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"The Office of the Holy Supper Post Communion"

We are privileged to worship a God who comes to us, who serves, forgives, and teaches us during what we call "The Divine Service". For the next few months we will be looking at "The Divine Service" and its parts. The information for this article is taken from [An Explanation of the Divine Service](#) by Rev. Alan Kornacki, Jr. (Unless otherwise noted) This is part 6.

"The high and holy worship of God is faith in Jesus Christ. Such faith is created and sustained by God's Service to us. In the Divine Service, the Lord comes to us in His Word and Sacraments to bless and enliven us with His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, and we respond to the outpouring of those gifts. God speaks to us, and we speak His words back to Him. These two terms are sometimes called "sacramental" and "sacrificial." God sacramentally serves us through His word, and we, in turn, sacrificially serve

God with our prayer, thanksgiving, and praise."

Part 7 – The Office of the Holy Supper – Post-Communion

Saint Augustine said, "When that great Sacrament has been partaken, a Thanksgiving concludes all." The liturgical Post-Communion is thus brief in most liturgies. The Lutheran rite consists of the Nunc Dimittis, which may be omitted, the Thanksgiving, the Salutation, the Benedicamus, and the Benediction.

The Nunc Dimittis

The Nunc Dimittis (Latin: "Now Depart") is the song of Simeon from when he saw the promise fulfilled as he held the Christ child in his arms (Luke 2:29-32). It forms an appropriate and beautiful conclusion to the Divine Service, relating the mystery of the Holy Supper to that of Christ's Incarnation. It expresses the personal appropriation of the "salvation prepared before the face of all people." We stand with Simeon in awe of the profound mystery that the Father would give His only Son in the flesh for the salvation of our souls.

This was originally part of the Office of Compline, and was imported into the Divine Service in the Liturgy of St.

John Chrysostom, where it became part of the priest's devotion. Luther did not carry it over into either his Latin or German Masses, but it appears in other German orders as early as 1525. The Nunc Dimittis is technically an optional part of the liturgy, but has become somewhat permanent in recent history.

The Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving consists of a brief responsory and a collect. In keeping with the theme of thanksgiving, the pastor leads one of two responsories. The first is a verse that appears at the beginning of several Psalms (105, 106, 107, 118, 136). The pastor says, "Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good," and the congregation replies, "And His mercy endureth forever." The alternate comes from I Corinthians 11:26: "As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come." These responsories urge the congregation to unite in the prayer that follows.

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Our Sunday Servants

Providence at Work

In 1722, St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Leipzig, Germany, was searching for an organist/choir director. Composer Georg Philipp Telemann was offered the job. He accepted but soon decided he would remain in Hamburg. Another composer, Christoph Graupner, was then offered the job, but his powerful employer would not release him to take the position.

Finally, their third choice accepted the job. His name was Johann Sebastian Bach.

**Enter Laughing**

Upon entering a North Carolina church, a retired pastor from Arizona approached an older couple serving as greeters. Observing their beaming countenance, the minister eagerly shook hands and said playfully, "I want you to know that I came all the way from Phoenix just to shake your hands."

The cheerful husband laughed and said jovially, "Well, now you can go back."

Everyone nearby, overhearing the repartee, laughed at the merry dialogue.

The Arizonan entered the sanctuary giggling to himself. The service seemed especially uplifting that Sunday, because he entered the church with a joyful heart.

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Luther either wrote or adapted the first collect for his German Mass in 1526. It expresses thanksgiving for the Sacrament, its function as a Means of Grace, and the goal of stronger faith and more fervent love among Christians.

It is found in every Lutheran rite of the Divine Service. The second collect comes from a thirteenth century rite. Originally it was the prayer of the priest as he held the body and blood of Christ in his hands. Both are prayers of thanksgiving for the grace and salvation bestowed on us through this Sacrament. The congregation responds, "Amen," as the prayer expresses their thoughts as well.

The Salutation

One last time the pastor and the congregation greet each other with these words. These words in this place send the people out into the world with the knowledge of the Lord's presence, even as the Christians would greet each other with these words as they encountered each other during the week.

The Benedicamus

Historically the Mass concluded with the words, *Ite, missa est*, meaning "Go; it is the dismissal." The people would respond, *Deo gratias*, meaning "Thanks be to God." The Benedicamus, from the Latin meaning, "Let us bless [the Lord]," is a doxology found at the end of each of the five books of the Psalter (Psalms 41, 72, 89, 106, 150). This was a tenth century substitution. The response is the same: "Thanks be to God." The response appropriately leaves the word "thanks" as the final expression of the congregation at every Eucharist.

The Benediction

We conclude the Divine Service with the Aaronic Benediction, the blessing God gave to Aaron and his sons to put His name upon the children of Israel (Numbers 6:22-27). This is the only benediction definitely commanded by God. We also recall here how the Lord blessed the disciples as he ascended (Luke 24:50). We believingly accept this blessing in our final "amen." The final word that falls on our ears from our gracious Lord is "peace." This note is repeated several times in the Divine Service. This is the peace the world cannot give (John 14:27). We then offer a silent prayer of thanksgiving.

A final hymn may be sung at this point. It has not historically been included here. However, it is appropriate to praise the Lord at all times, especially when we have just been given the body and blood of Christ and had His presence and peace bestowed upon us. If a hymn is used, it is appropriate that it be a doxological hymn, a hymn of praise to the Trinity.

We then depart in the peace of the Lord.

Conclusion

The Divine Service is God's gift to His people. He is present among us, forgives our sins, and grants us peace as we gather in His name. The Divine Service is not an option, just as breathing is not an option. The forgiveness of sins is vital, and we receive it nowhere besides the Divine Service. Through it we have the strength to return to the sinful world until God calls us to Himself.

Next month we will look at:

An Explanation of the Divine Service - General Questions

*God's Blessings,
Pastor Dave*



Busy Spring Ahead for LWML

- 4/4 – Janet Kleist
- 4/5 – Gary Bobzien
- 4/7 – Dottie Biermann
- 4/7 – Eric Goudge
- 4/8 – Saralee Cacek
- 4/10 – Twyla Hazen
- 4/13 – Tim Laubscher
- 4/13 – Art White
- 4/14 – Ian Ewing
- 4/18 – Joyce Cronin
- 4/20 – Ethan Luft
- 4/21 – Kennedy Strauch
- 4/27 – Salena Condray
- 4/29 – Kirsten Maronde

The LWML met on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the church. Our hostess, Phyllis Abbott, served a delicious chocolate cake with green cream cheese frosting in line with St. Patrick's Day later this month and spring! We also enjoyed peanuts, snickers, Andre Mints, apple juice and apple cider.

President Lesley Oddi called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Members present were Liz Mandrick, Twyla Hazen, Mary Ann Zanzie, Marie Walsh, Phyllis Abbott, Beth Goudge, Pam Myers, Lesley Oddi and Jean Memken. Pastor Oddi opened our meeting with prayer.

Mary Ann Zanzie led our devotion on "Friends." Friends is defined as one who attaches to another by affection. Friends care about each other, interact, listen and respect each other. We also have "many friends" on social media. In the bible we read about friendships – David and Jonathan, Job had three friends.

Birthdays: Marcia Droegemueller – March 2, Pam Myers – March 12 and Marie Walsh – March 16.

In Gathering: The Children & Family Center

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the February meeting were approved as printed.

Correspondence: Twyla Hazen

1. Thank you from Pam Shannon for her citizenship reception celebration. She was very touched by everything we planned and felt very special.
2. Thank you from Pam and John Myers for the luncheon we prepared for Kathryn McKee's funeral.

Treasurer's Report: Virginia McNair

The treasurer's report was approved and filed. We discussed our church mite collection. Since we are having Holy Communion every Sunday during Lent and we will not be having a children's sermon, how should we handle collecting the mite bags? It was decided to have the people sitting the pews to pick them up when we leave church and place them in the Church mite box in the back of the church. Pam has bills from Pamela Shannon's reception for various items totaling \$62.13. Liz Mandrick made a motion to pay the bill and Beth Goudge made the second. Motion passed. Pam and John Myers gave a \$200 donation to the LWML for funeral luncheon for Kate McKee.

Unfinished Business:

1. The \$220 additional funds from the garage sale earmarked for missions will pay for the 5 interested LCC students plus Joyce (6 x \$35 = \$210) to attend the Go Leadership Retreat in Columbia in March. Suggestion that the extra \$10 also be given to use as gas money.
2. Love Gift – keep thinking of ideas.
3. Treat boxes (4 students & LCC). It cost around \$20 each to mail the boxes to students. After discussion about how much students enjoyed these treats, shared them with others and supported our mission outreach, Twyla Hazen made a motion to continue mailing these treat boxes. Liz Mandrick seconded the motion. Motion passed.



- 4/6 – Pastor Dave & Lesley Oddi
- 4/28 – John & Pam Myers



Shepherd's Kitchen News - No Shepherd's Kitchen this month. However, our LWML contributed \$250 to this program to help prepare and distribute take out meals to the needy households in our community while Shepherd's Kitchen is on hiatus during the pandemic.

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News from the LCC Director

The kids are home, being ministered now by their home churches. Brooke's dad flew her back to California as soon as this started so she would not get stranded here. She was in the midst of student teaching here in Maryville and will come back to either finish the year or just get her belongings. She said the student teaching requirement has been waived to graduate. Aiden is back at grandma and grandpa's in Concordia coming back to pick up hours at Wal-Mart. He's been helping his grandpa cut and split wood, also might be going back to the dairy to start milking cows again. Vanessa's here!!!! Aiden shared what they did at the Retreat: We met some really cool people. Saturday we did some sessions about sharing the faith and the curve and how to get people to the point where people were open to talk about it and eventually seeking out answers. We also helped the ladies from the church make tied blankets for the graduates." He will for sure not be living at the house next year. I will continue to study God's Word, practice piano, work on Bible Studies and plan for next year. I would like to share with all of you; my mother was put on hospice Wednesday. They say six months or less. She was diagnosed three weeks ago with pancreatic cancer and it had already spread to her liver, lymph nodes and abdominal wall. Thank you for your prayers and support!—Joyce Cronin, LCC Director



Busy Spring Ahead for LWML (continued from page 3)

4. Kitchen sink – no update. Not sure if the meeting was held with Lisa Ewing, Larry Abbott and other trustees.
5. Christmas ornament update – Phyllis Abbott reported that her friend purchased 12 of the ornaments at 50 cents a piece.
6. Lilies – Marie Walsh and Jean Memken reported that we can get the lilies for \$10. Jean will put the information in the bulletin.
7. Rummage sale – April 3 & 4 – drop off dates are March 8 – March 29. Sign-up sheet was passed around. **(NOW POSTPONED)**
8. Roland's garage sale – all plans are still on for the sale. **(NOW POSTPONED)**

New Business:

1. District LWML Convention is June 12-14. Liz Mandrick and Twyla Hazen are our delegates.
2. New guidelines from Lutheran World Relief – Lesley shared handout new information about donating quilts and kits.

Mite Box Devotion – Jean Memken

The featured Mission Grant for March is \$95,000 for the Lights for Christ Scholarships in Guatemala. “The Lights for Christ program developed by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita, Kansas and Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Zacapa, Guatemala will impact 12 impoverished Guatemalan children and their families who live in the Zacapa garbage dump by offering the life-saving Gospel of Christ, food and clothing, health and sanitation care, and school transportation to ‘the poorest of the poor’ with scholarships to attend Divine Savior Lutheran School. This education program covers most of their basic needs and equips these children in grades 7-12 to reach out into their community with the gospel. This request funds 90% of the projected costs for these youth to continue their education through high school. Since this scholarship program began, Guatemalan children and their families are worshipping at Divine Savior on a regular basis. (LWML.org)

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Hostess is Liz Mandrick
 Devotionist is Pat Bobzien
 In gathering will be for our missionary
 Shepherd's Kitchen - Thursday, March 12 – Twyla Hazen & Pam Myers
 - Thursday, April 9 – Jean Memken and Lesley Oddi

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. by singing the first verse of “What a Friend we Have in Jesus.”

Respectfully submitted,
 Twyla Hazen, Secretary

Too, Too

As many of you know, I love a good crossword puzzle. One of my favorite things to do is hunker down with a good cup of coffee and the *New York Times Sunday* crossword. I am not a purist by any means when it comes to solving the puzzle. Sometimes, I ask Google to partner with me to solve the puzzle. But over the years, I have gotten better at solving these puzzles and I always feel good when I am able to get that very last square filled in all by myself.

The more crosswords I have done, the more I realize that there are many clues that are used over and over again. For example, there is one that says, “___ Buco.” And the answer is OSSO. Osso Buco is an Italian dish made with veal and vegetables. Likewise, “a fencing sword” called an EPEE is used frequently as is the “Egyptian sacred bird,” the IBIS. Crossword puzzles are great vocabulary builders!

One clue I keep seeing more and more of lately is the word “very.” One of the correct answers for that clue is “OHSO” as in “Thank you oh so much.” Or it could be “TOOTOO” as in “You are too, too kind!” It might be something as simple as a synonym like “EXTREMELY” or sometimes the French word “TRES” which means “very” is the correct response.

Another place I am now seeing words meaning very or “an abundance of” is in the Bible. The women’s Bible study group is just finishing up a Bible Study that examines God’s overflowing gifts. So for the past couple of months, we have been examining the very, very, oh so too too wonderful things our Lord does for us.

Just take a look at the following passages and you will see what I mean.

In Christ we have . . . the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us.” (Ephesians 1:7-8)

The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 1:14)

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. (John 14:27)

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

(Jesus said) *“I came that you may have life and have it abundantly.”* (John 10:10)

“My cup overflows.” (Psalm 23:5)

“You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” (Psalm 16:11)

“Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” (John 7:38)

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8)

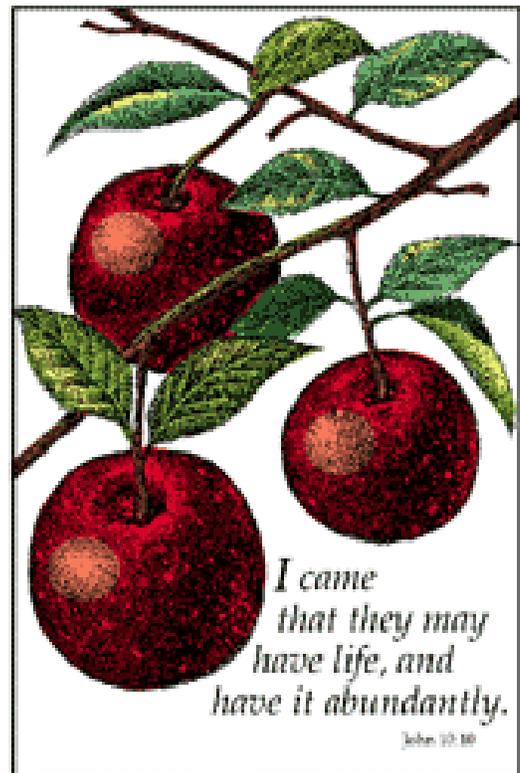
“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” (Psalm 139:14)

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way . . . For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints (believers) but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:11-12)

“Serve by the strength that God supplies - in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 4:11)

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.” (Romans 15:13)

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“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.” (Ephesians 1:3)

See what I mean? We know that we serve a loving God. But sometimes I know I take for granted how deep and rich that love really is. God didn't just create us, he fearfully and wonderfully made us. He doesn't just endow us with his grace - he pours it out on us abundantly. Does he make us hopeful? No, he makes us abound in hope. Our cups truly do overflow with God's love.

The Bible is full of superlatives and they mostly relate to the way God treats us. As I have come to understand the importance of stewardship in my life, I love this verse describing God's abundance: “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, **“and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”** (Malachi 3:10) What a picture this verse conjures up! Here God asks for so little - a tithe - but promises so much - so many blessings His children will not know what to do with them.

God's blessings are abundant, they are apparent every day, and even in what seems to be this endless winter of our lives, they just keep coming to us. And, of course, God's most, oh so, too too extremely wonderful gift is the reason we will celebrate, albeit in our own homes this year, in just a couple of weeks. God's own Son, sent to earth to pay the ultimate price for our sins - the greatest gift of all, no matter what words you choose to describe it. Easter Blessings to all! Christ is risen indeed!—jm



Council Notes

Here are the items that were discussed at the last Church Council Meeting on March 11.

The meeting was called to order by President Matt Gaarder. Others in attendance were Larry Abbott, Pam Myers, Karla Roush, Royce Duncan, Dean Biermann, Pastor Oddi, and Kim Hullinger.

Elders: Dean Biermann had nothing new to report.

Trustees: Larry Abbott reported they are looking into purchasing a double sink for the kitchen.

Finance: No report.

Evangelism: Dean Biermann had nothing new to report.

Education: The committee is preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter. VBS will be held on June 20-21 at Lake Mozingo.

Campus Relations: Pam Myers expressed concern about the fellowship dinners because of the coronavirus. It was decided the LCC would follow the lead of the university in continuing any activities at the Center. Pam also reported she purchased a vacuum cleaner for the center.

Old Business: The Council discussed creating a free-standing altar in the sanctuary. This will be taken to the Voters as it would be a drastic change in our altar area.

New Business: The Council discussed making a contribution to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. It was moved and seconded to contribute \$500 to FCA. Motions was unanimously approved.

The Council also discussed the job description of the church secretary. They will ask Jean to develop a list of duties and then they will move forward on accepting applications.

A Flashback – Bible Walk 2019

The Bible Walk was held here at Hope last October, in conjunction with Reformation Sunday, and just as an opportunity to get together with the LCC Students and have some great fun and fellowship. I got these photos too late to put in our November edition of the *The Voice*, but they are just too good not to publish, so enjoy some scenes from a very happy event we had here just a few months ago.—jm



Is that Mr. & Mrs. Abraham? No, it's Merv and Marilyn Bettis!



Our LCC Students in costume!



Our three kings, Roland, Joe and Dean!



A little ping pong before the pizza arrives!



Larry and Kevin display their alter egos.



A great pic of Brooke and Wren.



Not quite a cast of thousands, but a really good looking group!



Jackie showing some sisterly love to Vanessa.



Marcia assists the students with their costumes (and from her expression, they must be giving her a hard time!)



Roland being Roland, with Marie in the background in her "Eve" costume.



Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.

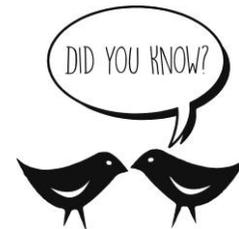
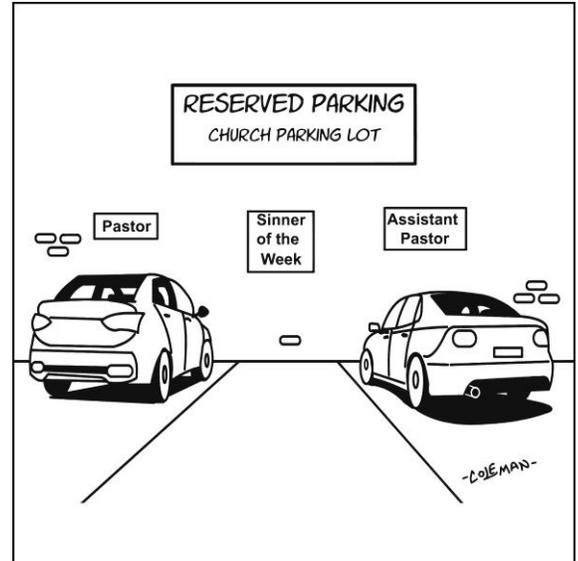


Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.

And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in _____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my blood, which is _____ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answer: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, covenant, poured



-- WOW! **Jaclyn Pappert** had an amazing season with the Platte Valley Girls' Basketball team. She helped lead the team to the State Championship in Jefferson City where they placed second in the state. She was named to the All-District team for class 1, and one of five Nodaway athletes to be named to the All-State Basketball team by the Missouri Basketball Coaches' Association. On top of that, she was named Athlete of the Week! Congratulations, Jaclyn!



Easy to Remember

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her 2nd grade class memorize Psalm 23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the children a month to learn the chapter.

One little boy was excited about the task, but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced, he could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was nervous. When his turn came, he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know!"

