

COMMUNION



When you come forward for communion you will receive the wafer from the Pastor. You may:

- dip the wafer into the divide chalice with **red wine** or **white grape juice**
- you may eat the wafer and drink **wine** from the larger chalice.

Hope Lutheran Church

Lectionary 23C Sept 8, 2019



GATHERING – Prelude

"It Is Well With My Soul "...McDonald

Confession and Forgiveness

Red Hymnal page – 116 in front of book

P: In the name of the Father, and of the
✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit .

C: Amen.

P: God our helper, we confess the many ways we have failed to live out lives as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions.

Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our
sin. Raise us to the new life you
have chosen for us in Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord

C: Amen.

Red Hymnal page 117 in front of book

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit .

C: Amen

“Lift High the Cross” Red Hymnal #660

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim till all the world adore his
sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our
captain trod, our king victorious,
Christ, the Son of God.

“Lift High the Cross” Red Hymnal #660

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim till all the world adore his
sacred name.*

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him
who died.

“Lift High the Cross” Red Hymnal #660

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim till all the world adore his
sacred name.*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious
tree, as thou hast promised, draw us
all to thee.

“Lift High the Cross” Red Hymnal #660

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim till all the world adore his
sacred name.*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory!

“Lift High the Cross” Red Hymnal #660

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proclaim till all the world adore his
sacred name.*

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Greeting

Red Hymnal page 120

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

C: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise – Glory to God in the
Highest - Red Hymnal page 148 - 149

C: Glory to God in the highest, and
peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty
God and Father, we worship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for
your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only
Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of
God,

Glory to God in the Highest - Red
Hymnal page 148-149

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at
the right hand of the Father: receive
our prayer. For you alone are the
Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

First Reading: Deuteronomy

A reading from the thirtieth chapter of Deuteronomy.

L: See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall

live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and

death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day – Psalm 1

Congregation reads the **bold blue** type:

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Second Reading: **Philemon 1-21**

A Reading from Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is

indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back

forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing

about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

*P: The holy gospel according to Saint
Luke the fourteenth chapter*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life

itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Silence for reflection

Red Hymnal # 697

**Hymn of the Day ... “Just a Closer
Walk With Thee”**

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee” - Red Hymnal # 697

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it,
Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close
to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus,
keep me from all wrong; I'll be
satisfied as long as I walk, let me
walk close to thee.

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee” - Red Hymnal # 697

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it,
Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close
to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares? Who with
me my burden shares? None but
thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee” - Red Hymnal # 697

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it,
Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close
to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

When my feeble life is o'er, time for
me will be no more; guide me gently,
safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to
thy shore.

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee” - Red Hymnal # 697

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it,
Jesus, is my plea; daily walking close
to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Apostles' Creed

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth. I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers of Intercession

A: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.

These petitions are offered as the prayers of the people, ending each petition with:

A: Lord, In your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

P: Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

**P: The peace of Christ be with you
always.**

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

- **Change for Change goes in the silver cans**
- **Church Offering goes in the offering plates, pew envelopes are available**

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Offering Prayer

A: Let us Pray

A: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives.

Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy



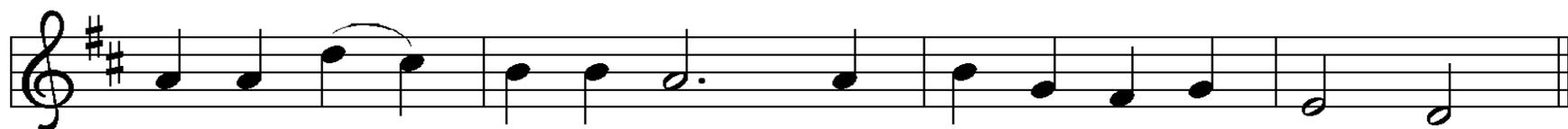
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your
glory....

be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *Please join hands as we
say this prayer together*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

Communion – Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Red Hymnal # 462 “Now We Join In Celebration”

Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation, dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder; for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence, stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.

Red Hymnal # 462 - Verse 2

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill
our hearts with holy rapture! For this
bread and cup of blessing are for us
the sure possessing of your loving
deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our
vict'ry, pledge of your unfailing
presence, foretaste here of heav'nly
gladness.

Red Hymnal # 462 – Verse 3

Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children, reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father. Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers, seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

“Eat This Bread” - Red Hymnal 472

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust
in me and you will not thirst."

Repeat as needed.

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P: The body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep
you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer After Communion

A: Let us Pray.

A: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God  bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ... # 545 - Verse 1

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Sending Hymn ... # 545 – Verse 2

Thanks we give and adoration for your
gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of
your salvation in our hearts and lives
abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful to
your truth may we be found.

Sending Hymn ... # 545 – Verse 3

Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way, let no
fear of death appall us, glad your
summons to obey. May we ever, may
we ever reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C: Thanks be to God.