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welcome to trinity

We're glad you are here! You've come to a place where you can experience a real God with real grace for your real life, a place where you can connect with our Savior and His people! If you're a guest with us today, we consider it a privilege to have you with us and hope you'll come again. Please share your name with us by signing the Connect Card in the Trinity Today in your bulletin. Please include your address, phone number, and email. If you have any questions about the service or need assistance with anything, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers for help!

DEAR PARENTS: Out of all the responsibilities parents have in raising their children, leading them to know and connect with Jesus for life is the most important. We know it can sometimes be a challenge, but we commend and thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family is a vital part of our community gathered in worship. If you need it, we have "busy" bags to help keep your young children occupied during the service. The bags are located near both entrances to the sanctuary. We also have a staffed nursery for children *ages 4 and under* if there is a need to take your child out of the sanctuary. It is located on the front left-hand side of the sanctuary.

WIRELESS HEARING ASSIST HEADSETS are available in the back of the sanctuary if you need assistance with hearing during worship. Feel free to ask an usher for one at any time.

FREE PARKING: Everyone is welcome to park on Sunday morning, free of charge, in the Best Park Parking Lot (directly across Washington Avenue from Trinity's Campus).



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Our vision: experience : connect : reflect

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR (HOLY COMMUNION)

In Holy Communion (Lord's Supper), we believe and joyfully confess that, as Jesus Himself says, He gives us His true body and blood to eat and drink with the bread and wine! We call this the "Real Presence." Jesus gives this gift of Himself to us to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith and our union with Him, and strengthen our unity with one another as His Church (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Our Lord invites to His table baptized Christians who trust in Him alone for forgiveness and salvation, who trust His Words that He is present and offering forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament, who repent of all sin, who forgive others as He forgives us, and who are able to "examine" themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28) regarding these things.

As we share in Christ's body and blood together, the Bible says we also confess the Gospel and our unity in it (1 Corinthians 11:26). Because of this, we practice "Close Communion." This means that those who commune together do so with the intent of being united in the faith we confess and in our life together. We want everyone to partake of the Lord's Supper. Because we desire everyone who communes at Trinity to do so in the unity that our Lord intends and to receive the fullness of the gifts He offers (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), we lovingly ask anyone who is not currently a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS), yet desires to receive the Sacrament, to first speak with the pastor about communing.

If you are a Christian but are not receiving Communion, we invite and welcome you to the Lord's altar for a blessing. Please cross your arms to indicate you have come for a blessing.

We offer both individual and common cup. If you are unable to come to the front easily, please let the pastor or one of the ushers know. The pastor will bring the Sacrament to you at your seat. We encourage parents to bring your non-communing children for a blessing.

For Good Health – We ask everyone to please observe social distancing in accordance with your own comfort level as well as that of the people around you. Please wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly.

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Divine Service, Setting Three

Welcome and Announcements

Please note that during portions of the service where there are responsive speaking parts, P=Pastor, A=Assistant, and C=Congregation.

LSB = Lutheran Service Book (burgundy hymnal)

Prelude

Please stand

Opening Hymn *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* **LSB 816**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Invocation comes from the Latin "to call upon." The words "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" are spoken at the beginning of the service and remind us of our baptism.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

The Kyrie is Greek for "Kyrie eleison" which means "Lord, have mercy".

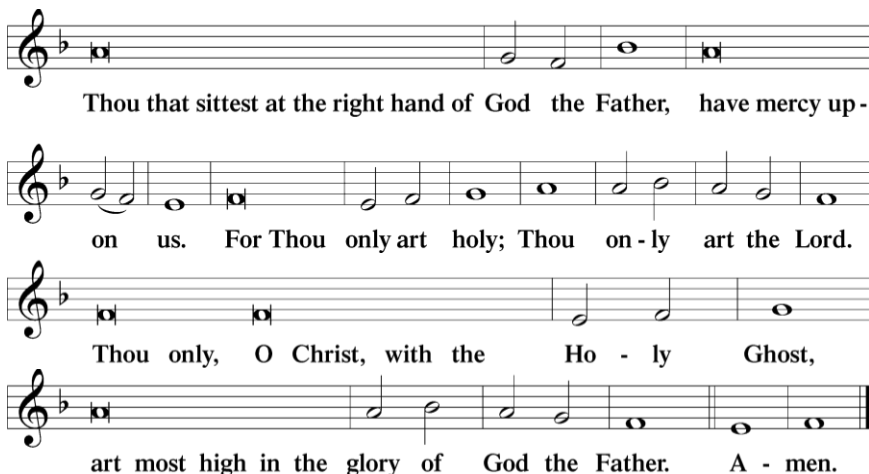
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

The Gloria in Excelsis is Latin for "glory in the highest," words joyfully spoken by angels at the announcement of Jesus' birth.

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Collect is a brief prayer that is connected to a theme in the Scripture readings for the day.

P The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4-18

⁴*[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?*

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵*Who determined its measurements—surely you know!*

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶*On what were its bases sunk,*

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷*when the morning stars sang together*

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸*“Or who shut in the sea with doors*

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹*when I made clouds its garment*

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰*and prescribed limits for it*

and set bars and doors,

- ¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?
- ¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
- ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.
- ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.
- ¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
- ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
- ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

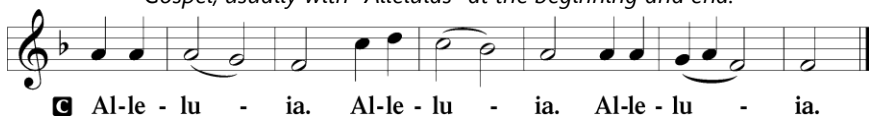
R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

The Verse is a portion, or portions, of scripture sung or spoken before the Holy Gospel, usually with "Alleluias" at the beginning and end.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory be to You, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

This is one of the Christian Church's ancient statements of faith. The faith we confess in the Creed connects us to one another and Christians past and present.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day *O Worship the King*

LSB 804

Sermon

Rev. Michael Croom

Sharing of the Peace

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

P Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord saying, "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you," as a testimony to our oneness in Christ.

Tithes and Offerings

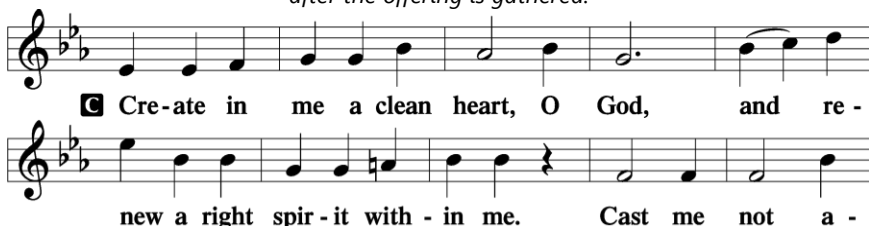
A Stewardship Thought: Matthew 14:30 – "But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.'" The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

Please stand

Offertory

Psalms 51:10-12

The Offertory is verses sung by the congregation, or sometimes a choir, usually after the offering is gathered.



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, You laid the foundations of the earth and set bounds and limits to all things. We give You thanks for Your glorious creation, including our own bodies and souls. In our sin, we have earned for ourselves death, and Your creation has been subjected to futility; yet in Your Son, You grant us forgiveness and new life. Help us to live in righteousness through faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Gracious Lord, Your Word is near to the hearts of Your people. Grant them courage to speak the Gospel faithfully before the world. Let those who hear confess Jesus Christ as Lord and be saved. Remember all who endure persecution for His name, and strengthen them for a bold witness. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, we ask You to raise up pastors, teachers, missionaries and servants for all church-work vocations. Bless church planters and new congregations, that they may endure. Bring hope and renewal to all struggling congregations and to the pastors who serve them. Do not let fear keep us from Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Help us to trust in You at all times, Father, that we may not doubt or fear. Grant us confidence in all that You have promised to bestow daily and richly upon Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, You supported Peter in his doubts and fears. Keep us from sinking into despair when we suffer the trials of this mortal life. Be with those who are in need [*especially...*]. Grant us Your Spirit, that

our hearts may not waver, and keep us in the grasp of Your grace, that we may not lose our way or be overcome by weariness and struggle. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that we who come to Your table may receive Christ's body and blood in faith. Let us truly be united in confession, even as we are one at the table of our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, give ear to the prayers of Your people and lead us to trust in Your mercy without fear, that we may be confident that You will grant to us all things needful to us and our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to read the statement regarding the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion) on page two of this bulletin and in Spanish on page fifteen.

Preface and Proper Preface

The Preface and Proper Preface are the opening words to the Communion portion of the service. They express greeting in the Lord and great thanksgiving and praise to God.

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C **And with your spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

C **It is good and right so to do.**

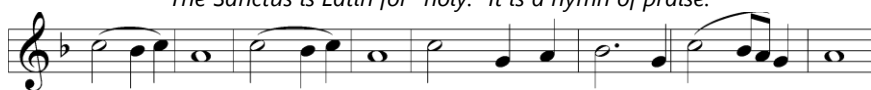
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy." It is a hymn of praise.



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

Pax Domini ~ "The Peace of the Lord"

John 20:19

Pax Domini is Latin for "the peace of the Lord."

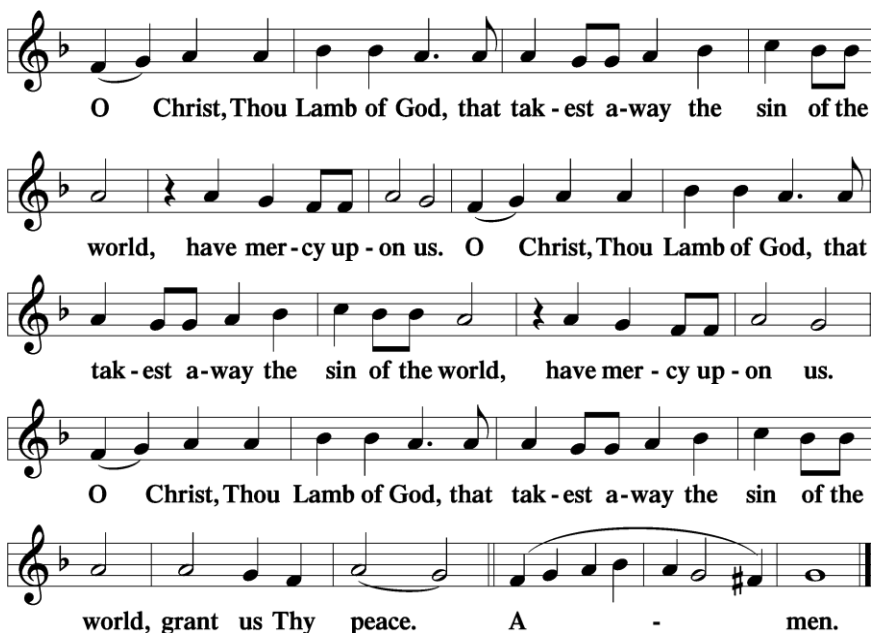
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

Agnus Dei is Latin for "Lamb of God," the words used by John the Baptist to describe Jesus as the sacrifice for our sins.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated

Communion Distribution

All who desire to commune at the rail will commune first. Those communing in the "continuous" format will follow.

Distribution Hymns

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717

Your Table I Approach

LSB 628

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

LSB 715

Please stand

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endures forever.

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

Benedicamus is Latin for "bless we [the Lord]."

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And with your spirit.

P Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The Benediction is a blessing from the Lord, spoken by the pastor at the end of the service.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

LSB 680

The Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

✠ **Go in Peace, Serve the Lord** ✠

*The altar flowers for today are given by Chris & Diane Johnston in
honor of their 36th Wedding Anniversary.*

Readings for Sunday, August 20, 2023

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Epistle: Romans 11:1-2A, 13-15, 28-32

Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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EL SACRAMENTO DEL ALTAR (SANTA COMUNIÓN)

Amorosamente le invitamos, a que hablen primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión antes de pasar. Si deseas recibir la bendición puedes pasar con tus brazos cruzados sobre el pecho en señal de bendición, es una alegría para nosotros compartir la bendición contigo e invitarte a estudiar para participar de este don celestial.

En la Santa Cena (Cena del Señor), creemos y confesamos con alegría que, como Jesús mismo dice, ¡Él nos da Su verdadero cuerpo y sangre para comer y beber con el pan y el vino! Llamamos a esto la "Presencia Real." Jesús nos da este don de sí mismo para perdonar nuestros pecados, fortalecer nuestra fe y nuestra unión con Él, y fortalecer nuestra unidad unos con otros como Su Iglesia (Mateo 26:26-28; Marcos 14:22-24; Lucas 22:19-20; 1 Corintios 11:17-34; 1 Corintios 10:16-17). Nuestro Señor invita a Su mesa a los cristianos bautizados que confían sólo en Él para el perdón y la salvación, que confían en Sus Palabras, que Él está presente y ofrece perdón y gracia en el Sacramento, que se arrepienten de todo pecado, que perdonan a los demás como Él nos perdona, y que son capaces de "examinarse" ellos mismos (1 Corintios 11:28) con respecto a estas cosas.

Al compartir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo juntos, la Biblia dice que también confesamos el Evangelio y nuestra unidad en él (1 Corintios 11:26). Debido a esto, practicamos la "Comunión Cerrada." Esto significa que aquellos que comulgan juntos lo hacen con la intención de estar unidos en la fe que confesamos y en nuestra vida, juntos. Queremos que todos compartamos de la Cena del Señor. Porque deseamos que todos los que comulgan en la iglesia Trinity lo hagan en la unidad que nuestro Señor enseña y reciban la plenitud de los dones que Él ofrece (1 Corintios 11:27-30), amorosamente le pedimos a cualquiera que actualmente no es un miembro de una congregación de la Iglesia Luterana-Sínodo de Missouri (LCMS), que hable primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión.

Ofrecemos tanto copa común como copas individuales. Si usted es cristiano pero no está recibiendo la Comunión, lo invitamos y le damos la bienvenida al altar del Señor para una bendición. Por favor, crucen los brazos sobre su pecho para indicar que han venido para una bendición.

Actualmente, sólo ofrecemos una copa individual. Si no puede ir hasta el frente fácilmente, por favor hágaselo saber al pastor o a uno de los ujieres. El pastor les traerá el Sacramento a usted en su asiento. Animamos a los padres a traer a sus hijos no comulgantes para una bendición.

Para Una Buena Salud - les pedimos a todos que mantengan distanciamiento social de acuerdo con su propio nivel de comodidad y el de las personas que lo rodean. Lávese las manos y/o use desinfectante para manos regularmente.