

**Healing Worship with Communion**  
**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**  
**Acacia Park Lutheran Church**

- ✓ Wear masks the entire time in building.
- ✓ Sit in spaces marked with a reserved sign.  
NB: Families that live together may sit together; otherwise, please stay six (6) feet apart in seating and walking.
- ✓ If you use the restroom, use the large stall and wipe handles on toilet and faucet with Clorox wipe, and throw wipe in trash.
- ✓ Worship music is for meditation. Please, no singing.
- ✓ Enter and exit worship space down center aisle, first right side (south, further from door) starting with seat closest to pulpit, then left (north, closer to the door) front to back.
- ✓ As you exit worship take a to-go communion cup with you. Please take communion when you are able to carefully remove and properly dispose of your mask and wash your hands.

**Welcome and Announcements**

- Brief overview of how to move about and safety approaches for worship
- Zoom *Dear Church* Book Study tonight at 7:00 pm.
- Self-Guided worship sent through Constant Contact each Sunday morning; Zoom worship begins at 9:30 am followed by fellowship time, text study and discussion of the worship experience.
- Our popular Book Club returns via Zoom on October 20th at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catharina Ingleman-Sundberg.

**Call to Worship**

O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you  
**as the day rises to meet the sun.**

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

Come, let us sing to the Lord: let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Gathering Hymn**

*Rock of Ages Cleft for Me* (Text: Augustus Toplady, Music: Thomas Hastings--ELW 623)

**Individual Confession and Forgiveness**

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come to the altar for silent prayer for healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

*Possible prayer: In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, may I be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that I may know the healing power of the Spirit. Amen.*

Let us pray.

Living God, through the request for peace,  
grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.  
When they are afraid, give them courage;  
when afflicted, give them patience;  
when dejected, give them hope;  
and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **Word: 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

### **Reflection with Meditation Music**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own* (Author: William How, Text: Mason Heath and G Webb--ELW 686)

### **Meal**

God feeds us with the body of Christ.

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

### **Setting the Table**

It is right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy, Holy, Holy* (music only; text is for meditation)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n 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.

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

### **Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

### **Sending Hymn**

*Take My Life That I May Be* (Text: Frances Havergal, Music: William Havergal--ELW 685)

### **Dismissal**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.  
Go in peace.  
Christ is with you.

### **After Dismissal**

- Exit the sanctuary one person and one side at a time.
- FIRST front right (near pulpit).
- Front left will follow once all have left sanctuary.
- Take a to-go communion cup with you.
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