Morning and evening, at work and at play, our life is in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN

Week 20-24
Theme: Holy Communion



Sacred Initiation by Jesus: Communion originated during the Last Supper, where Jesus sets the example through sharing bread and wine with His disciples, instructing them to partake in remembrance of Him.

Elements: Lutherans believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, affirming the doctrine of sacramental union. They believe that the bread and wine remain unchanged, while Christ's body and blood are truly present alongside them.

Remembrance and Gratitude: Communion serves as a solemn moment for believers to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and express gratitude for the profound redemption and forgiveness of sins achieved through His crucifixion and resurrection.

Unity Manifested: The act of Communion signifies the unity among believers in the body of Christ, illustrating shared faith, fellowship, and a communal bond.

Baptismal Promises

1. *I will live among God's faithful people;*
2. *I will hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;*
3. *I will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;*
4. *I will serve all people following the example of Jesus;*
5. *I will strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

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Holy Communion: *In Remembrance of Me*

Gathering Song *In Remembrance of Me* by Cheri Keaggy

Daily Prayer *Jesus, Jesus you are with me as I step into this day.*
Let me hear you gently calling, "Precious child, walk this way."
Jesus, Jesus when I hear you, calling me to follow you,
In that hour, give me grace to love my neighbor like you do. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 7:19-20 Context: 7-38 In Remembrance of Me

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Devotional Thoughts How do we remember certain events or certain people that are important to our lives? Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, baptisms and confirmations are events where we recognize and remember a birth, a celebration, a marriage or the death of a loved one. We celebrate with cake, presents and perhaps a special meal or an annual ritual, such as lighting a candle in memory.

Jesus asks us to eat the bread and drink the wine at Holy Communion and to "*do this is remembrance"* of him. Jesus is telling us that he wants to be in a relationship with us when he says that we should remember what is happening. Remembering the actions of Jesus and His disciples at the last supper indicate how much we value and care about what is happening in this moment. We should "do" and "remember". And we should do this as a community in relationship with others, showing how we love Jesus and others.

Why is Holy Communion so important to the Christian faith? It is a holy ritual that we participate in as members of a community of believers in Christ as our Lord and Savior. It is important because Jesus himself asked us to do it. And it is important because we acknowledge the grace given to us through forgiveness.

This Week's Challenge? Do you know the date when you were baptized? Do you do anything special to remember the day? If you aren't doing it already, perhaps you could light a candle, read a bible verse, say a prayer or sing a song that has particular meaning for your faith. This would also be a great way to practice remembering the promises of our baptism.

Just as we participate in Holy Communion "in remembrance" of Jesus, take a moment this week to remember your baptism. Who was present on that day? Parents, family, sponsors? Who was the Pastor or person who said the words of your baptism?

Affirmation of Christian Vocation: Make the sign of the cross on your forehead (or if you are doing this devotion with others, make the sign on the forehead of another) while saying…

All that we do belongs to God—our work and our rest.
We follow Jesus with thankful hearts and open hands, serving our neighbor in love.
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