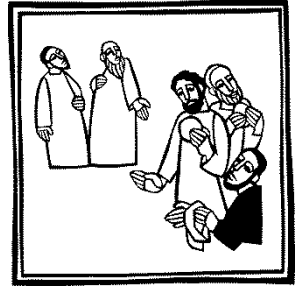


20TH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 A.M., WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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.

CONFESSIO 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.

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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.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life
of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we
may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you
continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen.

FIRST READING: Genesis 47:13-26

¹³Now there was no food in all the land, for the famine was very
severe. The land of Egypt and the land of Canaan languished
because of the famine. ¹⁴Joseph collected all the money to be
found in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, in exchange
for the grain that they bought; and Joseph brought the money
into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁵When the money from the land of Egypt
and from the land of Canaan was spent, all the Egyptians came to
Joseph, and said, "Give us food! Why should we die before your
eyes? For our money is gone." ¹⁶And Joseph answered, "Give me

your livestock, and I will give you food in exchange for your livestock, if your money is gone." ¹⁷So they brought their livestock to Joseph; and Joseph gave them food in exchange for the horses, the flocks, the herds, and the donkeys. That year he supplied them with food in exchange for all their livestock. ¹⁸When that year was ended, they came to him the following year, and said to him, "We can not hide from my lord that our money is all spent; and the herds of cattle are my lord's. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord but our bodies and our lands. ¹⁹Shall we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land in exchange for food. We with our land will become slaves to Pharaoh; just give us seed, so that we may live and not die, and that the land may not become desolate."

²⁰So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh. All the Egyptians sold their fields, because the famine was severe upon them; and the land became Pharaoh's. ²¹As for the people, he made slaves of them from one end of Egypt to the other. ²²Only the land of the priests he did not buy; for the priests had a fixed allowance from Pharaoh, and lived on the allowance that Pharaoh gave them; therefore they did not sell their land. ²³Then Joseph said to the people, "Now that I have this day bought you and your land for Pharaoh, here is seed for you; sow the land. ²⁴And at the harvests you shall give one-fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own, as seed for the field and as food for yourselves and your households, and as food for your little ones." ²⁵They said, "You have saved our lives; may it please my lord, we will be slaves to Pharaoh." ²⁶So Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt, and it stands to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth. The land of the priests alone did not become Pharaoh's.

The word of the Lord.

© Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 36

¹There is a voice of rebellion deep in the heart of the wicked;
there is no fear of God before their eyes.

**☞ ²They flatter themselves in their own eyes
that their hateful sin will not be found out.**

³The words of their mouths are wicked and deceitful;
they have stopped acting wisely and doing good.

**☞ ⁴They plot wickedness upon their beds
and have set themselves in a way that is not good;
they do not abhor that which is evil.**

⁵Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**☞ ⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O Lord.**

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

**☞ ⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

⁹For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

**☞ ¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

¹¹Let not the foot of the proud come near me,
nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

**☞ ¹²See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness!
They are cast down and shall not be able to rise.**

SECOND READING: Acts 7:9-16

⁹The patriarchs, jealous of Joseph, sold him into Egypt; but God was with him, ¹⁰and rescued him from all his afflictions, and enabled him to win favor and to show wisdom when he stood

before Pharaoh, king of Egypt, who appointed him ruler over Egypt and over all his household. ¹¹Now there came a famine throughout Egypt and Canaan, and great suffering, and our ancestors could find no food. ¹²But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our ancestors there on their first visit. ¹³On the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family became known to Pharaoh. ¹⁴Then Joseph sent and invited his father Jacob and all his relatives to come to him, seventy-five in all; ¹⁵so Jacob went down to Egypt. He himself died there as well as our ancestors, ¹⁶and their bodies were brought back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me,

☩ and I abide in them. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:14-21

The holy gospel according to Mark.

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁵And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out — beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod." ¹⁶They said to one another, "It is because we have no bread." ¹⁷And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? ¹⁸Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?" They said to him, "Twelve." ²⁰And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?

And they said to him, "Seven." ²¹Then he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

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: Lord, in your mercy,

☩ hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray . . . through your Son, 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 (34)

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

☞ Amen.

⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

☞ ¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

**☒ ¹²Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from lying words.

☒ ¹⁴Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

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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