



Midweek Lent: “The Faith We Confess”

Holy Communion + 12:15 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church + Wausau, Wisconsin + March 10, 2021

A Note on Daily Communion: Can we ever have Jesus enough? He invites us to trust in Him daily, and He has given His Holy Supper to strengthen us in that trust. We therefore find the Church already receiving His Supper on a daily basis shortly after the resurrection (Acts 2:42-47), and that daily Communion became the eventual standard of the Church. We follow this venerable tradition at Zion, with Holy Communion offered Monday through Friday at 12:15 PM (about 25 minutes long). If you prefer not to commune, you are still joyfully welcomed and encouraged to worship at this service.

PRELUDE

“Aria on Christ , the Life of All the Living” ... Benjamin Kolodziej

Please stand.

APOSTOLIC GREETING *and* COLLECT

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . . O God, whose glory it is to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your word; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

GOSPEL John 17:1-10

P: The Gospel of the Lord according

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Please be seated.

SERMON "On the third day . . . the living and the dead"

HYMN "Christ, the Life of All the Living"



1. Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2. You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion And have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3. Then, for all that bought my par - don, For the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing To the dark - est depths of woe;
E - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, Ful - ly to a - tone for me;
For the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



Through your suf - fring, death, and mer - it Life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
For you chose to be tor - ment - ed That my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
Thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, For the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
For that last tri - um - phant cry, Praise you ev - er - more on high.

Please stand.

APOSTLES CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: . . . let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

At the prayer's conclusion, the pastor absolves the congregation.

PSALMODY *spoken as the altar is prepared*

P: O LORD of hosts,

C: **blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

C: **Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

**Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

For when I kept silent,

my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,

and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly

offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me;

you preserve me from trouble;

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

P: O LORD of hosts,

C: **blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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

ACCLAMATION

P: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

AGNUS DEI

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Our Lord gives His holy Body and Blood to those who are baptized in order to strengthen their union with Him and with the Church. He therefore invites to this Supper those who 1) are baptized, 2) trust that they eat His body and drink His blood, and 3) desire to set aside all divisions between themselves, God, and His Church.

When all have finished communion, please stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

HYMN "Abide with Me"



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
In life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

POSTLUDE

"Abide with Me"

... Robert A. Hobby

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Serving at Worship

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Those who trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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