truly love and revere Him, confess the faith with joy and boldness, endeavor to live according to His commandments, and praise and glorify Him as their faithful God and Lord, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who commune, that as the Lord welcomed Moses into His presence at Mount Sinai, He would also welcome us to receive Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P O blessed Lord, through Moses You called a people to Yourself, and from them You delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior. By His sufferings and death, He has redeemed us sinners from our sins. By His resurrection, He has released us from the fear of death. Help us to live as Your people, doing the good works for which we were created, and praying with confidence the petitions and supplications of our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

The Early Service proceeds to the Service of the Sacrament. Late Service continues with the rite of Confirmation.

Confirmation

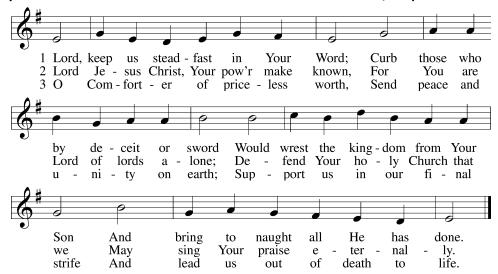
The Candidate's Statement of Faith

Zoe Sophia Christensen

[Jesus said,] "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation.

But take heart; I have overcome the world."

John 16:33



Examination of the Candidate

- P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and Io, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- **P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R Yes, I do.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- **R** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- Yes, I believe 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.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- **R** Yes, 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.
- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- \mathbb{R} I do.
- **P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- \mathbb{R} I do.
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- **P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- **R** I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R I do, by the grace of God.
- We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing.

- P Zoe Sophia Christensen, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life

 · everlasting.
- R Amen.

The pastor reads the Confirmation Verse from Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation.

Stand

Let us pray... Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling her both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. In the waters of Holy Baptism, You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus

Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in Zoe the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that she may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to her Savior. Deliver her from the power of Satan and preserve her from false and dangerous doctrines, that she may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen her to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable her to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and her neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of her body to life immortal. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, she may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness. through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

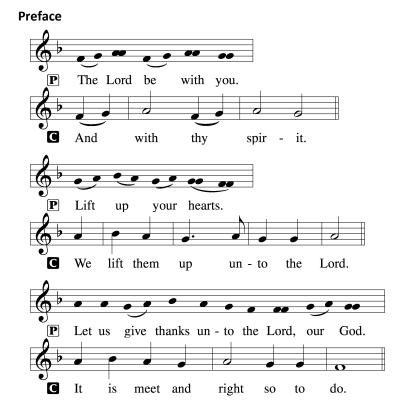
- C Amen.
- P Peace

 → be with you.
- C Amen.

The Confirmand returns to her place.

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 194



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

LSB 195

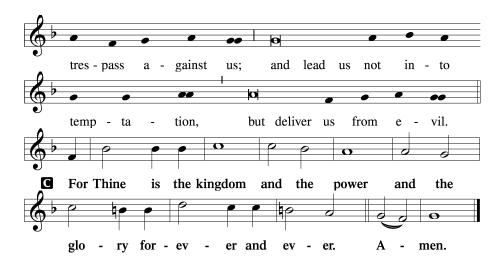
Sanctus C Ho ly, ho ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

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

Lord's Prayer LSB 196



and forgive us our tres - pass - es



The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

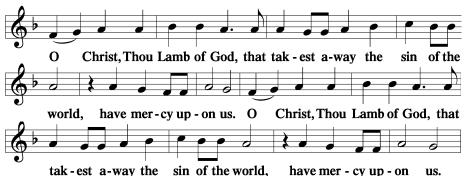
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 14 body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 LSB 197



Agnus Dei





Sit

First Communion Examination

The Confirmand comes forward to the communion rail. The Early Service will also walk through the examination corporately as a honing of their self-examination practices.

You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism.

In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?
- R Yes, I believe.
- **P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?
- R Yes, I believe.
- **P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?
- R Yes, I believe.
- P Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?
- R Yes, with the help of God.
- P I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

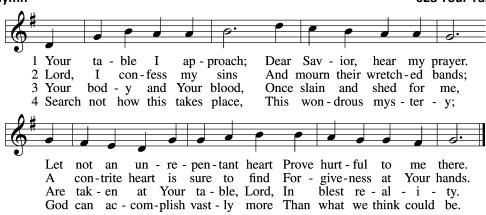
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ⅓ in peace.
- C Amen.



628 Your Table I Approach



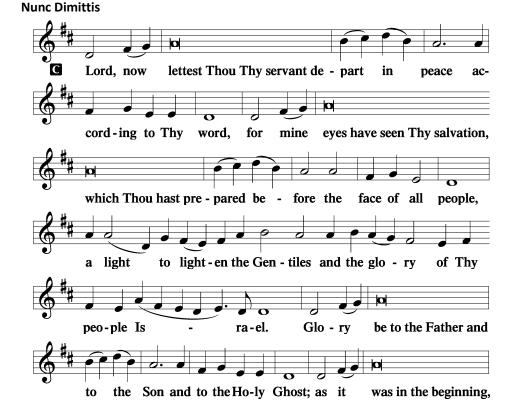
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night

 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.



- Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure, Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding: Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You; Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish, To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring: At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

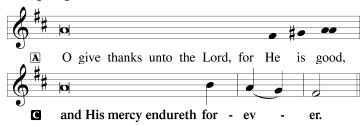
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Thanksgiving LSB 200

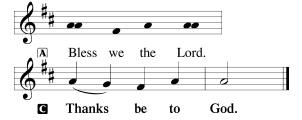


A Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and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





Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

Paul Manz



I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Join us for the confirmation of Zoe Christensen

Luncheon and celebration to follow the 10:45 am service in the fellowship hall Hosted by the family and Parish Life

June Alaska Mission Trip

Please join Bill Paris on his mission trip to Alaska by praying for him, the mission team, and the people they will serve. Details and prayer requests for the trip with Alaska Mission for Christ on June 17-24 can be found in the June "View" church newsletter. Note: Bill's travel dates are June 16th and 28th.

Pastor Jon will be out of town June 19 - 25

There will be no Women's Bible Study or Evening Bible Study next Wednesday.

Please welcome our guest preacher, Pastor Steve Saxe, on June 25th. He will also be giving a presentation between the services on mission work that he and his wife are involved with in South America.

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