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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 of Invocation – #465

“Christ Is Our Corner-Stone”

+ The Invocation – pg. 15 (*stand*)

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

+ INTROIT *Ps. 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8*

The LORD is the strength of his people;

he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

*Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.*

Blessèd be the LORD!

for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

*The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.*

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he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

+ The Gloria Patri – pg. 16ff

+ The Kyrie – pg. 17

+ The Gloria in Excelsis

+ The Salutation – pg. 19

+ The Collect for the Day

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ The Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious
heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a
deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing
for joy.

For waters break forth in the
wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of
water.

+ The Epistle – James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

+ The Triple Hallelujah, pg. 20

+ The Gospel Versus, pg. 20-211

+ The Holy Gospel – Mark 7:31-37 (*stand*)

³¹[Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

- + **The Nicene Creed – pg. 22**
- + **Sermon Hymn – #381**
 “I Know My Faith is Founded”
- + **Sermon – “Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God”**
 Matthew 16:13-20
- + **The Offertory, pg. 22-23** (*stand*)
- + **Offerings**
- + **The Prayer of The Church**
- + **The Preface ~ The Agnus Dei – pp. 24-28**
- + **Distribution Hymns**
 - #304 – “An Awe-full Mystery Is Here”
 - #360 – “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
 - # 26 – “Praise the Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him”
- + **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

September 5: 2 Kings 2:19–25; 4:1–7; Eph. 4:25–5:14; 6: 2 Kings 4:8–22, 32–37; Eph. 5:15–33; 7: 2 Kings 4:38–5:8; Eph. 6:1–24; 8: 2 Kings 5:9–27; Phil. 1:1–20; 9: 2 Kings 6:1–23; Phil. 1:21–2:11; 10: 2 Kings 9:1–13; 10:18–29; Phil. 2:12–30; 11: 2 Chron. 29:1–24; Phil. 3:1–21.

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