

13TH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 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 (47)

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

☩ shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared;

☩ he is the great king over all the earth.

He chooses our inheritance for us,

☩ the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout,

☩ the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;

☩ sing praises to our king, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth;

☩ sing praises with all your skill.

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.

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 20:1-11

¹In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: Set your house in order, for you shall die; you shall not recover." ²Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD: ³Remember now, O LORD, I implore you, how I have walked before you in faithfulness with a whole heart, and have done what is good in your sight. Hezekiah wept bitterly. ⁴Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the word of the LORD came to him: ⁵Turn back, and say to Hezekiah prince of my people, Thus says the LORD, the God of your ancestor David: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; indeed, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. ⁶I will add fifteen years to your life. I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; I will defend this city for my own sake and for my servant David's sake." ⁷Then Isaiah said, "Bring a lump of figs. Let them take it and apply it to the boil, so that he may recover."

⁸Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up to the house of the LORD on the third day?" ⁹Isaiah said, "This is the sign to you from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he has promised: the shadow has now advanced ten intervals; shall it retreat ten intervals?" ¹⁰Hezekiah answered, "It is normal for the shadow to lengthen ten intervals; rather let the shadow retreat ten intervals." ¹¹The prophet Isaiah cried to the LORD; and he brought the shadow back the ten intervals, by which the sun had declined on the dial of Ahaz.

The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 88

¹O Lord, my God, my Savior,
by day and night I cry to you.

**☞ ²Let my prayer enter into your presence;
incline your ear to my lamentation.**

³For I am full of trouble;
my life is at the brink of the grave.

**☞ ⁴I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
I have become like one who has no strength;**

⁵lost among the dead, like the slain who lie in the grave,
whom you remember no more, for they are cut off from your hand.

**☞ ⁶You have laid me in the depths of the pit,
in dark places, and in the abyss.**

⁷Your anger weighs upon me heavily,
and all your great waves overwhelm me.

**☞ ⁸You have put my friends far from me;
you have made me to be abhorred by them;
I am in prison and cannot get free.**

⁹My sight has failed me because of trouble;
Lord, I have called upon you daily;
I have stretched out my hands to you.

**☞ ¹⁰Do you work wonders for the dead?
Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks?**

¹¹Will your lovingkindness be declared in the grave,
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?

**☞ ¹²Will your wonders be known in the dark
or your righteousness in the country where all is forgotten?**

¹³But as for me, O Lord, I cry to you for help;
in the morning my prayer comes before you.

**☞ ¹⁴Lord, why have you rejected me?
Why have you hidden your face from me?**

¹⁵Ever since my youth, I have been wretched
and at the point of death;
I have borne your terrors and am helpless.

**☩ ¹⁶Your blazing anger has swept over me;
your terrors have destroyed me;**

¹⁷they surround me all day long like a flood;
they encompass me on every side.

**☩ ¹⁸My friend and my neighbor you have put away from me,
and darkness is my only companion.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 9:1-5

¹Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints, ²for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. ³But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; ⁴otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated — to say nothing of you — in this undertaking. ⁵So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

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 9:14-29

The holy gospel according to Mark.

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴When *Jesus with Peter, James, and John*, came to the *other* disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵When the whole crowd saw *Jesus*, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. ¹⁶He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; ¹⁸and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." ¹⁹He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." ²³Jesus said to him, "If you are able! — All things can be done for the one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" ²⁶After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. ²⁸When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer."

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: All these things and whatever else You see
that we need, grant us . . . one God, now and forever.

☞ 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 (31)

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

☩ Amen.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

☩ deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me;

☩ make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

☩ for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,

☩ for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

I hate those who cling to worthless idols,

☩ and I put my trust in the Lord.

I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy;

☩ for you have seen my affliction; you know my distress.

You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy;

☩ you have set my feet in an open place.

How great is your goodness, O Lord, which you have laid up for those who fear you;

☞ which you have done in the sight of all for those who put their trust in you.

You hide them in the covert of your presence from those who slander them;

☞ you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.

Love the Lord, all you who worship him;

☞ the Lord protects the faithful, but repays to the full those who act haughtily.

Be strong and let your heart take courage,

☞ all you who wait for the Lord.

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. You are the body of Christ.

☞ Thanks be to God.

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