



First Lutheran Church

“Connecting Hearts, Discovering Purpose in Christ”

July 7, 2024

Regarding Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a family meal. We invite you to join us in this meal. If you are our guest this morning and have any questions regarding the Lord's Supper, please speak to Pastor Bart Loos before the service. As you prepare to receive this family meal, it is helpful to ask yourself these questions:

- Am I a baptized Christian who trusts in Jesus Christ alone for salvation?
- Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
- Do I believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine?
- Do I desire to live in the strength of the Holy Spirit and walk in the path of righteousness as revealed by God's holy laws?
- *If you have not spoken with Pastor Bart, we still encourage you to come up during communion and cross both arms over your chest to receive a blessing of forgiveness.*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

OPENING SONG "Ancient Words"

Verse 1:

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words impart.

Verse 2:

Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where e'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us Home.

Chorus:

Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart.

Verse 3:

Holy words of our Faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh heed the faithful words of Christ.

Verse 4:

Martyr's blood stains each page
They have died for this faith
Hear them cry through the years
Head these words and hold them dear

(Chorus)(2x)

Ending:

We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart
O let the ancient words impart

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

OPENING WORDS

Pastor: O Children of the Living God, what is Your Father's greatest desire for you this day?

All: That we should love our eternal King with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength.

Pastor: And how would you should this love?

All: By remembering Him at all times, By cultivating thankfulness for His many blessings, and trusting His good providence for the meeting of our needs. By loving all whose lives intersect our own. By choosing to serve rather than to be served, to be wounded rather than to wound, and by bearing patiently with the failings of others, extending the same kindness, mercy, and compassion that God in Christ has so graciously offered us. We would also love Him by serving with faithfulness and due passion in our various vocations, by delighting in all things He has created for our benefit and pleasure, and by caring well for all He has given us to steward.

Pastor: O children of the Living God, you would do well to practice your love in these ways today! Do you now possess the needed strength to perfectly accomplish such holy requirements?

All: We do not. We are weak and inconsistent, and often buffeted by fear and pride and selfishness. But being impoverished and ill equipped as we are, we will look to the mercy and grace of God in Jesus. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy!

Pastor: Children of the Living God, hear these words and receive them in faith— You are forgiven in the Name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit! You are made new!

All: Amen! And we will look to the sanctifying work of the Spirit to accomplish His purposes in and through us this day, as we, in grateful response, seek that which pleases Him.

Pastor: We open our hearts anew this morning that the love of the Father and the life of Christ and the breath of the Spirit would quicken within us a greater affection for God's ways.

All: Work Your will in us, Lord Christ!

PROMISE OF THE CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Pastor: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you. Amen!

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 34:1-7

Reader: ¹I will bless the LORD at all times;

All: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Reader: ²My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

All: let the humble hear and be glad.

Reader: ³Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

All: and let us exalt His name together!

Reader: ⁴I sought the LORD, and He answered me

All: and delivered me from all my fears.

Reader: ⁵Those who look to Him are radiant,

All: and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Reader: ⁶This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

All: and saved him out of all his troubles.

Reader: ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps

All: around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread,

¹²and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Elder: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ!

Elder: Now may all these words of God bring to each of us conviction,
challenge, and comfort as our lives this week require.

All: Shape us even now, O Lord.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

On Screen



SONG OF THE DAY

“As It Is In Heaven”

Verse 1:

Our Father, who art in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Come and let Your glory,
Come and let Your glory fall.
Our Father, who art in Heaven
The rocks cry out Your fame
Come and let Your glory,
Come and let Your glory fall.

Pre-Chorus:

I will sing, sing a new song
I will sing, sing a new song
I will sing, sing a new song to the
Lord

Chorus:

Let your kingdom come
Let your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Every heart proclaim
The mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in heaven.

Verse 2:

God give us new every morning
Mercy as daily bread
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
And lead us, not to temptation
But deliver us with Your hand
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
Father we pray

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge: (2x)

For the kingdom is yours
And the power is yours
And the glory forever Amen
And the kingdom is yours
And the power is yours
And the glory forever

Chorus(2x)

MESSAGE

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us now bring our petitions before our gracious God.

All: O Lord, hear our prayers

At the end of each petition:

Deacon: Lord, in Your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Conclusion:

Pastor: O children of God, casting Your cares upon His strong shoulders, now surrender your own agendas for this day, and instead be led by the workings of His Spirit!

All: Open our eyes and our hearts, O Lord!

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION FAMILY PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

On Screen

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

AGNUS DEI

Pastor: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

All: Amen!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor: The peace of our Lord is with you now and always.

All: Amen!

WE INVITE YOU TO SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT THIS TIME.

RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION SONGS

“O Come to the Altar”

Verse 1:

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

Chorus:

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2:

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling

(Chorus)

Bridge: (2x)

Oh, what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen

(Chorus) (2x)

Verse 3:

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown,
Tell the world of the treasure you found

“Lead me to the Cross”

Verse 1:

Savior I come
Quiet my soul, remember
Redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Pre-Chorus:

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus:

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh, lead me, lead me to the
cross

Verse 2:

You were as I
Tempted and trialed
Human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now you're risen

Pre-Chorus:

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus 2:

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh, lead me, lead me
To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

(Chorus)

CLOSING WORDS:

Pastor: Having heard the Word of God and received Christ's Body and Blood this morning, we are now prepared for the labors of this week.

All: O God, give us continued strength and health to complete them.

Pastor: O Lord, sustain us and prepare our minds for the demands of this week.

All: Grant us clarity, creativity, and discernment.

Pastor: Faithfully prepare our souls for those sorrows and joys and celebrations and disappointments we will encounter, that every circumstance would serve only to draw us nearer to You.

All: May our words, our choices, and our actions this week be offered as true expressions of worship.

Pastor: Now you who are loved of God, step forward into this new week appointed by Him, that you might journey through its days and hours in the peace and the grace and the love of your Lord.

All: Lead us this week, Lord Christ, that we might walk its paths in the light of the hope of our coming redemption. Amen.

BENEDICTION



CLOSING SONG

"Waymaker"

Verse 1:

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

Chorus:

You are
Way maker, miracle worker,
Promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
You are
Way maker, miracle worker,
Promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

Verse 2:

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You
I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
Healing every heart
I worship You
I worship You

Verse 3:

You are here, turning lives around
I worship You
I worship You
You are here mending every heart
I worship You,
I worship You

(Chorus)

Tag: (2x)

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Bridge: (2x)

Even when I don't see it, You're
working
Even when I don't feel it, You're
working
You never stop, You never stop
working
You never stop, You never stop
working

(Chorus)

Tag: (2x)

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