

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).

**& LWML SUNDAY 2021** 

# Communion Statement We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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) There is gluten free wafers.

### **Lamb of God Lutheran Church**

Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.

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Divine Service I

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost LWML Sunday October 3, 2021

# Welcome and Announcements

#### Salutation

- **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
- **C** And also with you.

Please share the Peace of Christ with a wave of your hand from where you sit.

#### 795 Voices Raised to You We Offer

[stanzas 1-2]

Sung to the tune from LSB #367 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

- Voices raised to You we offer;
  Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
  Hearts and hands we bring in tribute
  For Your gifts through all our days.
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
  Triune God, to You we sing!
- All creation joins to praise You;
  Earth and sky Your works display.
  Art and music, gifts You lend us,
  We return to You today.
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
  God, Creator, source of life!

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# Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# Responsive Reading of Psalm 86:1-7

- **P** ¹ Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
- for I am poor and needy.
- Preserve my life, for I am godly;

- save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God.
- P <sup>3</sup> Be gracious to me, O Lord,
- for to you do I cry all the day.
- P <sup>4</sup> Gladden the soul of your servant,
- for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
- P <sup>5</sup> For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
- abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.
- **P** <sup>6</sup> Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
- C listen to my plea for grace.
- P <sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
- for you answer me.

Exhortation LSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **©** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

#### **Confession of Sins**

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution LSB 203

- 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 therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## Service of the Word

# Responsive Reading Psalm 86:8-13

- P <sup>8</sup> There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
- on nor are there any works like yours.
- P All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord,

- and shall glorify your name.
- P <sup>10</sup> For you are great and do wondrous things;
- **C** you alone are God.
- P <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth;
- **C** unite my heart to fear your name.
- **P** <sup>12</sup> I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- and I will glorify your name forever.
- **P** <sup>13</sup> For great is your steadfast love toward me;
- **Q** you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.



# **795 Voices Raised to You We Offer** [stanzas 3-4] Sung to the tune from LSB # 367 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Christ, the song of Love incarnate,
Touching earth with heaven's grace,
For Your living, suff'ring, dying,
For Your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!

4 Spirit, flaming through creation,
Kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus;
Through our hands Your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Spirit, Helper, breath of life!
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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Ezekiel 36:16-28

C Amen.

#### Please be seated

#### Old Testament Lesson:

<sup>16</sup>The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>17</sup>"Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds. Their ways before me were like the uncleanness of a woman in her menstrual impurity. <sup>18</sup>So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. <sup>19</sup>I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In

accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them. <sup>20</sup>But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and yet they had to go out of his land.' <sup>21</sup>But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

<sup>22</sup>"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GoD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup>And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GoD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle Lesson:**

<sup>13</sup>Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought

1 Peter 1:13-25

to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance,

15but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, 21who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

"All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

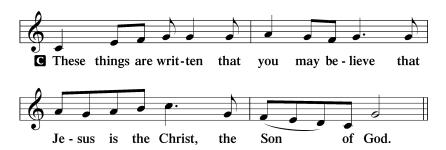
- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

#### Alleluia and Verse



Verse LSB 205



Alleluia LSB 205



#### Holy Gospel:

Mark 12:28-31

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.
- G Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>28</sup>And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>30</sup>And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **Apostles' Creed**

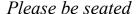
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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





## Children's Message

### 704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light



Sermon: 1 Peter 1:21-23

# LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

# Offering and Prayers

### Offering:

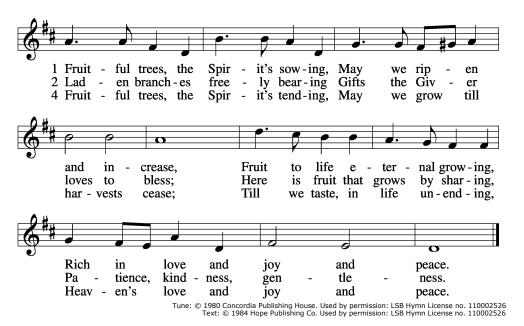
Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that we have been given by the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. You can drop your offering envelope off in the Offering Box in the Narthex as you leave today, mail us your envelope, give on-line at our website, or drop it off in the offering box in the lobby across from the Church Office Monday – Friday 9 AM-1 PM.

Offering Verses: 1 Peter 1:17b-19

The conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

#### Please stand as you are able

### 691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing [stanzas 1-2, 4]



Please be seated

# Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You search our hearts and have seen our sin, and yet in Your love have reconciled us to Yourself through Your Son. Give us Your Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, that our lives may grow in devotion to You for the salvation You have so graciously given us. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- **P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

# Service of the Sacrament

Please stand as you are able

Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





■ Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

# Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

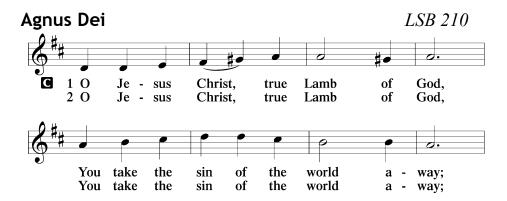
#### The Words of Our Lord

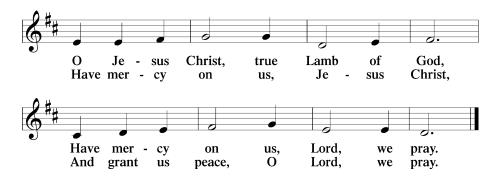
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

#### Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





Please be seated

#### **Distribution**

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

# **Right Column**

The true body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.** 



Christ, shed for you. **Amen.** 

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

#### **Table Dismissal**

P Depart now in His joy and peace, knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven.

#### 572 In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

Sung to the tune from LSB #423 "Jesus Refuge of the Weary"

In the shattered bliss of Eden
 Dawned the day of sacrifice,
 As our primal parents shuddered—
 Sin had caused this dreadful price!
 Faith embarked with this discernment:
 Only God can cover sin,
 As He took their leafy garments
 And He clothed their shame with skin.

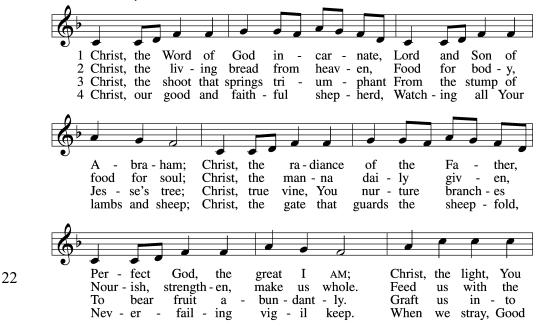
- Days and months and years unfolding
   Clearly showed what sin had wrought:
   Fallen Adam's children learning
   Lessons fallen parents taught.

   All these sacrificial off'rings
   Crested as a crimson flood:
   Patriarchs and priests atoning
   For their sins with cleansing blood.
- 3 What these sacrifices promised
  From a God who sought to bless,
  Came at last—a second Adam—
  Priest and King of Righteousness:
  Son of God, incarnate Savior,
  Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,
  Who in naked shame would offer
  On the cross His blood outpoured.
- Lamb of God, once slain for sinners,
  Host, who spreads this meal divine,
  Here You pledge our sins are covered,
  Pledge received in bread and wine:
  "Take and eat; this is My body,
  Given on the cross for you.
  Take and drink; this cup of blessing
  Is My blood poured out for you."

- 5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven
  Known by saints around the throne,
  Where the Lamb, in closest union,
  Lives to love and feed His own.
  From His riven side forever
  Flows the purest stream of love,
  Love that robes us with the raiment
  Worn by all who feast above.
- Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,
  Gone the age of sacrifice;
  Ours the time of grace and favor,
  Ours the call to paradise!
  Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
  Only You can cover sin—
  Take our worthless, self-made garments;
  Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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### 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



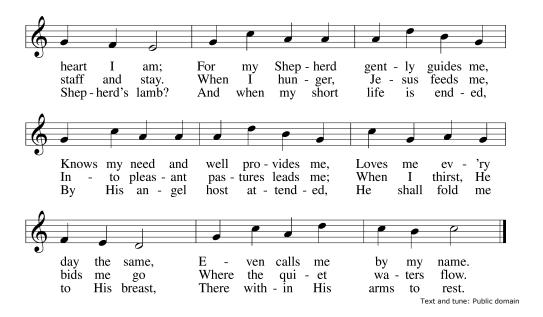


- To the Father's home on high,
  Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
  Christ, the life that cannot die.
  Mediator to the Father,
  Sacrifice and great High Priest:
  Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
  There to share Your wedding feast.
- △6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
  Christ, the firstborn 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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# **740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb**A Lamb of God Favorite





#### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

Please stand as you are able

# **Hymn "Serve the Lord with Gladness"** [stanza 1] (Tune LSB #662 Onward Christian Soldiers)

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners,
Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings
Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory
Meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

# Hymn "Serve the Lord with Gladness" [stanzas 2-3] (Tune from LSB#662 "Onward Christian Soldiers")

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel
Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name!

#### The hymn continues on next page.

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name!

--Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz



#### Sharing of the Peace

- **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
- **C** And also with you
- **P** The love and the Peace of Christ Jesus, Your Savior, has been poured out upon you richly and abundantly this day. In the same manner as He has shared these with you, pour out these gifts upon those around you who need to hear the Gospel from your lips and by the work of your hands. In doing so we serve in the world as His Church.

# **Closing Peace**

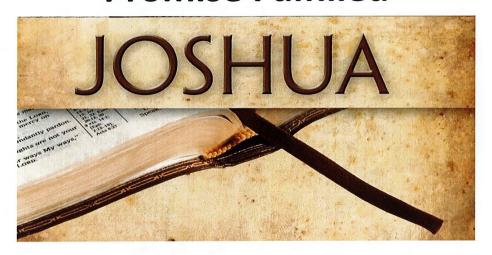
- **P** Go in peace, serve the Lord
- Thanks be to God

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# Joshua: The Lord's Promise Fulfilled



Women's Bible Study

Monday at 1:00 pm

Come and join us!!!





Bible Study
Wednesday
Evenings
at 7:00 PM



The Quilters would love to have you on Tuesday morning, at 10:00 am, to help with the quilts.

## No Experience necessary.

There are other things that need to be done. You are welcome to come and help-they even take a break, sometimes donuts, sometimes a homemade cake or brownies. All are welcome for the fun, fellowship and food.





# **Inside Treating**



Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

3: 00 pm - 5:00 pm

# **Lamb Of God Lutheran Church**

October 3, 2021 LWML Sunday



19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

# You have been born again...

