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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: In baptism we are made dead to sin
and alive in Christ**

OPENING HYMN: #580 All I Have Is Christ

(vs.1-3)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION OF SINS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: [Ezekiel 36:24-32a](#)

RESPONSE: [Purify My Heart](#) (sung)

SECOND LESSON: [John 8:31-36](#)

NICENE CREED

SERMON HYMN: [#687 If Then You Have Been Raised with Christ](#) (vs.1-3)

SERMON TEXT: [Romans 6:1-14 \(EHV\)](#)

THEME: In baptism we are made dead to sin and alive in Christ

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

DISTRIBUTION: [#662 Draw Near](#)

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

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: [#689 Renew Me, O Eternal Light](#) (vs.1-4)

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: 10 LIES ABOUT GOD—"God is distant and disinterested in what happens" (Part 2) - Humanity has developed all kind of clever ways to minimize our sin and explain the evil we encounter day after day. One trick is to pretend that God doesn't really care and isn't very involved with our lives. Like so many lies this sounds reasonable--after all, what would a holy, glorious, all-powerful God want to do with puny wretches like us? But God's Word proves otherwise...

THURSDAY'S ZOOM STUDY: *Hard Sayings of Jesus* - Unless You Hate Your Father and Mother

SUMMER AUDIO DEVOTION: **Grace-** When it comes to our self-worth and our standing before God, we humans don't like the word "free." We think we need to earn our way, but God's grace is absolutely free and forever sure at the cross. Listen on our App.

NEW! ASCENSION TUMBLER: If you have placed an order, please write a check out to Ascension (in the memo: Outreach mugs) or place cash in an envelope for Outreach-mugs. **Deadline for this is TODAY.**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: **August 25th @ 7PM** Let us know if you will be attending (or want to attend in the future). RSVP: [Monthly Sign-Up](#)

CAMP CROIX: Will hold a dedication service for the newly constructed ministry center on Saturday, August 8 at 12 pm. Pastor Don Patterson will serve as guest preacher. Refreshments and campus and building tours will follow the service. Please RSVP by visit the link <http://campcroix.org/dedicate>.

FATHERS WORLD TOURS: **Sound of Music at the Orpheum Wed, Oct 21 (7:30)** for Rodgers & Hammerstein's beloved musical, *The Sound of Music*, at Minneapolis' historic Orpheum Theatre. Tickets are **\$55 for Mid-balcony** or **\$60 for lower orchestra (\$5 off all tickets purchased by Aug 28)**. Deluxe motorcoach transportation is available for **\$30**, with boarding in New Ulm, St. Peter, or Shakopee. Learn more or reserve your seats at bit.ly/FWT_SOM or visit fathersworldtours.com.

WELS/ELS SINGLE RETREAT: **August 28-30** at Camp Phillip in Wautoma, WI. For more information and to register, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/lutheransinglesretreat/>. **Deadline extension:** Please register before August 13.

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- ✝ Pianist: Marcia Michalik
- ✝ AV Team
- ✝ Serving: Flock #5