## First Communion - Minneapolis Campus November 23, 2025 - 1pm

The Prelude

Concerto grosso Op. 3 No. 11 Antonio Vivaldi

Rosewood String Quartet

(please stand when invited)

The Processional Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

810:1, 4

O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

The Invocation

Pastor Dixon

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen. (please sing)

The Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor Dixon

Pastor: Eternal God, who is faithful to us even when we fall short, we confess that we have not always treated other people the way you would hope.

Congregation: Have mercy on us, O God.

Pastor: We have too often been preoccupied with the things we

want and not as concerned with what others need.

Congregation: Have mercy on us, O God.

Pastor: As we remember how Jesus our Lord shared with the disciples the meal which we are about to receive, we ask for your guidance and mercy.

Congregation: Forgive us our sin, strengthen us to care for each other, and send us forth with hope, courage, and compassion. Amen.

Pastor: And God's promise to us, as it was to his first disciples, is both simple and profound: For the sake of Jesus, God indeed forgives us all our sin, receives us in mercy, and sends us out in love so that we may share that love with others in word and deed. Amen.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

The Hymn of Praise

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

836:1

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

The Prayer of the Day

Pastor Kalland

793:1, 3

(please be seated)

The Gradual Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

The Gospel Reading Matthew 26:26-30

Pastor Hammersten

Glory to you, O Lord. (please stand as you are able and sing)

While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Praise to you, O Christ. (please sing)

The Profession of Faith

Pastor Hammersten

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the

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.

(please be seated)

The Welcome

Pastor Lose

The Offertory Anthem

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine

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Rosewood String Quartet

(please stand as you are able and sing)

The Offertory Prayer

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(please be seated)

The Message

Pastor Grangaard

The Communion Hymn

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give. If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live." Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well. In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(please stand as you are able)

The Words of Institution

Pastor Cieslik

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Cieslik

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.

(please be seated)

The Distribution of Elements

Communion will be served by cup. Please follow the usher's directions to the altar communion rail. Both white grape juice and red wine are available as well as gluten free wafers. All are welcome.

The Communion Anthem

Amazing Grace

Matthew Naughtin

Rosewood String Quartet

(please stand as you are able)

The Closing Prayer

Pastor Olson Popp

We give thanks, almighty God, for the healing power of the gift of life which we receive in the Lord's Supper. May we grow in the knowledge of your love and in the promise of your constant presence. We ask that you strengthen us in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Benediction and Threefold Amen Pastor Olson Popp

(please pause for a moment of silent prayer)

The Postlude

God of Grace

Paul Manz

First Communion is a significant step in the faith development of our children. Immersed in God's grace since Baptism, our children have now reached an age where they are able to more deeply appreciate the mystery of Christ's gift of himself and his presence in and through Holy Communion.

When our children are baptized, their parents are entrusted with the responsibility to "live with their children among Gods' faithful people and to bring them to hear the Word of God and share the Holy Supper." During that same service, our congregation promises to support parents in these responsibilities, and we endeavor to do so through Sunday School, Camp, Choirs, Youth Group and, most recently, their Communion instruction. On this day, our 6th-graders receive their First Communion, and we rejoice in their growth in grace and knowledge and commit to pray for them as they enter Confirmation.

Today is just one small step in the larger faith journey that these young people have ahead of them, and we are eager to assure them that they do not walk alone but are surrounded by the love and support of their congregation as, together, we discover the magnitude of God's love through our Savior Jesus Christ!

David J. Lose, Senior Pastor

## **Pastors**

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