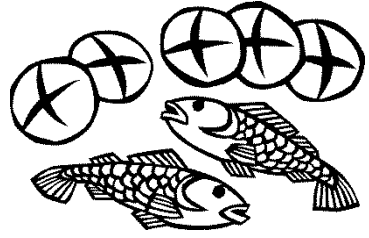


18TH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021

Welcome to guests and visitors!

*This pamphlet will guide your worship today. The assembly's parts are indicated by **C** 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.

C 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.

C Amen.

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Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts
before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its
need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

📖 Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

**📖 ²Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**

³gathering them in from the lands; from the east
and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**📖 ³³You change rivers into deserts,
and water-springs into thirsty ground,**

³⁴fruitful land into salty waste,
because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.

**☞ ³⁵You change deserts into pools of water
and dry land into water-springs.**

³⁶You settle the hungry there,
and they establish a city to dwell in.

**☞ ³⁷They sow fields and plant vineyards,
and bring in a fruitful harvest.**

³⁸By your blessing they increase greatly;
you do not let their herds decrease.

**☞ ³⁹Yet when they are diminished and brought low,
through oppression, trouble, and sorrow,**

⁴⁰you pour contempt on princes
and make them wander in trackless wastes;

**☞ ⁴¹but you lift up the poor out of misery
and multiply their families like flocks of sheep.**

⁴²The upright see this and rejoice,
but all wickedness shuts its mouth.

**☞ ⁴³Whoever is wise will ponder these things,
and consider well the Lord's steadfast love.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone,

☩ but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:1-10

The holy gospel according to Mark.

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, Jesus called his disciples and said to them, ²I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. ³If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way — and some of them have come from a great distance." ⁴His disciples replied, "How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?" ⁵He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." ⁶Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. ⁷They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. ⁸They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. ¹⁰And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

The gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

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: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O
God . . . 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 (78)

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

☞ Amen.

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**☞ I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—**

that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears
have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

**☞ We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy
deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works God has done.**

So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

**☞ raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**

So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

**☞ The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**

raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,

**☞ letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**

So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

**☞ 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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