



Midweek Lent: “The Faith We Confess”

Holy Communion + 12:15 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church + Wausau, Wisconsin + March 17, 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

“The Day You Gave Us, Lord Has Ended”

... Jeffrey Blersch

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 . . . Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; 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 Matthew 16: 13-20

P: The Gospel of the Lord according

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

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

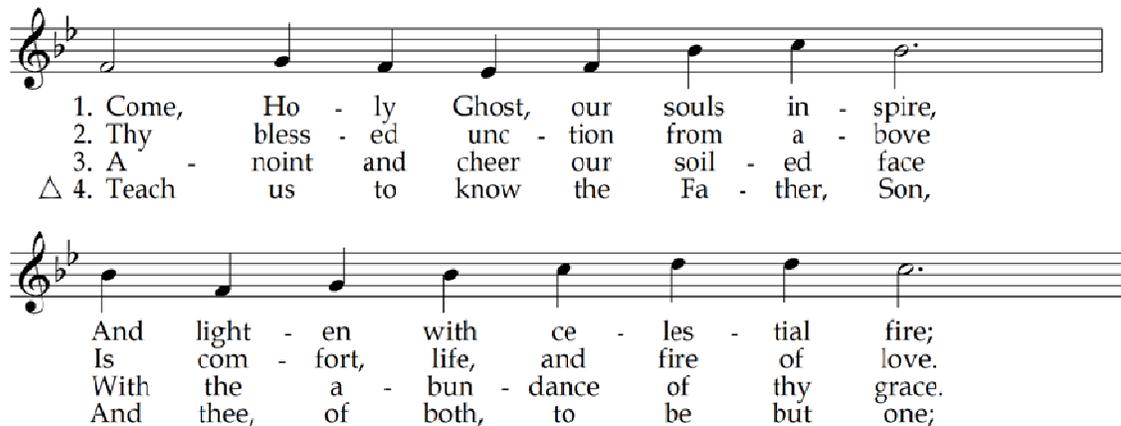
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON "Holy Spirit. . . .Amen"

HYMN "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire"



1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire,
2. Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove
3. A - noint and cheer our soil - ed face
△ 4. Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son,
And light - en with ce - les - tial fire;
Is com - fort, life, and fire of love.
With the a - bun - dance of thy grace.
And thee, of both, to be but one;

Thou the a - noint - ing Spir - it art,
 En - a - ble with per - pet - ual light
 Keep far our foes; give peace at home;
 That through the a - ges all a - long

 Who dost thy sev'n - fold gifts im - part.
 The dull - ness of our blind - ed sight.
 Where thou art guide, no ill can come.
 Thy praise may be our end - less song!

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.

OFFERTORY *spoken as the altar is prepared*

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

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 un-
ending 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 high-
est.**

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”

... David S. Harris

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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