



*Come near to  
God & he  
will  
come  
near  
to you.*

*James 4:8*

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☧ WELCOME ☧

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

☧ ORDER OF WORSHIP ☧

OPENING PRAYER

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 506

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go*

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: 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*)

C: [sing, p. 42] **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

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy

upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Glory be to God in the Highest*)

P: Glory be to God in the highest.

C: [sing, p. 44] **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: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT (*Prayer of the Day*)

C: **O Lord, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may, in all things, direct and rule our hearts; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.**

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

READINGS — ILCW LECTIONARY (All readings from the NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION)

*The Old Testament — Numbers 11: 16, 24-29*

The Lord said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young

man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!”

### *The Epistle — James 4: 7-12*

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

### *The Holy Gospel — Mark 9: 38-50*

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where

“the worms that eat them do not die,  
and the fire is not quenched.’

Everyone will be salted with fire.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again?  
Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

## RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

## THE CREED

P: Having heard God’s Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ,**

**His 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 into hell;**

**The third day he rose again from the dead;**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

C: [sing, p. 46} **Amen.**

## HYMN 441

*O that the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

## THE SERMON

Double Mindedness is Not the Will of God

James 4: 7-12

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

## THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

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

## OFFERING

## HYMN VERSE

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate're the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

## ✠ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

*Guests and visitors, please read the information on the bulletin insert for important information about our communion practice.*

## THE PREFACE

P: The LORD be with you.

C: [sing, p. 50] **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts unto the LORD.

C: [sing, p. 50] **We lift up our hearts unto the LORD.**

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

C: [sing, p. 50] **It is good and right so to do.**

## THE GENERAL PREFACE

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

C: [sing, pp. 50, 51] **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven 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 EXHORTATION

P: 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 of 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. Amen.

## LORD’S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

[sing, p. 53] **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 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 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)

**C:** [sing p. 55] **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

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN 409

*Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

### THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING, 325

*O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

## THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

**P:** We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with our Savior's Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and wine. We pray that You would strengthen us through this Sacrament in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C:** [sing p. 56] **Amen.**

## THE BENEDICTION

**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 you peace.

**C:** [sing p. 57] **Amen, amen, amen.**

### HYMN 586

*How Blest Are They Who Hear*

## THE CLOSING PRAYER

**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.

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