

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTANCES *Psalm 119:9-11, 15-16*

P: How can a young man keep his way pure?  
C: **By guarding it according to your word.**

P: With my whole heart I seek you;  
C: **let me not wander from your commandments!**

P: I have stored up your word in my heart,  
C: **that I might not sin against you.**

P: I will meditate on your precepts  
C: **and fix my eyes on your ways.**

P: I will delight in your statutes;  
C: **I will not forget your word.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Though we know the words of our Lord, and we know the letter of the Law, we still fall short of the glory of God. We sin in thought, word and deed, against our neighbors and against God. Therefore, with repentant hearts let us turn to our Lord, who is infinitely merciful, whose love is never ending, and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection and confession*

P: Lord God, heavenly Father,  
C: **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Some of these sins I know, and some remain only known to You. We have not loved you with all our being, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We rightly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and renew us and lead us so that we may love your will and walk in Your paths forevermore, never straying from Your side. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen**

## SHARING THE PEACE

**HYMN No. 655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given Your only Son to be our high priest, to intercede for us and forgive us our sins. May we with repentant hearts turn to you always, praising You for the gifts that you have given to us, and the greatest gift of all Your Son Jesus Christ, who reigns with both You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE *Hebrews 5:1-10*

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** Mark 10:43-44

L: But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,  
C: **and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 10:35-45

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN No. 644 "The Church's One Foundation"**

**SERMON "A New Covenant"** Pastor Matt Jeremiah 31:31-34

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

P: We rejoice this morning with Cora Hill and Zora Boggs who are making a public confession of their faith in our Triune God whom the Holy Spirit bestowed upon them through Holy Baptism. We who are baptized into the Name are reminded that it is the same Holy Spirit who lives in us and will strengthen us and keep us in the faith till we enter into our promised inheritance in the kingdom of God.

P: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You both have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R: Yes, I do.

P: Do you renounce the devil?

R: Yes, I renounce him.

P: Do you renounce all his works?

R: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

R: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord?

R: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

P: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R: I do.

P: Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R: I do.

P: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: I do by the grace of God.

P: Cora, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

R: Amen

P: Cora has chosen Joshua 1:9 for her confirmation verse, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

P: Zora, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

R: Amen

P: Zora has chosen Proverbs 3:5-6 for her confirmation verse, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

## **PRAYER**

P: Let us pray,

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness bringing these Your daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought to the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

## **OFFERING**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

## **PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Grant us Your Spirit of joy, gracious Father, that we give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember with joy and thanksgiving the boundless love manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive His body and blood as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SELF-REFLECTION (In preparation of receiving the Sacrament, let us take this moment of silence for self-reflection)**

1. Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
3. Do you believe Jesus died to atone for your sins?
4. Do I believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
5. Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

If you have answered "Yes" to all of these questions you are encouraged to come. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

P: Let us now approach the table of the Lord with sincere hearts, joyfully receiving His promised presence, in, with and under the elements of bread and wine.

P: Merciful Lord,

**C: we do not presume to come to this Your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.**

**But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed, through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)**

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

P: With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

(Let us eat together the body of Christ.)

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.)

### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (LSB 940 - vs. 1)**

Holy God We praise Thy name  
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite Thy vast domain  
Everlasting is Thy reign.

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Let us pray  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us peace and a renewal of joy in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we be enabled constantly to rejoice in You all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING OF THE LORD**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN No. 861 "Christ be My Leader"**

### **SENDING**

**P:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**