

✠ Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

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8:15 AM & 10:45 AM



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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.

**Welcome:** If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don’t have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God’s perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

**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:** Then, 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.

**Prayer Requests:** Please use the pink sheets to request prayers to be read during the service. Place in the offering plate.

**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.

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**

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**arr. Joel Raney**

*Stand*

## **Hymn**

**"Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"**

**LSB 819, sts. 1–5**

## **Invocation**

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

**C** Amen.

## **Order of Holy Baptism (10:45)**

**Thomas James Rapovski**

(See insert)

## **Memory Verse**

**Psalms 100:3-4**

**C** <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who \_\_\_\_\_ us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with \_\_\_\_\_, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

## **Opening Sentences**

**Psalms 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7**

**P** Be strong, and let your heart take courage, **C** all you who wait for the LORD!

**P** Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

**C** for He who promised is faithful.

**P** And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

**C** My hope is in You.

## **Confession and Absolution**

**Psalm 130:5**

**P** Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

**C** "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."

**P** Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

**C** "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."

**P** We bear responsibility for the suffering around us, filling the world with evil and failing to do the good we ought.

**C** "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."

**P** Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right. **C** "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."

**P** Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **C** "I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."

**P** Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God 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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise

## "Praise and Thanksgiving"

LSB 789, sts. 1–3

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 44:6–8

<sup>6</sup>Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god. <sup>7</sup>Who is like Me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before Me, since I appointed an ancient

people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. <sup>8</sup>Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides Me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle: Romans 8:18–27

<sup>18</sup>For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in

the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup>And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with

groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit

intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Vocal Solo**

**“I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked”**

**by Daniel S. Twohig**

Beatrice Watkins, soprano

**and Geoffrey O’Hara**

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup>but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup>And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” . . . <sup>36</sup>Then

He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup>and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

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

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

## **Apostles' Creed (8:15)**

**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**

**"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"**

**LSB 827, sts. 1-4**

## **Sermon**

**No Substitute for Good Seeds**

## **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**

**"I Need Thee Every Hour"**

**arr. Raney**

## **Commissioning the Jamaica Mission Team**

*Stand*

## **Pastoral Prayers**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**[A]** O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

**[A]** For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

**[A]** For all marriages, purposed as an illustration of Christ's sacrifice and faithfulness, that couples would be safeguarded from temptation and their love increased despite distance or difficulty, let us pray to the Lord: **[C] Lord, have mercy.**

- A** For those in the grips of anxiety or depression, slaves to debt or poverty, or suffering from loss or loneliness, that the fullness of Christ would meet all their needs, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For all who suffer physically, especially those among us that healing would find them and their hope in Christ would never waver, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For those who serve our communities, often in thankless roles of repairing our roads, keeping records, providing for the poor, and administering justice, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer (8:15)

**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  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  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

- 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.**

### Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.**

*Sit*

Hymn

"Christ Is Surely Coming"

LSB 509, sts. 1–3

**Hymn**

**“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”**

**LSB 680, sts. 1–5**

*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 on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Memory Verse**

**Psalm 100:3-4**

**C** <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who \_\_\_\_\_ us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with \_\_\_\_\_, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**Hymn**

**“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”**

**LSB 646, sts. 1–4**

**Postlude**

**“Marching in Christ’s Footsteps”**

**by Shayla L. Blake**

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## Order of Holy Baptism

Thomas James Rapovski

*(Pastor will speak to the Megan, Filip, and Thomas. Please join in response as directed below)*

### Prayer

**P** Let's pray ...      **C** Amen.

### Baptismal Gospel

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord      **C** Thanks be to God

### Lord's Prayer

**P** On special occasions like this, when we gather in God's presence as the children of God, we join to pray the family prayer that Jesus teaches us:

**C** **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**

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and going out from this time forth and forevermore.

**C** Amen. *(Psalm 121:8)*

### Questions:

**P** The next 2 questions will be addressed to Thomas, but we will all answer together on his behalf:

**P** Do you renounce the devil, and all his works and all his ways?

**C** **I do renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

**C** **Yes, 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.**

### Baptism

**P** Thomas James Rapovski, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.      **C** Amen.

**P** ...Welcome to the family!      **Applause**

**P** ...Peace be with You.      **C** Amen.

*The service continues on page 3 with the Memory Verse.*