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Holy Communion is celebrated this Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church in the glad confidence that our Lord, as His Words say, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table those who believe He is truly present, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive as He forgives us. Because Saint Paul reminds us that we can receive the Lord's Supper to our judgment, we are very careful to administer the Sacrament only to those who are properly prepared. When we receive Holy Communion, we publicly declare our agreement with the teachings of the church from which we receive it. *Therefore, if you are not yet a member of this congregation, a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and if you have not previously spoken to the Pastor about Holy Communion, please refrain from coming forward to receive Communion until you have first spoken with the Pastor.* If you cannot receive the Lord's Supper but desire a blessing, please join us at the Communion rail and cross your arms over your chest to tell the pastor of your intent.

Opening Hymn

*By Grace I'm Saved,
Grace Free and Boundless*

LSB 566

Confession

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Introit

- P: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
all you who | love her;
that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
from her con- | soling breast;
- C: **I was glad when they | said to me,*
Let us go to the house | of the LORD!
Our feet have been | standing*
within your gates, O Je- | rusalem!
Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!***
May they be secure who | love you!
For my brothers and com- | panions' sake*
I will say, "Peace be with- | in you!"

All: **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P: Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be | glad for her,*
 all you who | love her;
 that you may nurse and be | satisfied*
 from her con- | soling breast;

Kyrie
Collect

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P: 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**

Old Testament

Isaiah 49:8-13 (ESV)

Thus says the LORD: "In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, 'Come out,' to those who are in darkness, 'Appear.' They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene." Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! for the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Gradual

C: **I was glad when they | said to me,***
 "Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"
 Peace be with- | in your walls*
 and security within your | towers!

Epistle

Acts 2:41-47 (ESV)

So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Tract

**C: Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,*
 which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.
 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds
 his | people,*
 from this time forth and forevermore. Peace be upon |
 Israel!**

Gospel

John 6:1-15 (ESV)

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make

him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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