



Pastor: O come let us worship the Lord,

Congregation: For He is our Maker, our Redeemer and our Sanctifier.

P; Tonight we celebrate the institution of the Lord's Supper:

C: O Lord, may Your word instruct us in this precious sacrament.

P: Tonight we will hear of the blessed union of the bread and wine with the body and blood of Christ.

C: O Lord, grant us faith to believe this divine mystery.

P: Tonight, we will hear the words of promise regarding this sacrament.

C: Lord, fill our hearts with the desire to receive the blessings You offer to us in this sacrament, so that we may be frequent guests at Your table.

OPENING HYMN: *Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared* CW 312

♪ **Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood,
And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.**



P: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.”

P: What does Jesus tell us to do in the sacrament of Holy Communion?

C: Jesus tells us to eat bread and to drink wine.

P: What does Jesus tell us is present together with the bread and the wine in Holy Communion?

C: Jesus said, this is my body...this is my blood ... Therefore, Jesus tells us that His real body is present with the bread and that His real blood is present with the wine.

P: Why do we believe this teaching about the real presence of Jesus' true body and blood in Holy Communion even though we cannot explain it?

C: God tells us in His word: “The word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.” Therefore, we believe this teaching of the real presence because God reveals it to us in His word of truth.

**♪ We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true,
And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.**

P: What blessings do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: “That is shown us by these words, ‘Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.’ Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.”

SERMON

THE FEAST OF BLESSING

Luke 22:14,15

P: The Apostle Paul warns of unworthy reception of the Lord’s Supper as we read in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29: “Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

C: The Small Catechism explains: “He is properly prepared who believes these words, ‘Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.’ But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words ‘for you’ require nothing but hearts that believe.

**♪ Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.**

P: What need then compels us to come to this sacrament as often as possible?

C: Because we desire over and over again to receive through this sacrament the assurance that we have forgiveness and that we are God’s children and heirs of eternal life and to be

strengthened in our weak faith.

HYMN:

Draw Near

CWS 740

Refrain: **Draw near, draw near!**
Take the body of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!
Drink the blood for you outpoured!

Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Refrain

Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
Has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
Refrain

Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
And take the pledges of salvation here.
Refrain

With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
Give living waters to the thirsting soul.
Refrain

THE CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION:

Our Communion Practices:

Close Communion: Guided by God's word we believe that the Lord's Supper is an expression of faith and confession. We therefore we ask that only members of the WELS or her sister synods would commune with us. If you have any questions please talk to the pastor.

Receiving the Bread/Wine: Please offer your open hand so that the elder may place the bread into your palm. The pastor will then offer the individual cup.

Children Welcome: You're invited to bring your children forward with you for a special blessing. This is a personal time of communing with God and strengthening the bond of faith between you and your children.

CLOSING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *There is a Fountain* CW 112 v. 1,4

**♪ There is a fountain filled with blood
Immanuel was slain
And sinners who are washed there in
Lose ev'ry guilty stain.
Lose ev'ry guilty stain.**

**E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die.**