

# Christ Lutheran Church

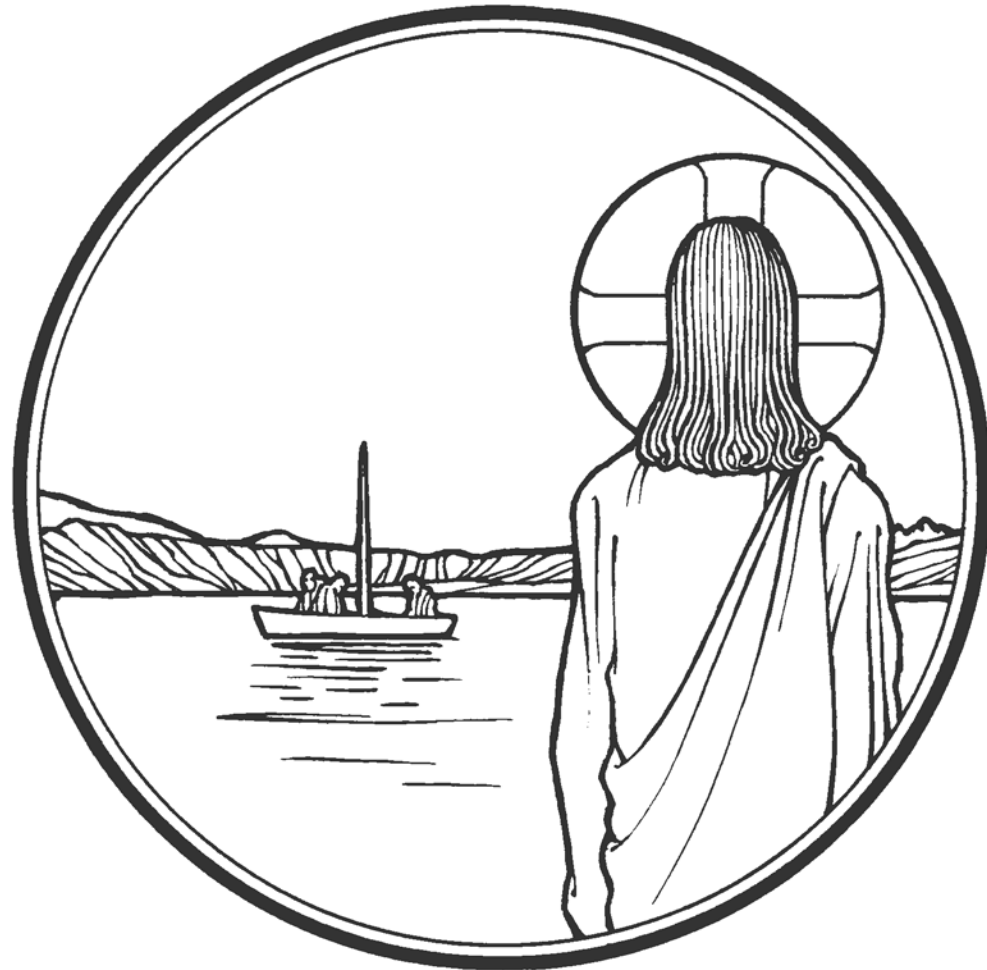
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**The Exhortation for Holy Communion, p. 52-53** (*Those who have announced their intention to commune at the Lord's Table should prayerfully consider the following. Regarding our Communion practice, please refer to the back of the bulletin.*)

Dear Friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words "For the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins. And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "This do in remembrance of Me." If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins. You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **The Divine Service – Rite One, p. 41**

### **I. The Service of Preparation**

#### **The Opening Prayer, p. 41**

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

**Hymn # 356 – "The Day of Resurrection"** (*Please stand at last verse.*)

#### **The Confession of Sin I, p. 41**

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**The Kyrie Eleison** (*Lord, have mercy*), p. 42-43

**C(♩): O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.**

**O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

**The Absolution II**, p. 43

**P:** Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**The Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (*Glory to God in the Highest*), p. 44-45

**P:** Glory be to God in the highest.

**C(♩): And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, and peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!**

**The Salutation**, p. 45

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C(♩): And with your spirit.**

**The Collect**, p. 45

**P:** O God, by the humiliation of Your Son You lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By His resurrection to life, grant Your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C(♩): Amen.**

## II. The Service of the Word

### The Lesson – Acts 9:1-20

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake." And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

### The Holy Gospel – John 21:1-14

After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed Himself: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,

Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and eat breakfast." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?" – knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish. This is now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

**C(♫): God be praised for His glad tidings.**

#### **The Nicene Creed, p. 47**

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life ☩ of the world to come. (♫)Amen.**

#### **The Chief Hymn # 354 (1-5) – "Like the Golden Sun Ascending"**

##### **The Sermon**

1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup>receiving the end of your faith – the salvation of your souls.

"Our Risen Savior Gives Us Living Hope"

- 1) He turns death into life
- 2) He turns grief into glory

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto everlasting life. Amen.

##### **The Prayer of the Church**

##### **The Apostolic Benediction, p. 49**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit ☩ be with you all.

**The Offering** (*An offering plate is set near the entrance.*)

### III. The Service of Holy Communion

#### The Preface, p. 50

P: The Lord be with you.

**C(♫): And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord.

**C(♫): We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C(♫): It is good and right so to do.**

#### The General Preface, Page 51

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored us to everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### The Sanctus (*Holy, Holy, Holy*), p. 51-52

**C(♫): Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### The Lord's Prayer, p. 53

P: 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.

**C:(♫) Amen.**

#### The Words of Institution, p. 54

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and

gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*), p. 55

**C(♫): O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

**The Distribution, p. 56** (*The communicants, who have properly announced themselves to the pastor beforehand, shall come to the altar for the Sacrament. Regarding our Communion practice, please refer to the back of the bulletin.*)

#### The Collect of Thanksgiving, p. 56

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C(♫): Amen.**

#### The Benediction, p. 56-57

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give  $\text{✠}$  you peace.

**C(♫): Amen, amen, amen.**

#### Hymn # 354 (7-10) – "Like the Golden Sun Ascending"

#### The Closing Prayer, p. 57

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

## **Schedule and Announcements**

### **Today**

8:30 AM – Radio Program (AM 1150/ FM 92.9)

9:30 AM – Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:45 AM – Sunday School & Bible Class

1:30 PM – Service at Crystal Terrace

## **Our Holy Communion Practice**

We follow the Scriptural and historical practice of "closed communion." Communion is a testimony of true unity of faith. All who commune at this altar should be in full agreement about what the Bible teaches. Jesus gives His true body and blood in the bread and wine for our forgiveness. In order to receive these for one's good, it is necessary to examine oneself; to commune with belief in the real presence of Christ and a repentant spirit (Matt. 26:26-28; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:23-32). We admit to the Lord's Supper all who share our Scriptural confession of faith and are instructed so as to examine themselves. Confirmation in a church of our fellowship (ELS or WELS) indicates such instruction and confession. If you are not a member, we would love to have you join our fellowship and commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Smith to learn how such instruction and confession may be accomplished