Lamb Of God Lutheran Church August 19, 2018

For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. Hebrews 3:4



Leap of Faith



Communion Statement <u>We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service</u>

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The term "Communion" describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion, sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not "in communion" with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service.

Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

** Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water)

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Who witness, have fellowship & show compassion.

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WORSHIP 10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

Divine Service Five

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 19, 2018

Fellowship Register

Please sign the register that you will find in the book holder and pass it on to the others sitting in your pew. Guests are invited to sign the register and please include your address. Thank you.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome & Announcements

- \Box The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you. (The Peace of the Lord is given and received)



Confession & Absolution + LSB 215

- □ In the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- <u>س</u> Amen.
- □ Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- \Box Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- *∞* who made heaven and earth.
- □ I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- Sequence of and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- □ O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- □ Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **†** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- <u>حت</u> Amen.

The Psalm + Psalm 34:12–22 (antiphon: v. 11)

- \Box Come, O children, listen to me;
- **⊥** I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- \Box What man is there who desires life
- See and loves many days, that he may see good?
- □ Keep your tongue from evil
- *≤* and your lips from speaking deceit.
- \Box Turn away from evil and do good;
- seek peace and pursue it.
- The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous

- *∞* and his ears toward their cry.
- \Box The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,

 \leq to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

- □ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
- \leq and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- \Box The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
- \sim and saves the crushed in spirit.
- \square Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
- **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**
- \Box He keeps all his bones;
- \sim not one of them is broken.
- \Box Affliction will slay the wicked,
- and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- □ The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
- none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
 Glory be 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.
- \Box Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Hymn + LSB 946

Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

 Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
 We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

- Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- 3 Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

 \Box The Lord be with you.

∽ And with thy spirit.

- □ Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 🗠 Amen.

Please be seated.



24:1-2a, 14-16

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Long ago, your fathers lived beyond the Euphrates,

¹⁴ "Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods,

- \Box This is the Word of the Lord.
- \sim Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading + Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it

says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

 \Box This is the Word of the Lord.

✓ Thanks be to God

Please stand, as able.

Holy Gospel + John 6:51-69

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
 Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my

blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

 \Box This is the Gospel of the Lord.

See Praise to You, O Christ.



Sermon Hymn + LSB 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



The hymn continues on next page.

Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.

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6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead, Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head: Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

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Sermon + John 6:65-69 "Only One Way"

Apostle's Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of

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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.

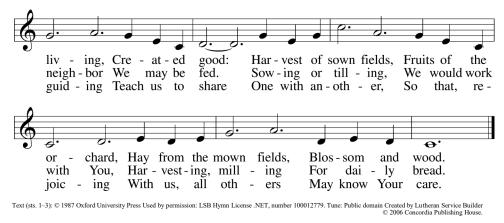
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

- \Box Lord, in Your mercy,
- *≤* hear our prayer.
- □ Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- <u>س Amen.</u>

The Tithes & Offerings







- \Box The Lord be with you.
- *∽* And also with you.
- \Box Lift up your hearts.
- \sim We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- \sim It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface + Pastor

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, ... To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer + LSB 958





Words of Institution Pax Domini

- \Box The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- 远 Amen.

Agnus Dei + LSB 198

Please be seated.

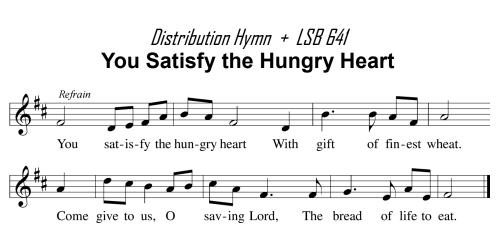
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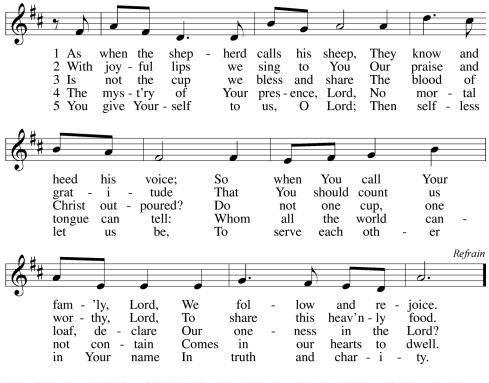
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ris - en from the dead:	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve
This life we take,	Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace	Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God,	Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole—	Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive	His ver - y bod - y and His
lease. O taste and see- sing! O taste and see- me? O taste and see- meal. O taste and see- blood. O taste and see- Text (sts. 1-5) and Tune: © 1991 Fred and Jean Baue Used by permission: LSB Hym Please stand	Concordia Publishing House.

Post Communion Hymn + LSB 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee 9 , • ø . • e Thee, 1 O 2 Thy 3 May Thee, and a - dore Thee, to death was giv - en, His grace and fa - vor Lord, we praise ho - ly bod God be - stow praise bod bless in y on us

0 In thanks - giv - ing Life to win for Thee. bow be fore Thou with Thy great - er us heav en. No in That we fol - low Christ our Sav ior And live to -. ø Thy blood didst Our and nour - ish weak souls that bod - y love than May this to Thee could bind us; this feast there geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this C ο flour they may ish: 0 Lord, have mer cy! cy! cy! mind Lord, have mer of re us! Ο blest Com - mu _ nion! Ο Lord, have mer Thy bod - y, That May Lord, born of Mar our у, Thee Lord, Thy kind - ness did con - strain That Thy so Let Thy good Spir - it for - sake Grant that not us; 6 sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see for us plead Thou hast paid; Θ 0 In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer cy! cy! Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer _ Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer cy! Text (sts. 1–3): © 1941 Concordia Publishing House Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, number 100012779. Music: Public domain Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

Collects

□ Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your onlybegotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace 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 may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

🗠 Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

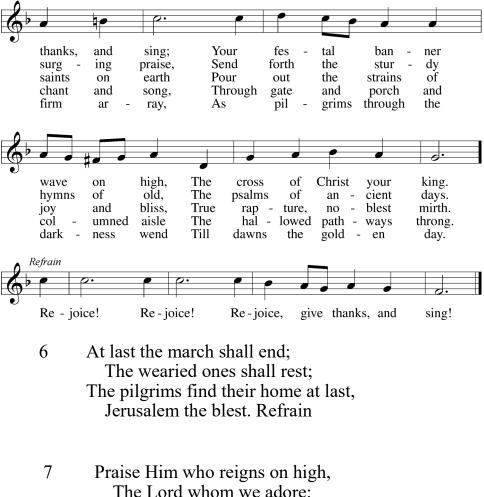
 \Box Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- □ 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.
- <u>حت</u> Amen.







The Lord whom we adore: The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God forevermore. Refrain

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- \Box Go in peace, serve the Lord.
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≤ Thanks be to God

