



First Lutheran Church
Fergus Falls, MN
First Communion
August 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.



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Taken - Blessed - Broken - Given

GATHERING

WELCOME

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BEGINING

All: Jesus 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.' (Luke 22:19)

TAKEN

READING: John 3:16

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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BLESSED

READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

MESSAGE

PASTOR GRETCHEN ENOCH

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OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Borning Cry"

ANTHONY & JOYCE PEREZ

John C. Ylvisaker

BROKEN

Each family unit please come to the altar in the order listed below for First Communion and a Blessing:

*John Abrahams
Riley Anderson
Tally Clark
Nolan Felstul
Noah Frank
Ty Jyrkas
Brody Krein
Dylan Kuhn
Jaden Kwapinski
Aiden Neubauer
Anja Rajaniemi
Anna Sem
William Vaughn*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS BASED ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Hear these commandments which God has given to his people, and examine your hearts. I am the Lord your God: you shall have no other gods but me. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not dishonor the name of the Lord your God. You shall worship him with awe and reverence.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy. Christ is risen from the dead: set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Honor your father and mother. Live as servants of God; let us work for the good of all, especially members of the household of faith.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit murder. Live peaceably with all; overcome evil with good.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery. Know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not steal. Be honest in all that you do, and care for those in need.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness. Let everyone speak the truth.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

You shall not covet anything which belongs to your neighbor. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Love your neighbor as yourself, for love is the fulfilling of the law.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

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GIVEN

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Where is God calling you to give yourself for the service of others?
Where can you help others?

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING:

Jesus thank you for your body, taken, blessed, broken and given for us. Thank you for taking, blessing, breaking and giving us, your body, for the sake of the world. We go from here in your power and for your glory. **Amen.**

Many thanks...

- *Thank you to the families of our students receiving First Communion today for their support. May God bless you as you continue supporting them in their faith journey.*
- *Thank you to Kristy Wicklund and her team who have helped prepare the students.*
- *Thank you to Lori Charest of Potter's Daughter for her help with the chalice's the students made.*



Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Sacrament of Communion.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body & Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.