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All Saints' Day

November 6, 2022

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The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod's Statement on Close Communion:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, Our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to first speak with the Pastor.

(CTCR, *Admission to the Lord's Supper*, Nov 1999)

Teaching Points

All Saints' Day An ancient observance on November 1 that originally commemorated the martyrs of the church (those who had died for the faith). It has since been expanded to include all who die in the faith. Because all who belong to Christ are saints, the festival also rightly emphasizes our unity with all believers, both living and dead

From the Small Catechism

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we _____ our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, _____, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead _____ of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we _____ and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been _____, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your _____ or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

Divine Service I

Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB: 821

STJ - Confession and Absolution BETH - Rite of Baptism (p.268)

Invocation and Exhortation (p.151)

Corporate Confession (p.151)

Stand

Both - Service of the Word

Kyrie (p.152)

This is the Feast (p. 155)

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading: *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17*

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel...

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149 (LSB 149) (prayed responsively by whole verse)

Epistle: *1 John 3:1–3*

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall

be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia (p.156)

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (p.158) **St. John only**

Sit

Office hymn: For All the Saints

LSB 677

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Offertory (p.159)

Service of the Sacrament

Preface (p.160)

Sanctus (p.161)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (p.161)

The Words of Institution (p.162)

Proclamation of Christ (p. 162)

The Lord's Prayer (p.162)

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei (p.163)

Sit

Distribution of the Sacrament

Hymns:

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

LSB 822

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680

Stand

Post-Communion Cantic: *Thank the Lord* (p.164)

Post Communion Collect (p.166)

Benediction (p.166)

Hymn: The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794

Announcements

Remember in our Prayers:

Our Shut-ins

Next Week at Bethlehem and St. John

Sun. Nov. 13 BETH: 8:00am: Divine Service w/HC
9:15 Bible Study

STJ: 10:30am: Divine Service /HC
11:45am Bible Study

Mon. Nov. 14 BETH: Elders 6:00pm
Council 7:00pm

Tues. Nov. 15 STJ: Elders 6:00pm
Council 7:00pm

Sun. Nov. 20 BETH : 8:00am: Divine Service w/HC
9:15 Bible Study

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Pastor will be out of town from Tues. the 8th until Sat. the 12th. If you have an emergency, please call an Elder.

Thank You: I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and gifts while I was recovering, they were very much appreciated. Mae Morien

Bethlehem is planning the Live Nativity and Soup Supper on December 10th. They are asking each family to bring 4 dozen cookies, or baked goods, or handmade crafts. Sign up sheets for all jobs are posted on the bulletin board, please sign up to help during the week and or on the weekend.

Bethlehem Sunday School Children's Christmas Service, entitled "To Us A Child Is Born", will be held **Sunday, December 18th, immediately following the 8am Service.** After the children's service, a breakfast will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bethlehem Acolyte and Greeter Schedule for October/November

Month/Date	Acolyte	Greeter
Nov. 13th	Caelynn Cook	Joanne Luther
Nov. 20th	Calleigh Cook	Dennis Venzke & Kurt Denzine
Nov. 27th	Braxton Kilty	Thomas & Delores Venzke

If you are unable to do your duty for the week you are scheduled, please find an alternate to fill in for you or switch dates with



8th Annual LWML Christmas Wreath Sale: Sign-up sheets are available at both churches from Nov. 1st to Nov. 22nd. Delivery date will be Nov. 27th after services at both churches. We appreciate your support. Money earned will be put toward

improvements at our church. If you need you can put your order in by phone - call Arlette Molten @715-223-3946 or Lois @715-654-5614. At St. John please give your money to Sharon at the church office.

Bethlehem Christmas Poinsettias: There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for anyone who would like to purchase a poinsettia to help beautify the church for the Christmas season. The cost is \$15.00. Please pay Marlene Schreiber when ordering and make checks payable to Abbotsford School District.

BETH & STJ Basic LERT Training Event (Lutheran Early Response Team) at Wisconsin Valley Lutheran HS, on Saturday, November 12th 9am to 1pm Cost is \$35. Includes Lunch and training material.

Thanksgiving Services: Bethlehem will have services on Thanksgiving Eve - Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 7:00pm
St. John service will be on Thanksgiving Day Nov. 24th - at 9:00am

Advent Service will begin on Wednesday Nov. 30th
Service at St. John is at 1:30pm and Bethlehem Service is at 7:00pm.