**AN ORDER FOR THE**

**COMMUNION OF SICK AND SHUT-INS**

The distribution is an extension of the Lord’s Supper to those, such as the sick and homebound, who are unable to be present at the celebration of the congregation. Please ensure you have wine or grape juice in your kit pending on need.

The minister holds general conversation in regards to health, life, faith or other general topics in a continued effort to build a relationship with the communicant(s). Other matters that may need to be addressed will also be discussed with a plan developed to seek answers or provide support as needed.

1. (In preparation to start the closed communion kit is placed on the table and minister greets the communicant(s) in these or similar words.)

 Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. (A general prayer such as the following is used)

Gracious God, you reveal your Son to us in word and sacrament. Open our hearts to receive him now. As the scriptures are proclaimed and the meal is shared, grant us to see and know the presence of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

1. (The minister addresses the communicant(s).)

When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion we heard again the story of God’s mighty acts and of the love shown us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving we remembered that "in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.”

We were given assurance of our Lord’s presence through the gift of his Holy Spirit. Now we bring to you this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that you may be strengthened through your participation in the body of Christ.

1. (Confession may be made by saying)

As we prepare for this great gift, let us confess our sins and hear the promise of forgiveness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

(The declaration of grace is said.)

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

1. (The minister and communicant(s) may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

1. “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.” (John 6:35)
2. We now will say the Lord’s Prayer together.

**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.**

1. As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.
2. (The minister gives the bread and wine, saying)

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

1. (Silence for reflection follows)
2. (One of the following prayers is said.)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen.**

OR

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1. (The service concludes.)

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**