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Messiah's Communion Practice

Scripture teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another. Communing also declares publicly that we are united in all our beliefs about Christ. Therefore, Messiah practices membership communion. We ask that only members of Messiah or another WELS or ELS church come forward to receive the Sacrament and publicly declare their agreement with our statement of faith.

Our Order of Worship

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Hymns: 473 - 462 - 304 - 331

Psalm: 51b, page 87

Today's message: based on Mark 9:38-50

“SALT IS GOOD FOR YOU”

I. It keeps our lives from rotting

II. It flavors the lives of others

First Lesson: Numbers 11:16,24-29

¹⁶ The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. ²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

²⁹ But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

Second Lesson: James 4:7-12

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹ Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge,

the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:38-50

³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

⁴² “And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where ‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

RESPONSIVE PRAYER:

Lord God, heavenly Father, we are filled with awe and wonder as we consider Your marvelous works. **You have given us refreshing sleep and beautiful weather.** Best of all, You have calmed our consciences with the complete forgiveness of all our sins through the work of Jesus our Savior. **Your undeserved grace causes our hearts to overflow with thanks.** All praise to You, our loving Lord!

Lord, we know You are with us. **Comfort us with the hope that only You can give.** Give us confidence to know that you will deliver us from our enemies. **You are truly the just judge of all.** Lead us to trust that you know where and when to judge. **We thank You for judging us on Jesus' merit, not our own.** Help us to freely forgive as You forgive us.

Grant us the Holy Spirit that we may pattern our lives more closely to the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Help us to live our lives in love.** Give us wisdom which is pure, gentle, open to reason, and full of mercy and kindness. **May we in all things do what is pleasing in Your sight.**

Today You bless us with Your body and blood in the Sacrament of Communion. **May we come completely repenting of all our sins.** Help us remember that Jesus is the sacrifice that paid for all of them. **May this holy supper strengthen our faith and help us live for You.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Heal the sick. Give hope to the discouraged and Your presence to the lonely. In Christ's name we join in praying - **"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."**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLOOD DRIVE SET FOR MONDAY Would you like to give blood to help those in distress? We're hosting the Red Cross on Monday, October 4th from 1 to 6pm. You are welcome to come and donate.

Or, would you enjoy being an ambassador for Messiah and just be available to visit with our guests on that day? Contact Pastor Sauer for more information.

MISSION FEST NEXT WEEK! Come join us next week on Sunday to hear the president of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary speak at our worship services and our Bible class about the amazing things God is doing. Please come to our Bible class at 9:00am on Sunday, October 10th to hear President Earl Treptow. Bring a friend! All are welcome.

MESSIAH PUMPKIN PATCH is returning on Sunday, October 10th. Pumpkins will be available for you, and we encourage you to give a pumpkin to a friend and invite them to Messiah.

MESSIAH'S FALL CLEAN UP DAY is set for October 16th from 8am to noon. Please come and help us get our building and grounds ready for "the heating season". A list of things to do will be provided. If you could help for an hour or two your time is greatly appreciated by your fellow members. Bring your favorite outside or inside tools. And, coffee and snacks will be here, too!

CONNECT GROUPS Do you have a hobby or interest that you'd like to share with others? Looking to study a book of the Bible or a topic? Consider leading a connect group, the small group ministry of Messiah. Groups allow for the opportunity for people to connect and grow in faith. Fill out a form to let others know what you'll be doing and when and where you'll meet and leave it on pastor's desk. Forms are available in the entryway to church.

IT'S CARE PACKAGE TIME! Yes, it's that time of the year when we begin to gather stuff to send to our members away at

school. We'll pack our care packages on Thursday evening, October 21st after our worship service, about 7:30pm.

If you would like to donate some items for our college members, please bring them to church and place them on the counter in the kitchen. Items you can donate are: all sorts of treats, sticky notes, lip balm, pens or pencils, travel sizes of personal care products, hand sanitizer or whatever you think a student might need living away from home.

This is a great way to let our members know they are missed and cared for. And, it's a great way to let their classmates know we care, as well. Thanks for considering this way of saying thanks to God for the gift of our young people!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT is set for Sunday, December 5th in the evening. All women age 14 and up and friends are welcome to attend. If you would like to help out, please contact Jill Schultz at 920-784-5459.

<u>Our Response to God's Gifts:</u>	
Thursday -	29
Sun. early -	62
Sun. late -	108
	Total: 199
Offerings: \$9,397.12	
Technology upgrade budget:	\$37,880
Given to date:	\$24,198.70
Amount still needed:	\$13,681.30

Activities next week:

Monday	1-6pm Red Cross blood drive at Messiah
Tuesday	9:00: Retired men's coffee hour
	3:30: Ladies craft group
	6:00: Meeting night
Wednesday	5:30: Catechism class
Thursday	6:30: Worship service
Sunday	7:45: Mission Fest worship service
	9:00: Sunday School
	9:00: Adult Bible class
	10:15: Mission Fest worship service

Serving today in the Lord's house:

Usher team	7:45: Team #7 Dave Maccoux's team
	10:15: Team #10 Jeff Rindfleisch's team
Cleaning	B. Borley, Klein, A. Borley, Vetsch, Konkol

Serving next week in the Lord's house:

Usher team:	7:45: Team #9 Chris Dolch's team
	10:15: Team #2 Doug Voigt's team
Cleaning:	K. Krueger, Flink, Jeanquart, Kaminski, Kraschnewski