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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31, 2017

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 LSB #376 (*see insert in bulletin*)

+ The Invocation – pg. 15 (*stand*)

+ The Corporate Confession of Sins and Absolution pg. 15-16

+ Introit

Ps. 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 52:10

*The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God..**

+ The Gloria Patri – pg. 16ff

+ The Kyrie – pg. 17

+ The Gloria in Excelsis – pg. 17-19

+ The Salutation – pg. 19

+ The Collect for the Day

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 61:10-62:3

- *See enclosed insert for the Readings*

+ The Epistle – Galatians 4:4-7

+ The Holy Gospel – Luke 2:22-40 (*stand*)

+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22

+ Sermon Hymn – #96

“Oh, Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly”

+ Sermon – “Appointed for the Fall and Rising of Many”

Luke 2:34-35

- I. The fall or rising depends on one’s thoughts toward Christ.
- II. A call to self-examination and action.

+ The Offertory (*stand*)

- *Offerings are collected (be seated)*

+ The Prayer of The Church

+ The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei – pp. 24-28

+ Distribution Hymns

#90 - “Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising”

#106 - “The People That in Darkness Sat”

#76 - “A Great and Mighty Wonder”

+ The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29

+ The Thanksgiving –pg. 30

+ Post-Communion Collect – pg. 31

+ The Salutation & The Benedicamus pg. 31

+ The Benediction – pg. 31

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

December 31: Is. 60:1–22; Luke 1:39–56; **January 1:** Is. 61:1–11; Luke 1:57–80; **2:** Is. 62:1–12; Luke 2:1–20; **3:** Is. 63:1–14; Luke 2:21–40; **4:** Is. 63:15–65:7; Luke 2:41–52; **5:** Is. 65:8–25; Luke 3:1–20; **6:** Is. 66:1–20; Luke 3:21–38.

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