

**Small Group Liturgy for Holy Communion**  
**Richland Lutheran Church**

Opening Prayer

P. In the name of the Father, and of the (+ *can make the sign of the cross*) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

P. Father of mercies and God of all consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may attend to your Word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer.

**C. Amen**

Confession and Forgiveness

P. We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. But God raised him on the third day and made him to appear. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P. Almighty God, merciful Father:

**C. I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

P. Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. Receive now the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

*Words of Institution*

P. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**C. Amen**

P: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his

disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, do this for the remembrance of me."

P: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*(The small group members distribute the elements to one another saying, "The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you.")*

Post Communion Blessing

P. May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace (+ *can make the sign of the cross*).

**C. Amen**