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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

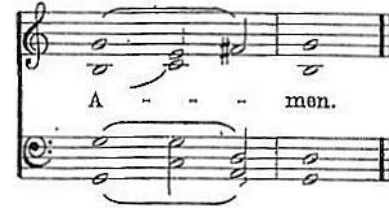
Hymn – #64

“Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes”

Stand

Invocation:

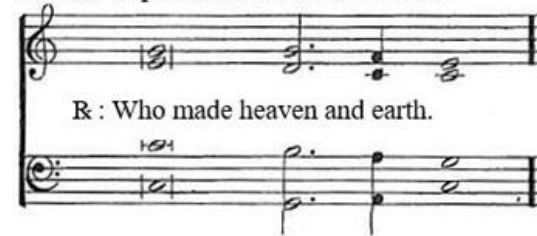
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



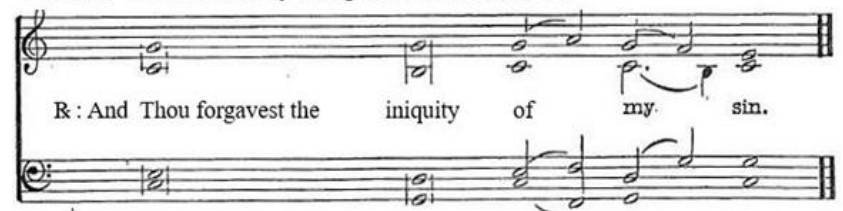
The Confession of Sins:

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.

V: Our help is in the name of the Lord.



V: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord



O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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 Ghost.

R: A - - - men.

Introit Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**

who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.

**For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Ohrist, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace; good will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

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

For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

The Salutation:

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy Spir - it.

Let us pray.

The Collect for The Day:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R: A - - - - men.

Sit

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our

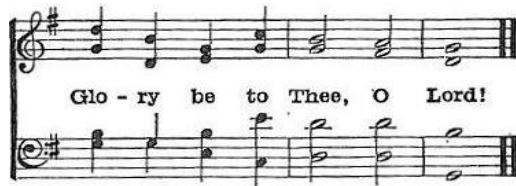
way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Stand



Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

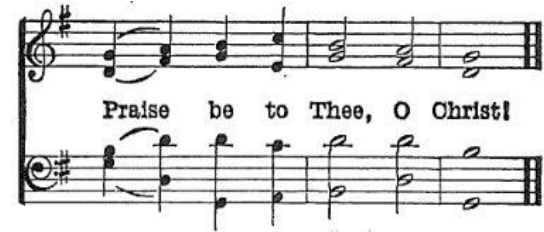


²⁵[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Sermon Hymn: #446, v. 1, 5, 6

“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

Sermon – “Alert and Praying until the Son of Man Comes”

Luke 21:36

- I. Be alert and pray while you wait for the Son of Man.
- II. Trust that He will answer your prayers.

Stand

The Offertory

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sit

The Offering

Stand

The General Prayer

The Preface

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spir - it.

V: Lift up your hearts.

R: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

V: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

R: It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the Messiah, the very Lamb of God, and calling sinners to repentance, that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He cometh again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus

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 com - eth in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The 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;

R: For Thine is the king - dom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini

V: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

R: A - - - - - men.

The Agnus Dei

O Ohrst, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Ohrst, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Ohrst, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. . . . A - - - - men.

Sit

Communion Distribution Hymns:

- #56 "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"
- #72, v. 1 & 4 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"
- #606 "O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"

Stand

The Numc Dimittis

Lord, now letteth Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a Light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - - - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the 'Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-

ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end.. A-men.

The Thanksgiving

V: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

R: And His mercy en - dur-eth for - ev - - - er.

We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

R: A - - - - men.

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with thy spir - it.

V: Bless we the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

R: A - men, A - men, A - men.

Sit

Closing Hymn - #72, v. 1 & 4 (7:00 p.m.)

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

DAILY READINGS: December 1: Is. 7:10–8:8; 1 Peter 3:1–22; 2: Is. 8:9–9:7; 1 Peter 4:1–19; 3: Is. 9:8–10:11; 1 Peter 5:1–14; 4: Is. 10:12–27a, 33–34; 2 Peter 1:1–21; 5: Is. 11:1–12:6; 2 Peter 2:1–22; 6: Is. 14:1–23; 2 Peter 3:1–18; 7: Is. 24:1–13; 1 John 1:1–2:14.

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