

# A Brief Form of the Service of Holy Communion

Adapted from Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting 1

Zion Lutheran Church, Petoskey, MI  
Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 2, 2021

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## PRESERVICE MUSIC & THE BELLS

### OPENING HYMN “Lift High the Cross” LSB #837

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim:  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine. *Refrain*
3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*
4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *Refrain*
5. Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**ALL:** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **PSALM 150**

P: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

**C: praise him in his mighty heavens!**

P: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**C: praise him according to his excellent greatness!**

P: Praise him with trumpet sound;

**C: praise him with lute and harp!**

P: Praise him with tambourine and dance;

**C: praise him with strings and pipe!**

P: Praise him with sounding cymbals;

**C: praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

P: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

**C: Praise the LORD!**

### **RESPONSIVE KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Pastor: Let us pray...

## **COLLECT PRAYER**

### **THE FIRST READING** *Acts 8: 26-40*

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south<sup>[a]</sup> to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**— *John 15: 1-8*

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it

will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY “Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing” LSB #691**

1. Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing, may we ripen and increase,  
Fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.
2. Laden branches freely bearing gifts the Giver loves to bless;  
Here is fruit that grows by sharing, patience, kindness, gentleness.
3. Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,  
Teach us, as the years fly faster, goodness, faith, and self-control.
4. Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending, may we grow till harvests cease;  
Till we taste, in life unending, Heaven’s love and joy and peace.

### **THE SERMON “Fruit, Vines....What Prevents Me?”**

#### **THE CREED**

Pastor: We confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**ALL: 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will 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 in 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.**

## **PRAYERS**

*[After each petition, we will respond:]*

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy...

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*[At the conclusion of our prayers, we join together...]*

**ALL: 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.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

Pastor: We now turn our attention to these elements of God's grace, as we hear Christ's words, instituting His Holy Supper:

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 covenant 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."

And may the peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

*[You may choose to sing, speak, or pray these words silently as we prepare to receive the gift of God's sacrament]*

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*(Members of Zion and members of other LCMS congregations are encouraged to join us at the communion rail to receive the Lord's Supper. For those who are new among us, or members of a different faith background, please speak with pastor before partaking. We love to have conversations about the Lord's blessings, so please feel free to ask if you have questions about our beliefs and practices surrounding this Sacrament. Thank you!) [The Communion Meal is distributed.]*

Pastor: Having received this body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, may it strengthen and preserve you, steadfast in the one, true faith, until life everlasting.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” LSB #475**

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **POST-SERVICE MUSIC**

A "By the Numbers" look at the  
**Here We Stand** Campaign  
 (through April 14, 2021)



**Here We Stand**

\$8,830,773.16	Total campaign gifts, pledges, and goals
\$8,429,966.11	Cash received which includes \$700,000 CEF Matching Funds
\$344,126.83	Outstanding commitments (pledges)
1,556	Total Contributors
1,388	Individual Contributors
168	Congregations Contributing
46.9%	% of Michigan District Congregations currently participating
15,362	Participants in the "Crafted By Truth" Bible Reading Program
2,654	Participants who have completed the Bible Reading Program
13,300	Attendees at the 500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship Service at the Breslin Center
\$1,543,265.75	Total given/pledged for Professional Church Worker Scholarships
\$3,854,640.13	Total given/pledged for Innovative Missional Ministry
\$1,211,541.94	Total given/pledged for Michigan District Endowment
\$2,164,645.11	Total given/pledged for International Ministries



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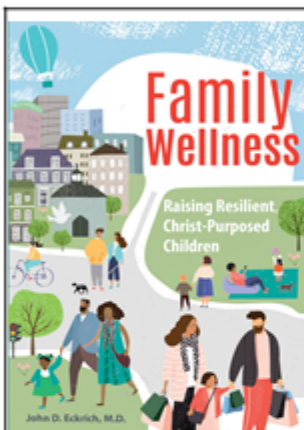


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