

→ Opening Prayer →

Hymn: TLH #5 "Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear"

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
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 Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- **©** ♪ Who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O 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. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has 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 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.

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

The Introit Ps. 119:57ff

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep your words.
- PI entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.
- When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies;
- P I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments.
- The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
- **a** As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #525:2.4

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

☐ ☐ For Thee, my God, the living God, My thirsty soul doth pine; Oh, when shall I behold Thy face, Thou Majesty Divine?

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom we adore, Be glory as it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Genesis 18:1-14

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent

in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the

tree, 5 while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." 6 And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." 7 And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." 10 The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" 13 The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' 14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

Colossians 3:12-17

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts,

kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #288

"Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain"

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named

Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

"Come Lord Jesus, Be Our Guest"

I. He's the Guest who came not to be served
II. He's the Guest who came to serve

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

→ The Offering of Thankful Hearts →

Hymn: TLH #366:1,2,6,7 "One Thing's Needful"

→ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer →

In keeping with the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:16, "The

The Order of Holy Communion



cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"

As well as in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, which cautions us that: "Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

Let us then, humbly, examine our hearts: Do you confess that you are a sinner before God and deserve His wrath and punishment? Then declare it by saying, "I do confess."

C I do confess.

P Do you humbly seek the Lord's forgiveness, believing that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all of your sins? Then declare it by saying: "I do believe."

I do believe.

P Be assured, your Father in heaven, looks upon you with mercy for Jesus' sake. His Son was wounded for your transgressions and bruised for your iniquities. As the Word of God declares: "For God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5:21) The Lord comfort your hearts. In Jesus, you are forgiven!

Do you in humble faith recognize that the body and blood of our Lord Jesus are truly present together with the bread and the wine in this blessed sacrament? Then declare it by saying: "By faith I do recognize, and believe."

By faith I do recognize and believe.

- Finally, as a forgiven child of God, do you intend, with the strength of God the Spirit, to amend your sinful life and to put away the sin that so easily entangles and leads you away from our Lord? Then declare it by saying: "I do so intend, with the help of Christ."
- I do so intend, with the help of Christ.
- P Receive then this sacrament with joy, comfort, and peace! In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Lk.* 22:19-20; *Mt.* 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way 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 covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

→ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper →

Following the Distribution, the Nunc Dimittus on the next page will be sung to the tune of TLH #15.

The Promised One has come for all,
For Gentiles and for Isra-el, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Light to lighten all the blind,
God's glory for the heart and mind." Alleluia! (x4)

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

- 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 His peace.
- Amen, amen, a men.

Hymn: TLH #283 "God's Word is Our Great Heritage"

Thank you!—to Noah Ohlmann for giving us a mission presentation today in Bible Class on his travels to Zambia. We praise the Lord for working through Noah and his fellow mission helpers, and we pray the Lord would continue to bless all our brothers and sisters oversees. If you missed the presentation, you can watch it on our church YouTube page.

<u>Pastor will be out of town</u> for the bulk of the next two weeks. That means we will not be having Bible class either of the next two Wednesdays or next Sunday. Mr. Len Benter will be leading the regular worship service next Sunday. Pastor will be back for the August 21st worship service.

<u>KC Worship Schedule:</u> Aug. 7th, Aug. 28th, Sept. 18th — All three services will be held at the Staybridge Inn and Suites at 19400 E 39th Place South, Independence, MO 64057.

July 31st Offerings:	\$ 2,417.00
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$22,315.35
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$27,126.12
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