Service of Holy Communion

Holy Cross Day
18th Week after Pentecost
14 September 2016
All are invited to gather on the chapel plaza (in the case of inclement weather in the narthex at the font) and bring a copy of LSB from the pews with them.

The Rite of Holy Baptism  
—All enter the nave following the cross while the hymn is sung and fill in the pews from the front to the back of the nave—

Entrance Hymn  
LSB 591

Salutation and Prayer of the Day  
—Please sit—

First Reading  
Isaiah 2:2-3

—Stand and follow the processional cross, turning as it passes you—

Hymn of the Day  
LSB 837, st. 1

Gospel Reading  
John 12:20-33

Hymn of the Day  
LSB 837, sts. 2-3

Homily  
—Please stand if able—

Prayers of the Church  
L...Hear us, O God.
CYour mercy is great.

Offertory  
LSB 652

Service of the Sacrament  
—Please sit—

Communion Music  
“How Great Thou Art”  
Graduate Student Simon Dapaye  
LSB 837, sts. 4-6

Dismissal  
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—Please stand if able—

Post-Communion Collect

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Blessing
In Preparation for Communion

To Our Guests:

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated on our campus in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sin. In joyful obedience to the clear teaching of our Lord Jesus those are invited to His table who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. They show forth His death until He comes. 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 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and so are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God’s Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.

-Kent J. Burreson, Dean of the Chapel

Notes Regarding Communion

- The campus Lord’s Supper is sponsored and hosted by St. John Lutheran Church in Columbus, NE and Pastor Brad Birtell.

-When receiving the cup to partake of Christ Jesus’ blood, please place your hand on the cup in some way to assist the server in guiding it to your mouth. Depending upon how those distributing the cup are holding it, you can either take hold of the cup at the base on the bottom OR on the stem of the chalice OR at the bowl itself on the upper part. By doing so you will assist the server and help to prevent any unwelcome spillage.

-The Reliquary (unconsecrated, additional bread) will be distributed after the service in the narthex if there is sufficient quantity. You are invited to take a piece with you.

-If you would prefer not to drink wine directly from the chalice, you may intinct the bread by dipping it into the chalice.

-If you have a gluten allergy or any other special need, please contact Dean of the Chapel Kent Burreson.

-The concluding prayers are spoken by the assembly in the hope that these traditional collects might become part of your remembered repertoire of prayer
-Each week different elements of the divine service are used depending upon the theme and focus of the service. Among the elements not used every week are the Creed, the post-communion canticle, the kyrie, the hymn of praise, and general confession and absolution. Corporate confession and absolution, while a very healthy practice, like private confession and absolution, is not a prerequisite for hearing the Word or receiving the Supper. Today the remembrance of our baptism through the baptism of Gavin Schaffer serves as a form of confession and absolution. On the Wednesdays when it is not used the baptized especially are encourage to avail themselves of private confession and absolution.

**Private Confession and Absolution**
Check SemNet to see when Chaplain Sieveking will offer confession at the altar.

**Prayer Requests**
- Persecuted Christians: Bahrain, Bangladesh
- Partner Church Bodies: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya and Presiding Bishop Walter Obare; Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia and Bishop Amos Bolay,
- Synodical Leaders: First Vice-President Herbert Mueller
- Districts and District Presidents: California-Nevada-Hawaii and President Robert Newton
- Concordia Theological Seminary, President Larry Rast, and Professor James Bushur.
- Concordia University System: Concordia University Wisconsin and President Patrick Ferry
- Those who are ill/undergoing surgery: Orville, friend of the seminary, and his friend Marie who is ill; EIIT student Philip Gai’s father, who has cancer, and his mother caring for him
- Those mourning

Reflections on the Gospel, from John 12 for Holy Cross Day, from Ted and Rick (dark nose) by LCMS Pastor James Wetzstein (Agnus Day appears with the permission of www.agnusday.org).