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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 – #3

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

+ The Invocation – pg. 15 (*stand*)

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

+ INTROIT

Ps. 127:3–5; antiphon: Ps. 127:1a

Unless the LORD builds the house,

those who build it labor in vain.

**Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb a reward.**

*Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the children of one's youth.*

Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver with them!

**He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the
gate.**

*Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.*

+ The Gloria Patri – pg. 16ff

+ The Kyrie – pg. 17

+ The Gloria in Excelsis

+ The Salutation – pg. 19

+ The Collect for the Day

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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 – Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

+ The Epistle – Hebrews 2:1-13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for him?”

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than
the angels;
you have crowned him with glory and
honor,

⁸ putting everything in subjection under his
feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will
sing your praise.”

¹³And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given
me.”

+ The Triple Hallelujah, pg. 20

+ The Gospel Versus, pg. 20-211

+ The Holy Gospel – Mark 10:2-16 (*stand*)

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

+ The Nicene Creed – pg. 22

+ Sermon Hymn – LSB #860 (*in folder*)

“Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing”

(We sing the hymn as a prayer to the Lord for every married couple)

+ Sermon – “What God has Joined Together”

Mark 10:6-9

- I. **Marriage is a very good gift of God.**
- II. **Common practices contrary to Jesus’ teaching on marriage.**
- III. **God’s answer to these sinful practices.**

+ The Offertory, pg. 22-23 (*stand*)

+ Offerings

+ The Prayer of The Church

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

+ Distribution Hymns

#625 – “Oh, Blest the House, Whate’er Befall”

#318 – “Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All”

LSB #922 – “Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing” (*in folder*)

+ The Nunc Dimittis – pg. 29

+ The Thanksgiving –pg. 30

+ Post-Communion Collect – pg. 31

+ The Salutation & The Benedicamus pg. 31

+ The Benediction – pg. 31

+ Closing Hymn - #625 (7:00 p.m.)

“Oh, Blest the House, Whate’er Befall”

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

October 3: Deut. 4:1–20; Matt. 7:13–29; 4: Deut. 4:21–40; Matt. 8:1–17; 5: Deut. 5:1–21; Matt. 8:18–34; 6: Deut. 5:22–6:9; Matt. 9:1–17; 7: Deut. 6:10–25; Matt. 9:18–38; 8: Deut. 7:1–19; Matt. 10:1–23; 9: Deut. 8:1–20; Matt. 10:24–42.

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