

Preparation for Receiving the Lord's Supper

Holy Scripture says: *One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.* 1 Corinthians 11:28, 29

Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor or elder.

*Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray;
you may also request a gluten-free wafer.*

The Disciple: Commanded to Believe and Love

When I was fourteen there was a cold, windy, late Sunday night in December when Dad and I picked up Mom from her job as a cook in her sister's café. When we got home Mom went to change clothes, Dad settled into his rocker and I sat on the daybed taking my shoes off. Suddenly, we heard the fire whistle. (*While Dad was not a volunteer fireman, we usually responded to fires in case they needed more help.*) Dad bolted from his rocker and in two long strides grabbed the telephone receiver off the hook and grasped the ringer crank with his other hand. Then he froze! Without saying a word, he slammed the receiver down, shouted at me, "Get the car out of the barn, Pete's (*Dad's brother*) house is on fire. I'll tell Mom where we are going and meet you out front." (*The Operator received the call of the fire, sounded the whistle, told the Chief where the fire was, plugged into our line and when she heard the click of Dad picking up the receiver started talking!*) We roared, horn honking, up our neighbor's driveway to get my older brother and the neighbor, and with my brother shoving me out of the driver's seat we were on our way. We were the first to arrive. The scene was chilling as the entire two stories of the farmhouse were engulfed in flames!

Thankfully, the family was not home. The baby's bedroom was on the corner of the house above where the fire started. The fire was so intense that when the structure collapsed there was not a single board above the level of the limestone foundation walls!

The family moved in with us. The next day the donations started pouring in, first food, then clothing, bedding, kitchen utensils, dishes, table ware, pots and pans, furniture - everything needed for a household. A few days later I heard Dad telling Mom, "I'm running out of storage space. I'm going to move some things from the brooder house to the hayloft because the brooder house is cleaner and more weather-tight. (*We weren't brooding chicks in December!*) Along with the other items were words of encouragement, promises of prayers and even some cash. Within two weeks the family rented a house and set up housekeeping.

I was awed! Oh, I knew we should help others and we always sent food when there was a death, sickness or an accident and Mom or Dad helped out with chores or housekeeping. But this was love on a magnitude that I had never witnessed before.

This was a living example of what the Epistle of John tells us, "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another."

1 John 3:23

Go - Love Others



We are God's witnesses, sharing His mercy in our life together with each other, neighbors

Good Shepherd Sunday | Saturday, April 21, 2018 | 5:00 PM

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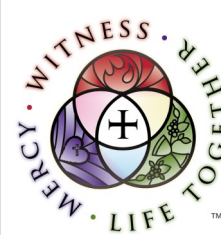
Witness



Mercy



Life Together



Season of Easter ~ Good Shepherd Sunday

The devil knows your name
but calls you by your sin.
God knows your sin
but calls you by your name!
~Ricardo Sanchez



K. Brown "Jesus and the Lamb"

Jesus knows me, this I love!

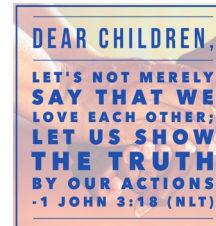
Welcome, Guests!
**The Lord bless you
as you worship
with us!**

Information...

● **ACTIVITY BAGS** for young children are located in the back. You are welcome to use these during the service and return them afterward!

● **INFO-KIOSKS:** The triangular stands have specific ways you can connect with **WITNESS, MERCY, LIFE TOGETHER.** Let us help you find ways to serve God!

● **DEVOTION BOOKS:** *Portals of Prayer* quarterly booklets are in the pew racks. They are for you and for sharing with others!



✠ **IN THE NAME OF JESUS** ✠

Welcome and Invocation Pastor Greg Zillinger
Song # 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Confession of Sin and Forgiveness

Scripture Readings

Acts 4:1-12 p. 911 [ESV](#)
1 John 3:16-24 p. 1022 [ESV](#)
John 10:11-18 p. 896 [ESV](#)

Song # 826 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

Message Pastor Tim Puls, Ft. Wayne Seminary
"Wanted: Compassionate Kingdom Workers"
text: Matthew 9:35-10:8 p. 814 [ESV](#)

Statement of Faith see inside back cover of hymnal

Offering Please fill out the Fellowship Book. Thank you!

Prayers

Lord's Prayer Please see inside back cover of hymnal

Lord's Supper Preparation notes on back page

Blessing

Song # 912 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

✠ **TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY!** ✠

We must show our Christian colors
if we are to be true to Jesus Christ.

~C.S. Lewis

Reading from the book of Acts in the Easter Season:

These readings emphasize that the Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, is the best witness to the resurrection and the work of God in the world in Jesus Christ. We are His *martyria*—His witnesses!

*"You will be My witnesses...
to the ends of the earth."* Acts 1:8

