



# TRINITY

## lutheran church

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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.

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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.

# Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Divine Service, Setting One*

## Pre-Service Music

## 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)*

## ✠ Preparation ✠

## Prelude

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn**    *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*                      *LSB 531*

## 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]** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**[C]** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

**[P]** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**[C]** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

**[P]** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant

of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins  
in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

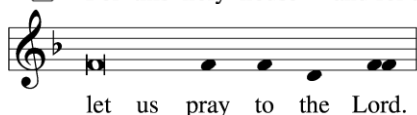
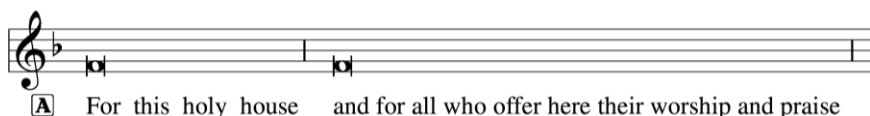
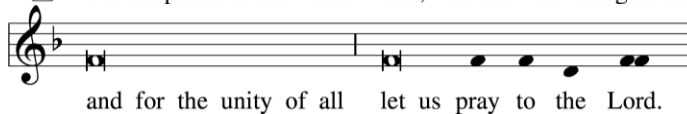
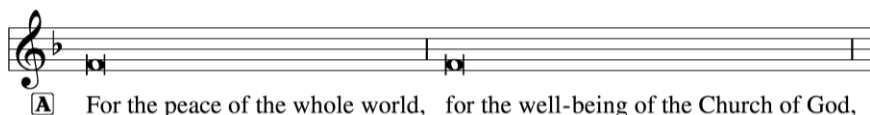
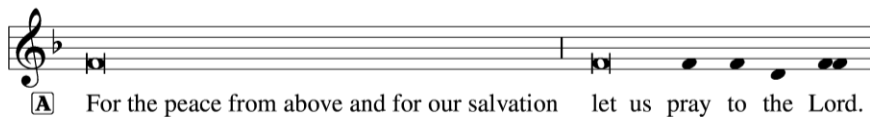
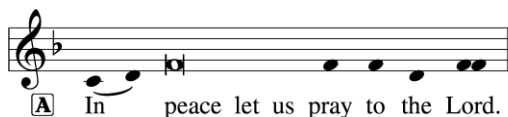
[John 20:19-23]

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠


**Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy**

Mark 10:47

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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## 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 also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
 Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, 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

## Jeremiah 15:15-21

*<sup>15</sup>O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me,  
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.*

*In your forbearance take me not away;  
know that for your sake I bear reproach.*

*16 Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart,  
for I am called by your name,  
O Lord, God of hosts.*

*<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of revelers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,  
for you had filled me with indignation.*

<sup>18</sup>*Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail?*

*<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord:  
“If you return, I will restore you,  
and you shall stand before me.*

*If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,  
you shall be as my mouth.*

*They shall turn to you,  
but you shall not turn to them.*

*<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
declares the Lord.*

*<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."*

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle**

## **Romans 12:9-21**

*<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

*<sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.*

*<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

## **Matthew 16:21-28**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth and chapters.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*<sup>21</sup>From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him*

aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? <sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup>Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## Children’s Message

### Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68

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

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Hymn of the Day Son of God, Eternal Savior

LSB 842

### Sermon

Rev. Michael Croom

*Please stand*

### Nicene Creed

*This is one of the Christian Church’s ancient statements of faith, dating all the way back to the 4th Century A.D. The faith we confess in the Creed connects us to one another and Christians past and present.*

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one



substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### 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 Avenger, teach Your faithful ones to trust so fully in Your fatherly care that they seek not vengeance but mercy. Stoke our zeal to bless those who curse us, and so heap holy coals upon their heads. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** O Lord, You have made us feast on Your Word to the delight of our hearts. Keep us from the worldly company of revelers who despise Your Word, and inspire the pastors of Your Church to brazenly proclaim what is precious: the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful, and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** O Lord, turn the eyes of all who make, execute, and judge our laws to You, that they may receive wisdom and strength to faithfully carry out their duties. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Preserve our nation, its leaders and those who serve for the good of our people and for their protection. Grant peace in our time, O Lord, for You alone fight for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Great Physician, heal and restore. *[We especially remember ....]* Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we might not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, by which You preserve us holy and blameless in Christ until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Rise up, O Lord, and avenge those who are persecuted for the name of Your Son, Jesus. In communion with all Your saints, grant us endurance to bear our crosses as Christ bore His for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

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

- P** Peace be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

*For those who are comfortable participating, 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.*

*Please be seated*

## Tithes and Offerings

**A Stewardship Thought: Matthew 16:26** – *"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.*

## ✠ 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 fourteen.*

### 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 also with you.

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

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

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

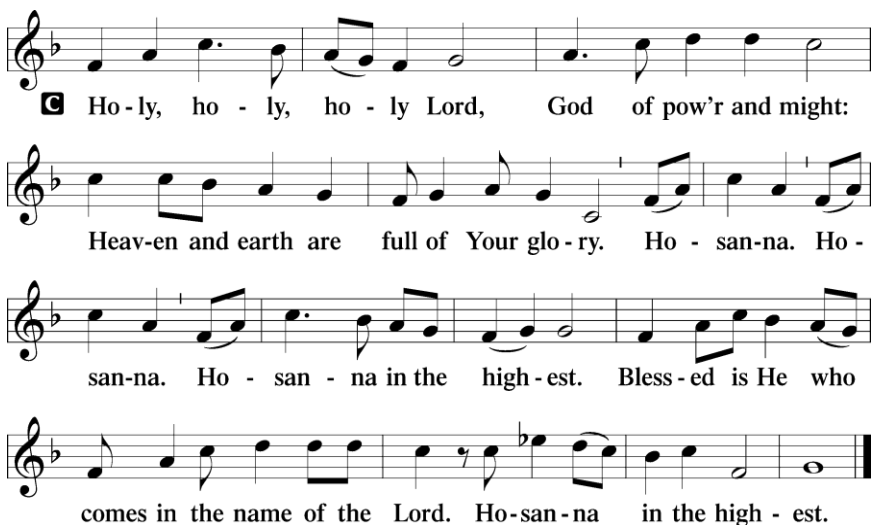
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**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 pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

*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

*Your Table I Approach* LSB 628

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* LSB 843

*Love in Christ Is Strong and Living* LSB 706

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* LSB 621

*Please stand*

### Post Communion Canticle ~ Thank the Lord

[Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43]; [1 Chronicles 16:8–10]



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**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.

## 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**     *"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake*     *LSB 688*

## 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 Nancy Anderson in memory  
of Dale Anderson.*

## **Readings for Sunday, September 10, 2023**

Old Testament: Ezekiel 33:7–9

Epistle: Romans 13:1–10

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1–20

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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.