

✠ Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost ✠  
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8:15 & 10:45 AM



*Gathering People to Christ,  
Building Believers in Christ,  
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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:** The only way a sinful human being can dare to approach and worship an almighty God is if we also know that He is a God of mercy. God’s mighty power is known from the vastness of His creation, the stars and seas, light and darkness, tempests and storms (Job 38). “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Psalm 111:10). Yet we are told, “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13). “Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you” (Isaiah 30:18). This “almighty and most merciful God” (Prayer of the Day) showed both His might and mercy when He became aware of His disciples’ peril on a storm-tossed sea. Walking on water wasn’t the point. It was the Lord’s coming to save us in our fear and distress (Matthew 14). As the catechism says of God’s commandments, “We should fear and love God.” We can trust the God who has harnessed His wrath with His love. Greater love has no one than the God who joined us in our misery, took our sin upon Himself, and died our death but now is risen to save us from every evil that threatens us or makes us afraid.

**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**

**"O Sing to the Lord" and  
"New Songs of Celebration Render"**

**both arr.  
J. Wayne Kerr**

*Stand*

**Hymn**

**"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" LSB 549 sts. 1, 3, 6-7**

**Invocation**

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

**C** Amen.

**Memory Verse**

**Psalm 100:5**

**C** <sup>5</sup>For the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

**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.

**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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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

## "Gloria in Excelsis"

LSB 204 sts. 1-3



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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## Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4–18

<sup>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves

be stayed’? <sup>12</sup>“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup>“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle: Romans 10:5–17

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes

and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are

the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has

believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

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

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

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking

on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to You on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But

when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out His hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little

faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”

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

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

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Children’s Message**

**Bob Brantsch, DCE**

**Hymn**

**“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”**

**LSB 715 sts. 1–3**

**Sermon**

**Jamaica Mission Trip**

**Offertory Hymn**

**“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

**LSB 783 sts. 1–6**

*Stand*

**Pastoral Prayers**

## Prayer of the Church

- A** With You nothing is impossible and the surprise of Your sufficient grace calls us to offer You the prayer and petitions of our hearts, O Lord, to whom we pray.

That the Lord call His elect from all nations and all peoples until the number is complete and the work of Christ is complete and gather us into His eternal presence around His throne of grace, to behold His glory and sing His praise forevermore, let us pray the Lord.

**C Hear the prayers of Your people.**

- A** That we hear His call to labor in His vineyard, supplying missionaries and church workers to speak His Word here and everywhere and that we well supply them with the tools and resources to accomplish this work, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Hear the prayers of Your people.**

- A** That we be good citizens and good neighbors and that those who lead us serve ably and well, for the benefit of all but especially for the protection of the weak, for equal justice before the law, and for the promotion of virtue, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Hear the prayers of Your people.**

- A** That we extend God's care to those in any need, including those seeking employment, those struggling with disability, and the poor, and that we well supply those in need with the abundant resources God has entrusted into our care, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Hear the prayers of Your people.**

- A** That we enjoy the gift of peace, an end to conflict and strife, safety from violence, protection against natural disaster, and an end to fear by trusting in the Lord for all things, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Hear the prayers of Your people.**

- A** That we come to the Lord's Table with clean hearts, recognizing and rejoicing to receive His flesh and blood to forgive our sins, to strengthen our faith, and to equip us for the service of love in His name, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Hear the prayers of Your people.**

- A** That the hurting find relief, the sick healing, the dying hope, the grieving comfort, and the mentally ill peace, especially those who have requested our prayers, that all those who cry to the Lord receive grace sufficient to their need, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Hear the prayers of Your people.**

**A** That we remember with thanksgiving those who died in the Lord and now rest from their labors and that we be kept holy and blameless until that day when the last shall be first and we shall see the Lord face-to-face, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Hear the prayers of Your people.

**P** Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.

*Stand*

### 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537 sts. 1–4

Hymn

"When Peace, like a River"

LSB 763 sts. 1–4

## Post-Communion Canticle

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211 sts. 1-2

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

- 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.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 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 ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Memory Verse

Psalm 100:5

**C** <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is \_\_\_\_\_; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

## Hymn

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

LSB 816 sts. 1–3

## Postlude

“Glory Be to the Father”

arr. Jason W. Krug

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