

# WEDNESDAY OF WEEK 8 IN ORDINARY TIME

WEDNESDAY, 11:00 A.M., MAY 26, 2021

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**Welcome to guests and visitors!** *This pamphlet will guide your worship today. The assembly's parts are indicated by ☒ and bold font. The vertical line in the left margin indicates when the assembly stands as each is able.*



## About Holy Communion with Saint John Lutheran Church

“It is taught that the true body and blood of Christ are truly present under the form of bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper and are distributed and received there” (Augsburg Confession, Article X)· “A person who has faith in these words, ‘given for you’ and ‘shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,’ is really worthy and well prepared.” “Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament” (The Small Catechism, Part VI)· “This church practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion” (The Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 50)·

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*A welcome and introduction to the day are made.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☒ Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☒ Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

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Most merciful God,

**☩ we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,  
so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been  
saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**☩ Amen.**

### **GATHERING PSALM (68)**

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered;

**☩ let those who hate him flee before him.**

<sup>2</sup>Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away;

**☩ as the wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;

**☩ let them also be merry and joyful.**

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name;  
exalt him who rides upon the heavens;

**☩ The Lord is his name; rejoice before him!**

<sup>5</sup>Father of orphans, defender of widows,

**☩ God in his holy habitation!**

<sup>6</sup>God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners into freedom;

**☩ but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**☩ as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**☩ And also with you.**

### KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of  
God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and  
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**☩ And also with you.**

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O Lord, from whom all good things come: grant to us your humble servants, that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**☩ Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The prophet declares: <sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up

from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

The word of the Lord.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

<sup>25</sup>O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

**☞ <sup>26</sup>Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great.**

<sup>27</sup>There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, which you have made for the sport of it.

**☞ <sup>28</sup>All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

**☞ <sup>30</sup>You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

**☞ <sup>32</sup>May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles; he touches the mountains and they smoke.

**☞ <sup>34</sup>I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>35</sup>May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the Lord.

**☞ <sup>37</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

The word of the Lord.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

**☩ and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The holy gospel according to John.

**☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day [of the Resurrection], the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The gospel of the Lord.

**☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Silence for reflection may follow the sermon.*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**☩ And also with you.**

*The assembly remains in place, as the service continues.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**☞ I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition ends: Hear us, O God.*

**☞ Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers conclude: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**☞ Amen.**

## OFFERING PRESENTATION

*Offerings are received at the door as one enters. The offering is presented for the work of Christ's Church, here and throughout the world.*

## OFFERTORY

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,

**☩ and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.**

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,

**☩ that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

Gather the hopes and dreams of all;

**☩ unite them with the prayers we offer.**

Grace our table with your presence,

**☩ and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## OFFERING PRAYER

*At the conclusion, the assembly responds:*

**☩ Amen.**

*The table is set.*

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**☩ And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**☩ We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**☩ It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

*The minister continues, concluding: ... and join their unending hymn:*

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)**

**☞ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. . . .

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our  
Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread . . . .  
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**☞ 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

### **COMMUNION SONG (AGNUS DEI)**

**☞ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Please remain seated where you are. The communion elements will be brought to you. The host is received in your open hand. The wine will be taken by you from an individual glass. Carefully place your empty glass on the pew until end of worship.*

### BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PSALM (68)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**☩ Amen.**

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let those who hate him flee before him.

**☩ <sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.**

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; The Lord is his name, rejoice before him!

**☩ <sup>5</sup>Father of orphans, defender of widows,  
God in his holy habitation!**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

**☩ <sup>8</sup>the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>19</sup>Blessed be the Lord day by day,  
the God of our salvation, who bears our burdens.

**☩ <sup>20</sup>He is our God, the God of our salvation;  
God is the Lord, by whom we escape death.**

<sup>28</sup>Send forth your strength, O God;  
establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

**☩ <sup>35</sup>Ascribe power to God;  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.**

<sup>36</sup>How wonderful is God in his holy places, the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

**☞ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*At the conclusion, the assembly responds:*

**☞ Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

*Response after the blessing:*

**☞ Amen.**

### **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please check web-sites and printed materials for further information.*

### **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**☞ Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**☞ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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