

# † The Confession of St. Peter †

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## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word "Sacrament" means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God's promise. "He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed *for you*," as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

**Assisted Listening Devices:** are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

**Communication Cards:** Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

**Communion Procedure:** Ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the side closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. **Grape juice** is in the outer ring and **is lighter** in color than the wine. The **wine is darker** in color. After communing, return to your seat via the *side* aisle. The entire

congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

**Cushions** are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

**Nursery Welcomes Your Child:** The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

**Quiet Room:** The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a "quiet room." It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

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**Members and Visitors:** Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate during the Offering time. Thank You.

**Prelude      "We Three Kings of Orient Are" with "Für Elise"    Arr. Tim Settle**  
Kirsten Keller, piano

## Welcome / Temple Talk

## *Stand*

## Hymn (8:15)

## **“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”**

LSB 868,  
s. 1, 2-4, 6

**Opening Song (10:45)..... "Cornerstone"**

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

## Chorus

Christ alone, Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Chorus*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne. *Chorus*

He is Lord, Lord of all!

## *Chorus*

Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all!

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Memory Verse

## Romans 6:3-4

**C** <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ Jesus were \_\_\_\_\_ into His \_\_\_\_? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into \_\_\_\_\_ in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

## Confession and Absolution

LSB 203

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## Absolution

LSB 203

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Hymn (8:15)

## "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

LSB 912, sts. 1–3

## Praise Song (10:45) ..... "All Praise to Him"

All praise to Him, the God of light, Who formed the mountains by His might.

All praise to Him Who names the stars that sing His fame in skies afar.

All praise to Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the galaxies above,  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer with sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to Him Whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the servant King,  
Who left behind His glorious throne to pay the ransom for His own.

All praise to Him Who humbly came to bear our sorrow, sin and shame.  
Who lived to die, Who died to rise, the all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts the love of God within our hearts.  
The Spirit of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and holiness.  
To Father Son and Spirit now, our souls we lift, our wills we bow.  
To You, the Triune God, we raise with loving hearts our song of praise.  
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*Sit*

### **First Reading: Acts 4:8–13**

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was

rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

<sup>13</sup>Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:1–15**

<sup>1</sup>Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, <sup>4</sup>by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of

sinful desire. <sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, <sup>6</sup>and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, <sup>7</sup>and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. <sup>8</sup>For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 5

<sup>11</sup>For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. <sup>13</sup>I think it right, as long as I am in

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### **Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27–35**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with His disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they told Him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

<sup>29</sup>And He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered Him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup>And He strictly charged them to tell no one about Him.

<sup>31</sup>And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after

this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, <sup>14</sup>since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. <sup>15</sup>And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup>And He called to Him the crowd with His disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **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**

*Sit*

## Children's Message

Bob Brantsch, DCE

### Hymn (8:15)

**"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"**

**LSB 904, sts. 1–4**

### Sermon Song (10:45).....**"Jesus, You Have Called Us"**

Jesus, You have called us: "Come, follow me.  
Take up your cross, deny yourself and live."  
Jesus, I am willing, though I am weak.  
I'll trust You and I'll go where You lead.

### Chorus

I will follow. I will follow. I will follow where You lead.

Jesus, You have shown us how we should live—  
In sacrifice, humility and love.  
Jesus, I am willing though I am weak.  
I'll follow You with Your Spirit in me. *Chorus 2X*

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### Sermon

### **Joining Jesus in Virtues**

**Offering:** We will pass the offering plate to collect your offerings and Guest & Member Communication Cards (yellow sheets). We have three options for online giving available on our website <https://www.gloriadeihudson.org>. Scroll down to the "Online Giving" section and you will see Simply Giving, PayPal, and Venmo.

### Offertory

**"He Knows My Name"**

Keith Hoover

**by Tommy Walker  
arr. Bruce Creager  
and Keith Hoover**

*Stand*

## Pastoral Prayers

### The Prayers of the Church

**A** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### **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. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**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 <sup>†</sup>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 <sup>†</sup>blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### **Proclamation of Christ**

*—1 Corinthians 11:26 | —Revelation 22:20*

**A** As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## The Peace

**P** The peace  of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Sit*

**Hymn (8:15)**                    **"Just as I Am, without One Plea"**            **LSB 570, sts. 1–6**

**Hymn (8:15)**                    **"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"** **LSB 631, sts. 1–7**

**Communion Song (10:45)** ..... **"He Will Hold Me Fast"**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

### Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Chorus*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast,  
Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Chorus—2X*

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## **Communion Song (10:45) ..... "His Mercy Is More"**

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore—Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father so tender is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.

His blood was the payment; His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

### **Chorus 2X**

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more.

Stronger than darkness, new every morn. Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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*Stand*

### **Communion Dismissal**

#### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**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.

**C** Amen.

#### **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{☩}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

—*Numbers 6:24-26*

#### **Memory Verse**

**Romans 6:3-4**

**C** <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ Jesus were \_\_\_\_\_ into His \_\_\_\_? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into \_\_\_\_\_, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

**Hymn (8:15)**

**"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

**LSB 643, sts. 1-2**

## **Closing Song (10:45)....."Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me"**

### **Verse 1**

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold—my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing all is mine.  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

### **Verse 2**

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Savior he will stay.  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need his power is displayed.

To this I hold—my Shepherd will defend me.  
Through the deepest valley he will lead.  
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

### **Verse 3**

No fate I dread. I know I am forgiven.  
The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold—my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh, the chains are released I can sing I am free,  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

### **Verse 4**

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home.  
And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him.  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
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**Postlude**

**"Adoration Medley"**

**by Phillip Keveren**