

The Biblical Practice of Close Communion

Through the apostle Paul, God speaks of his desire for all of us to reach perfect unity (Ephesians 4:12,13). We members of St. John Congregation certainly share his desire. We seek to express that unity – with our current members, with those who desire membership, and also with Christians around the world.

Scripture speaks of two different types of unity. First, Christ has reconciled every single one of us to God through his perfect life and death on our behalf. Even now, God considers us saints and heirs of heaven, clothed with Christ's righteousness. You might think of this as a "vertical" unity – purely between the individual and his or her God. Through Christ, peace with God has been restored. Then, there's also an outward and public unity – a "horizontal" unity – as fellow saints worship side-by-side. The celebration of Holy Communion is guided by both types.

For communion to be celebrated in a beneficial way, those attending will come united with their God and also with their fellow-communicants. The former is established by repentance – a sorrow over sin and a trust in God's forgiveness – that he himself produces. It's a matter of the heart. The latter is established by the outward confession of what each of us believes. It's a matter of the mouth.

We do not presume to look into the heart, for only God is able to do that. We do, however, seek to establish outward unity by studying God's Word together so that we share a common confession. Our congregation offers a Bible study course that's designed for just that purpose.

And so, out of love for God and his Word, we kindly ask that all visitors speak with the pastor about how we can establish that outward unity prior to your attending Holy Communion here at St. John. We desire to make that goal a priority, so that you may receive the Sacrament as soon as possible.

May God bless your hearing of the Word today as he reminds you of his full and free forgiveness in Christ!

The Sixth Sunday of Easter / Confirmation Sunday May 21, 2017



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Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

At Your Service Today:

7:45

Greeters: Bea A & Pat V
Brenda Pohlman
Betty Schmidt

10:15

Faye Patoka
Aura Lee Gehl
Carol Just

Ushers:

Chad Schmidt
Kevin Vande Hey
Steve Wierschke
Bernie Vickman
Jesse Schmidt

Lloyd Patoka
Terry Sieker
Richard Patton
Les Schmidt
Bart Reschke

Organist: Deb Schaeuble

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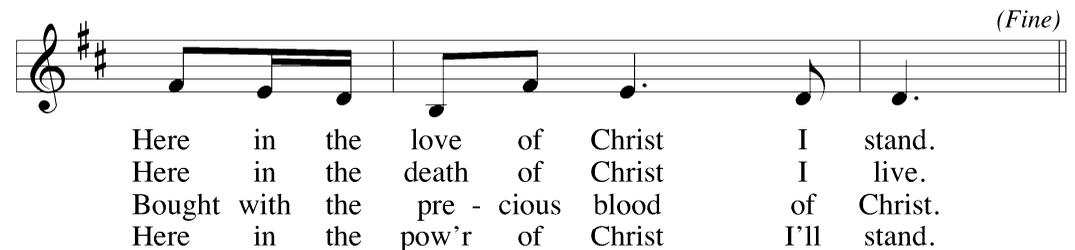
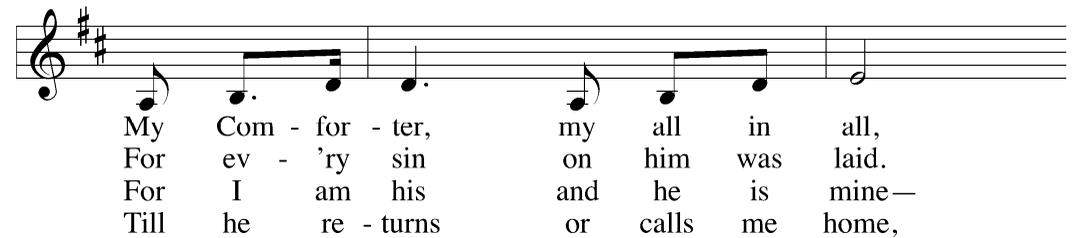
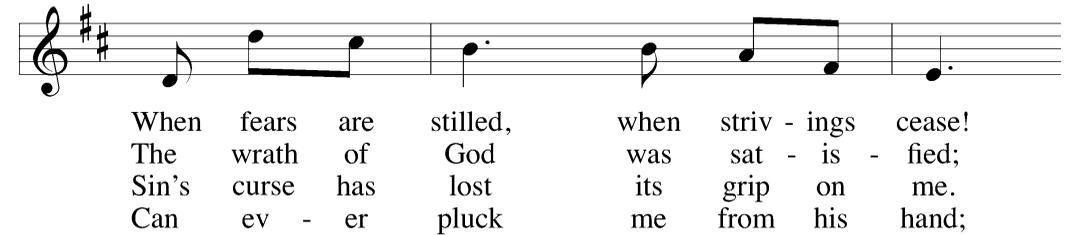
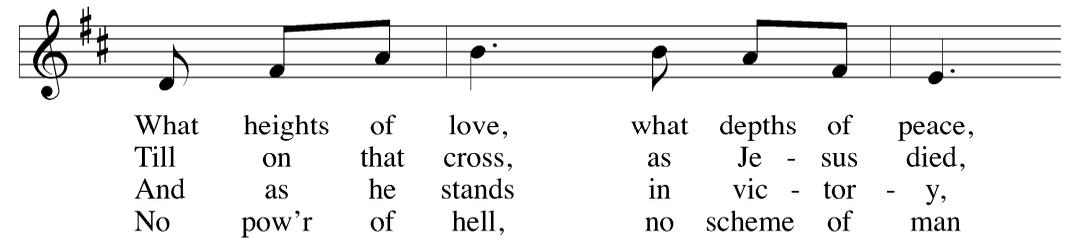
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Altar Guild: Lou Ann G, Janet W, Courtney S

Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.



This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

Tune: IN CHRIST ALONE (88 88 D)

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In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

Service Theme for the Sixth Sunday of Easter: The love of God who lives in us leads to a life of obedience. Jesus' promise of another Counselor is a loaded one: the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to do what Jesus asks. This Sunday's lessons teach that love for our risen Lord means obedience to his commands. Only Jesus' promises make that possible. The Prayer of the Day sets the tone: "Put your Spirit in us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good..."

Divine Service II

Opening Hymn....."Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day" (CW 599)

Invocation¹

In the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Absolution²

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)³.....Mark 10:47

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

¹ The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.
² "The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?). See John 20:21-23.
³ *Kyrie* is the Greek word for *Lord*. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

Christ, have mercy.

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

Amen.

Glory Be to God (Gloria in Excelsis)⁴ Luke 2:14

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| <p>1. All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.</p> <p>2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.</p> | <p>3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.</p> <p>4. You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
"All glory be to God!" Amen.</p> |
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The Word

Salutation⁵

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

⁴ Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

⁵ This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

News & Notes

Lookout for Linens

If you've taken home any church linens – either dishtowels from the kitchen or communion napkins – for washing, please check around the house and return them at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

Joint Ascension Service

Members of our St. John – along with St. John, Woodville and Trinity, Kaukauna – will gather this Thursday for a special celebration of our Savior's ascension. The combined vocal and handbell choirs will be participating. The service is at 7:00 pm and a dessert social will follow.

Apple Valley Food Pantry Collection

TODAY is this month's collection deadline. Needed: paper towels; canned meats; crackers; cookies; canned fruits; cake mix & frosting; cereal; hamburger helper. If you'd still like to contribute, please take one of the specially marked grocery bags located above the coat rack, fill it, and bring it back this afternoon.

Capital Building / School Building Funds

A new "capital building fund" has been created, and about \$15,000 has already been gathered. Following the recent land sale, the voters decided that this fund shouldn't distinguish between church or school, but could be used for either one (or both). Any members who are currently giving designated offerings to the "school building fund" might consider using this new fund instead.

Called Worker Grads & Assignments

Refer to the bulletin board to see where MLC and WLS grads have been assigned to full-time service in the Lord's harvest fields.

St. John Fishing Extravaganza

Saturday, June 3rd – save the date! No license is needed, as that's one of the Wisconsin Free Fishing Weekends. Speak with Richard Patton for more information or if you have questions.

GriefShare @ St. Matthew, Appleton

Adults who've recently experienced the death of a loved one are invited to attend the next session of GriefShare at St. Matthew – 129 S. Mason St., Appleton; May 31st – Aug 23rd, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. GriefShare is a weekly Bible-based, Christ-centered support group for men and women who've experienced the death of someone close. You'll learn valuable info. through a series of videos and discussions on how to deal with the emotions and challenges that come when a loved one dies.

Builders for Christ Project

This WELS group of (mostly retired) volunteers is assisting at Bethel, Menasha during the summer. Most stay in their own RVs, but some housing is needed, as well as several lunches. See Ron Zahn or Pastor for info on how you might help.

Sundae Sunday

Mark June 4th on your calendars. It may not seem proper to eat ice cream BEFORE lunch, but you certainly don't want to miss the chance!!!

Summer Sunday Morning Bible Study

We simply must share the good news of Jesus! It's his commission to us, and the world needs to hear. Make plans to attend the adult class on Sundays during the summer to learn how to better share Jesus with friends and family.

***Last Week's Stewardship of the Means of Grace
and the Means for His Work***

Worship	159	ABC: 22	SST: 6	YSS: 19
		<u>LW</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD Goal</u>
Church Offerings		\$4,559	\$236,851.58	\$251,678.42
St. John LES Tuition		\$0	\$33,500	\$61,922.90
Synod / Missions		\$212	\$13,779.49	\$15,922.90
Fox Valley Luth. HS		\$55	\$8,686	\$8,846.26

The Week+ Ahead as We Live in God's Grace

Today (21st)	7:45 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:00 am	Sunday School (Jesus' Ascension) Adult Bible Class (Welcoming Worship)
	10:15 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion (8 th grade confirmation)
Mon (22nd)	9:30 am	Pastors Circuit Meeting
	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
Tue (23rd)	7:00 pm	FVLHS General Board Meeting
Wed (24th)	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Thu (25th)	7:00 pm	Joint Ascension Service (w/ desserts following)
Fri (26th)	9:30 am	St. John LES Closing Service & Awards Day
Sun (28th)	7:45 am	Worship (WELS Connection)
	9:00 am	Adult Bible Class (topic TBD)
	10:15 am	Worship (WELS Connection)
Tue (30th)	7:00 pm	Long-Range Planning Meeting
Sat (6/3rd)	11:00 am	St. John Fishing Extravaganza (at Mueller Park)
Sun (6/4th)		FIRST WEEKEND W/ SINGLE SUNDAY SERVICE
	11:00 am	Sundae Sunday
	7:00 pm	Monthly Bible Study (at church)
Mon (6/5th)	6:30 pm	FIRST MONDAY EVENING SERVICE
Tue (6/6th)	9:00 am	Martha's Circle
Mon (6/12th)	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Mon (6/19th)	7:30 pm	Voters Meeting: 2017-18 Budget
Sun (6/25th)	both services	Installation of Church Officers (new and continuing)

First LessonGenesis 4:1-16 (EHV)

When Adam and Eve ate the fruit, they opened a Pandora's box on an unsuspecting world. Life as God intended had disappeared from this world. Expelled from the garden and guarded from the Tree of Life, man would know only the tolling death knell of "you shall die." But to this dying world, God promised a Savior, born of woman, who would restore to man life as he had once lived. That promise had so quickened Adam's heart that even when faced with the new reality of living death, he gave his wife the name Life, because through her womb the eternal Gospel would be fulfilled, and this life of death deferred would become a life of death destroyed. When this womb produced its first fruit, Eve responded in faith. Luther offers a grammatically correct opinion that Eve thought she had given birth to the promised Seed (I have gotten a man, the LORD). How wrong that thought would have been! She did not bear God's Son, but Adam's son, Cain, who showed that mere obedience does not please God, but only the obedience that flows from faith and love. Abel lived in the blessedness of forgiveness, and not even his brother's murderous actions could take away that true Life.

¹The man was intimate with Eve, his wife. She conceived and gave birth to Cain. She said, "I have gotten a man with the LORD." ²She also gave birth to Cain's brother Abel. Abel tended sheep, but Cain worked the ground. ³As time passed, one day Cain brought an offering to the LORD from the fruit of the soil. ⁴Abel also brought some of the firstborn of his flock and their fat portions. The LORD looked favorably on Abel and his offering, ⁵but he did not look favorably on Cain and his offering. Cain was very angry, and his face showed it. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why do you have that angry look on your face? ⁷If you do good, will you not be lifted up? If you do not do good, sin is crouching at the door. It has a strong desire for you, but you must rule over it." ⁸Cain said to Abel, his brother, "Let's go into the field." When they were in the field, Cain attacked Abel, his brother, and killed him. ⁹The LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel, your brother?" He said, "I don't know. Am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰The LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the soil. ¹¹Now you are cursed and sent away from the soil which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the soil, it will no longer give its strength to you. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is too great for me to bear. ¹⁴Look, today you have driven me away from the soil. I will be hidden from your face, and I will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth. And whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵The LORD said to him, "No! If anyone kills Cain, he will face sevenfold revenge." And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that anyone who found him would not strike him down. ¹⁶Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Second Lesson1 John 3:13-18 (EHV)

Love means obedience to God. It was love that led Jesus to obey his Father, obedient to death, even death on a cross for us. Now that same love empowers us to love our brother. Hatred and vengeance have their home east of Eden. But here, among the people of God, there is no room for hatred—only love. Christians are to be the antithesis of Cain: we lay down our lives for our brothers, not just in word, but in every daily deed. We do it because we now have that life once lost, but now regained by our living Savior. We have passed from death to life.

¹¹This is the message you have heard from the beginning: Love one another. ¹²Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the Evil One and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own works were evil, while those of his brother were righteous. ¹³Do not be surprised, brothers, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have crossed over from death to life, because we love our

brothers. The one who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him. ¹⁶This is how we have come to know love: Jesus laid down his life for us. And we also should lay down our lives for our brothers. ¹⁷Whoever has worldly wealth and sees his brother in need but closes his heart against him—how can God’s love remain in him? ¹⁸Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

Verse of the Day

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Please stand*⁶

Gospel Lesson John 14:15-21 (EHV)

Because I live, you, too, will live! Jesus promises more than just a resurrection from the dead for his disciples. In the very face of his own death, Jesus didn’t just promise that he would come back to life, but that he is alive in the saving sense. Verse 6 said that Jesus is life, that state of blessed holiness and perfect righteousness and communion with God. Man had lost that life in Adam’s fall, and sin and death rushed into the vacuum left behind. The Son of God, the Life, came to bring it back. Because he is alive, we, too, will live in blessedness and holiness forever. We are children who will never be orphaned, but rather will be comforted, counseled, and kept forever. What is our response? Life lived as God intended – a life that treasures our Lord, his Word, and obedience to both!

The Gospel according to John chapter fourteen.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

¹⁵“If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but

⁶ The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis)¹⁷ Luke 2:29-32

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| <p>1. O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!</p> | <p>2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding
Through all eternity.</p> |
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Closing Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing¹⁸ Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✚] give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (CW 332)

¹⁷ The *Nunc Dimittis* (“Now dismiss”) is also known as the “Song of Simeon.” Through God’s Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

¹⁸ The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God’s people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, “So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them” (Numbers 6:27).

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)¹⁵ John 1:29

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 your peace. A - men.

Distribution¹⁶

¹⁵ Jesus is God's Lamb (*Agnus Dei*), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

¹⁶ The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him."

...this is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day⁷ "In Christ Alone" (CWS 752)

[The hymn is printed inside the back cover of the worship folder.]

Sermon John 14:15-21

You Live Because Jesus Lives!

Nicene Creed⁸

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian⁹ and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

⁷ The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

⁸ Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

⁹ The original text here reads "catholic," a word meaning "universal." The Church consists of all believers in heaven and on earth, of every time in history.

Thank-Offering¹⁰

Prayer of the Church (7:45) / Rite of Confirmation (10:15)

The Sacrament

[The confirmands will commune together first, along with their parents and siblings who are members of St. John Congregation. The rest of the congregation will commune afterwards.]

Preface¹¹

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)¹² Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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| <p>1. O holy, holy, holy
 Lord God of pow'r and might,
 Your glory, earth and heaven
 In countless ways recite.
 Hosanna! Come and save us,
 Lord God of hosts on high,
 And in your grace and mercy
 Receive our fervent cry.</p> | <p>2. Hosanna in the highest!
 How truly blest is he
 Who in God's name is coming
 To set his people free!
 He comes to bring salvation
 And with his blood outpoured,
 Deliver us from bondage—
 Hosanna, mighty Lord!</p> |
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¹⁰ Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

¹¹ The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

¹² *Sanctus* means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.

Prayer of Thanksgiving¹³

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

Amen.

The Lord's PrayerMatthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.

Words of Institution¹⁴Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my [✠] body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my [✠] blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

¹³ Jesus took bread and *gave thanks* (Matthew 26:26).

¹⁴ As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.