


12TH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021

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)•

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 (28)

O Lord, I call to you; my rock, do not be deaf to my cry; lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

**☩ Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you,
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.**

Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers, who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their hearts.

**☩ The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;**

therefore my heart dances for joy, and in my song will I praise him.

**☞ The Lord is the strength of his people,
a safe refuge for his anointed.**

Save your people and bless your inheritance;
shepherd them and carry them forever.

**☞ 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 God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☞ **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Joshua 10:1-14

¹When King Adoni-zedek of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it, doing to Ai and its king as he had done to Jericho and its king, and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel and were among them, ²he became greatly frightened, because Gibeon was a large city, like one of the royal cities, and was larger than Ai, and all its men were warriors. ³So King Adoni-zedek of Jerusalem sent a message to King Hoham of Hebron, to King Piram of Jarmuth, to King Japhia of Lachish, and to King Debir of Eglon, saying, ⁴Come up and help me, and let us attack Gibeon; for it has made peace with Joshua and with the Israelites. ⁵Then the five kings of the Amorites — the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon — gathered their forces, and went up with all their armies and camped against Gibeon, and made war against it.

⁶And the Gibeonites sent to Joshua at the camp in Gilgal, saying, "Do not abandon your servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us; for all the kings of the Amorites who live in the hill country are gathered against us." ⁷So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the fighting force with him, all the mighty warriors. ⁸The LORD said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have handed them over to you; not one of them shall stand before you." ⁹So Joshua came upon them suddenly, having marched up all night from Gilgal. ¹⁰And the LORD threw them into a panic

before Israel, who inflicted a great slaughter on them at Gibeon, chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. ¹¹As they fled before Israel, while they were going down the slope of Beth-horon, the LORD threw down huge stones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died; there were more who died because of the hailstones than the Israelites killed with the sword.

¹²On the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the Israelites, Joshua spoke to the LORD; and he said in the sight of Israel,

"Sun, stand still at Gibeon,
and Moon, in the valley of Aijalon."

¹³And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped,
until the nation took vengeance on their enemies.

Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in midheaven, and did not hurry to set for about a whole day.

¹⁴There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded a human voice; for the LORD fought for Israel.

The word of the Lord.

📖 Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 65

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

**📖 ²To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

**📖 ⁴Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

**☞ ⁶You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

**☞ ⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very
plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

☞ You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

**☞ ¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

¹²May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

**☞ ¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.**

SECOND READING: Acts 27:39-44

³⁹In the morning they did not recognize the land, but they noticed
a bay with a beach, on which they planned to run the ship ashore,
if they could. ⁴⁰So they cast off the anchors and left them in the
sea. At the same time they loosened the ropes that tied the
steering-oars; then hoisting the foresail to the wind, they made
for the beach. ⁴¹But striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the
bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being
broken up by the force of the waves. ⁴²The soldiers' plan was to

kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; ⁴³but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land, ⁴⁴and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Now is the acceptable time;

☩ now is the day of salvation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:45-52

The holy gospel according to Mark.

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After saying farewell to them, he went up on the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷When evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸When he saw that they were straining at the oars against an adverse wind, he came towards them early in the morning, walking on the sea. He intended to pass them by.

⁴⁹But when they saw him walking on the sea, they thought it was a ghost and cried out; ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ⁵¹Then he got into the boat with them and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

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: Lord, in your mercy,

☞ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

☞ 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 (27)

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

☞ Amen.

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

**☞ The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

²When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,

☞ it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

³Though an army should encamp against me,

☞ yet my heart shall not be afraid;

⁴and though war should rise up against me,

☞ yet will I put my trust in him.

⁵One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

☞ that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

⁶to behold the fair beauty of the Lord

☞ and to seek him in his temple.

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

**☞ he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

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

Go in peace. Share the good news.

☞ Thanks be to God.

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