

IDENTITY
revealed



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Welcome!

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

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As we celebrate Holy Communion, let's rejoice in the various types of unity that we enjoy in this sacrament.



- ◆ According to Christ's own promise we receive his true body and blood along with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of all our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). We are united with him in the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ This meal not only unites believers with the Lord but also with one another (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Holy Communion declares that unity.
- ◆ When Christians commune together they are jointly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:26).

What wonderful unity we find in the Lord's Supper. How we want to treasure and foster this unity. On the night on which Jesus gave us this meal he prayed that all his followers would come to complete agreement with one another on the basis of God's Word (John 17:11,17).

Out of love for the Lord and love for one another, we want what our Savior wants for us—genuine unqualified unity. For this reason we respectfully ask that only those who have expressed their full agreement with the teachings of our national church body (the Wisconsin Synod) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod come forward to receive the sacrament.

We eagerly desire everyone to share in this divine meal with us. Please speak to the pastor about how we can work together to establish this blessed fellowship.

WORSHIP THEME: Jesus Is the Christ, The Son of the Living God

OPENING HYMN: #550 *Lamb of God*

(vs.1-3)

CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION OF SIN & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

LORD, HAVE MERCY

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: [Acts 4:8-13](#)

SUNG RESPONSE: [Nothing But the Blood of Jesus](#) (Sung)

SECOND LESSON: [2 Peter 1:1-4](#)

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SERMON HYMN: [#525 The Lamb](#) (vs.1-5)

SERMON TEXT: [Matthew 16:13-19](#)

THEME: [Identity Revealed: Jesus Is the Christ, The Son of the Living God](#)

OFFERING AND RESPONSIVE PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION: [#814 Just as I Am, without One Plea](#)

Please Note: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are labeled on a separate center tray.

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: [#527 I Will Sing of My Redeemer](#) (vs.1-3)

CONNECTION CARD ON OUR APP



Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. There is a tablet in entryway or QR Code on the left if you prefer to use that. Please fill out any information and submit.

THE OFFERING

Dear guests, we're glad you're here to listen to the message about Jesus.

If members or guests would like to give an offering electronically, they can do so by using the QR Code on the right or download our App, which is available at any app store. Those that give digitally can place the "Give" cards in the plate during the offering.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY STUDY: *Is Christ enough?* Through the New Testament gospel proclamation reveals that Christ is enough.

THURSDAY ZOOM STUDY: *Lessons from Elijah and Elisha.*

LIVE STREAMING EVENT: **TODAY** after worship the WHOLE CONGREGATION is invited to a live Q & A with Peterson Ballah in Nebowin, Liberia. Come see how this unique opportunity of God's grace is allowing us to directly touch souls and lives across the ocean!

FEMALE SHEPHERDING ADVISORS: God's good design is to have males and females partnering together in their various callings while maintaining the principle of men leading in sacrificial love and women yielding and supporting male leadership in self-denying service. At Ascension we strive to observe this principle by calling men to be our officers and elders, and inviting sisters to share their wisdom, talents, and efforts at the committee level under an elder's direction. For these reasons we are looking to appoint two sisters to serve as advisors to the brothers on our shepherding committee. Please see direct any questions to our Group Life Elder, Eric Olson, or Pastor Roloff, or bring them to our next Quarterly Voter's Meeting on January 25th.

QUARTERLY MEETING: Mark your calendar for **January 25th** to attend this meeting and get updates on our ministry.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: **Jan. 23rd 10am-4pm.** Find link to donate on our App.

CAMP CROIX ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Youth Bible Camp Registration is Open!* Both campers and volunteers are invited to join the mission! Register today at campcroix.org
- *Winter Campout Feb 20–22* Sign up: campcroix.org/winter-campout
- *Wild Game Feed Feb 27–March 1* Learn more: campcroix.org/wild-game-feed

FATHER'S WORLD TOURS: *Join a WELS/MLC Group for Les Mis in Minneapolis! Tue, Feb 17* for an evening at the Orpheum Theater. *Ticket cost is just \$50. Seats are limited.* Visit <https://bit.ly/mlclesmis26>, or email steve@fathersworldtours.com to learn more and secure your spot today.



THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVED:

- † Guest Pastor: Rod Pudell
- † Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- † AV Team
- † Serving: Flock #2– Mike Tripp