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## Welcome!

## We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

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### **August 1, 2021**



As we celebrate Holy Communion, let's rejoice in the various types of unity that we enjoy in this sacrament.



- ♦ According to Christ's own promise we receive his true body and blood along with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of all our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). We are united with him in the Lord's Supper.
- ◆ This meal not only unites believers with the Lord but also with one another (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Holy Communion declares that unity.
- When Christians commune together they are jointly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus (1 Corinthians 11:26).

What wonderful unity we find in the Lord's Supper. How we want to treasure and foster this unity. On the night on which Jesus gave us this meal he prayed that all his followers would come to complete agreement with one another on the basis of God's Word (John 17:11,17).

Out of love for the Lord and love for one another, we want what our Savior wants for us—genuine unqualified unity. For this reason we respectfully ask that only those who have expressed their full agreement with the teachings of our national church body (the Wisconsin Synod) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod come forward to receive the sacrament.

We eagerly desire everyone to share in this divine meal with us. Please speak to the pastor about how we can work together to establish this blessed fellowship.

#### **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

(P:=Pastor, C:=Congregation)
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# **WORSHIP THEME: Believers Long to be in God's House**

OPENING SONG: # 224 God Himself Is Present (vs. 1-2)

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 10:19-25

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SERMON SONG: **Better is One Day** (Congregation sings refrains)

SERMON TEXT: Psalm 84 (EHV)

**THEME**: This is the best place ever!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

#### **THE SACRAMENT**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (page 23)

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>: The center cups of the individual trays contain white grape juice.

Gluten-free wafers are labeled at the center of the tray.

<u>PRAYER</u>

**BLESSING** 

CLOSING HYMN: #226 To Your Temple I Draw Near (vs. 1-3, 6-7)



#### CONNECTION CARD ON OUR APP

Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. Please fill out any information that needs to be updated and submit.

#### THE OFFERING

Dear guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in our offering. We're glad you're here to listen to the message about Jesus.

If members or guests would like to give an offering electronically, they can do so by going to <u>ascensionplymouth.com</u> and click on the GIVE tab on your right hand side or use our App. Collection plates are located by the sanctuary doors.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>: *One By One, Part 6: The Starfish Story, Hard Work,* & *A Simple Plan.* Pastor Rosenau helps us see every soul as a treasure.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM: Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith. Links & study information are available on our website or app.

MEALS FOR DEAN: The Lord has graciously brought our brother, Dean, through a second liver and colon surgery. As he will have pain and limited mobility while he heals, we can show him some extra love by bringing him meals on Wednesdays and Sundays, starting this week. You can sign up on the volunteer section of our app or contact the office.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER: Now it's time to celebrate! On Sunday, September 19, we are going to celebrate as a church family and praise God on a very special celebration Sunday. More details coming soon by email and posted on our website. It will also be the perfect opportunity to reach out to others with a personal invitation to join us as we gather and praise God for all of his blessings!

<u>VBS MISSION SUPPORT</u>: This year we've selected Thai Village, which is a non-profit ministry located in Thailand that provides vocational training for at-risk, low-income individuals, so they can support themselves and their families. At the same time artisans are also taught financial and life skills as well as the Word of God. You can learn more about this ministry, order hand-made crafts, or give financial support at <a href="https://thaivillage.org/">https://thaivillage.org/</a>. You can also designate "VBS Mission" on your envelope or online giving or use the offering box in the entryway.

CHRISTIAN LIFE RESOURCES' 5TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: CLR's 5th annual Golf Outing is Tuesday, August 31, at Ironwood Golf Course, W270N6166 Moraine Drive, Sussex, WI. 10:00am registration/range and 11:00am shotgun start. Event cost is \$90 (\$340 discounted foursome) and includes lunch and buffet-style dinner. Four-person scramble format with 18 holes of golf with cart, free-range balls and other contests including hole-in-one, putting contest, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Raffles and prizes too. Plan to join us to support Christian Life Resources! To register, visit <a href="https://www.christianliferesources.com">www.christianliferesources.com</a> or call 414-376-0594.

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE: Job opening for Part-time Baseball Assistant Coach. Apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 p.m. August 10, 2021. Application link can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr/. Question contact the MLC Human Resources Office at (507) 354-8221.

#### THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVED:

- **†** Pianist: Susan Decker
- **†** Song "Better is One Day" Soloist: Nathan Zeitler, Guitar: John Ryan, Drums: Dennis Svendsen
- **†** AV: Stu Gilbert, Blake Zeitler & Christy Roloff