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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.

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***Our mission: Connecting people to Christ for life.***

***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.

# Christ the Cornerstone

## As We Gather

Like a building, we have a foundation stone on which we rest, a cornerstone on which we build, a capstone that holds it all together. Christ is each of those stones—the foundation on which our faith is established, the cornerstone on which our faith is built, and the capstone that holds us up. He is also a stone of stumbling. Those who reject His foundation, His cornerstone, and His capstone are broken into pieces in the day of judgment. All of this is revealed in the surprise of a parable about a master who built a vineyard, planted the vines, and set it out for tenants to produce the wine. Instead, they conspired to keep the vineyard as their own, rejected those whom the master sent, and killed his son. This is the story of Jesus and of the people of God that He had chosen and created to be His vineyard. It is a story of warning, but it is also a story of grace.

## Welcome and Announcements

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

*LSB = Lutheran Service Book (burgundy hymnal)*

## Prelude

### ✠ Preparation ✠

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn**    *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*                      *LSB 909*

## 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.

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 80:7, 18*

**P** Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C** let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

**P** Then we shall not turn back from You;

**C** give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

## Confession and Absolution

*A period of silence is observed for meditation and reflection.*

**P** Holy and gracious God,

**C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

**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.**

**P** May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

## † Service of the Word †

### Psalm for Pentecost 19

*Psalm 80:7–19; antiphon: v. 7*

**P** <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C** **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**P** <sup>8</sup>You brought a vine out of Egypt;

**C** **you drove out the nations and planted it.**

**P** <sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it;

**C** **it took deep root and filled the land.**

**P** <sup>10</sup>The mountains were covered with its shade,

**C** **the mighty cedars with its branches.**

**P** <sup>11</sup>It sent out its branches to the sea

**C** **and its shoots to the River.**

**P** <sup>12</sup>Why then have you broken down its walls,

**C** **so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

**P** <sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it,

**C** **and all that move in the field feed on it.**

**P** <sup>14</sup>Turn again, O God of hosts!

**C** **Look down from heaven, and see;  
have regard for this vine,**

**P** <sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted,

**C** **and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.**

- P** <sup>16</sup>They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;  
**C** **may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**  
**P** <sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  
**C** **the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**  
**P** <sup>18</sup>Then we shall not turn back from you;  
**C** **give us life, and we will call upon your name!**  
**P** <sup>19</sup>Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!  
**C** **Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**  
**P** Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
**C** **As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine,  
**C** **that we may be saved!**

### Hymn of Praise ~ *Gloria in Excelsis*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### 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** Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your 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.

*Please be seated*

## **Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 5:1–7**

<sup>1</sup>*Let me sing for my beloved  
my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.*

<sup>2</sup>*He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
and he looked for it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.*

<sup>3</sup>*And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and men of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.*

<sup>4</sup>*What more was there to do for my vineyard,  
that I have not done in it?  
When I looked for it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?*

<sup>5</sup>*And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.*

<sup>6</sup>*I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and briers and thorns shall grow up;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.*

<sup>7</sup>*For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the men of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
and he looked for justice,  
but behold, bloodshed;*

*for righteousness,  
but behold, an outcry!*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Epistle**

## **Philippians 3:4b–14**

*If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

## **Matthew 28:16-20**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>33</sup>*[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard*

and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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

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

*Please be seated*

## Children's Message

**Hymn of the Day** O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

## Sermon

*Please stand*

## 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.**

### **Prayer of the Church**

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

For the Church, the vineyard of the Lord's planting, that He nurture His Church with the Means of Grace and that we bring forth fruits in keeping with the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For each of us in Christ, that we strive for the prize, forgetting what lies behind and pressing toward the goal of our eternal salvation and everlasting life with God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the nations, that those who lead us heed the Word of God and preserve us from all threats to our faith and promote virtue and goodness in all we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this congregation, that we not take for granted all that the Lord has given us, and work to bear the good fruit of His kingdom in our lives together and individually, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who will hear the Word of God that the Spirit prepare their hearts to receive Him and by that same Spirit confess His holy name, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul, [*especially . . .*], that the Lord grant them patience in their affliction, comfort in their pain, and grace to sustain them now and to everlasting life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who approach this altar today, that they be prepared through repentance and faith to receive this Sacrament for their good and that what they receive may bear good fruit in their lives, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, ever more ready to hear than we are to pray, grant to us all good things needful to us and keep from us all things harmful, that we may not enter into judgment. Keep us from pleading only our righteousness, and cover us with grace that we may wear the righteousness of Christ by faith and so labor within Your vineyard and receive the crown of everlasting life in Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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*

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*A Stewardship thought from LCMS: Matthew 22:40 – "On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." We serve God and our neighbor through the various vocations (holy callings) that God has given us. We do not need to go searching for good works or inventing our own: God has given us roles to fill in home, church and society and that will keep us plenty busy! When we seek to fulfill the duties of these vocations in a spirit of faith, God-pleasing works are the result*

*Please stand*

## ✠ 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 eighteen.*

## 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

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 a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## The Words of Our Lord

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

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.**

## Pax Domini ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*Psalm 118:23*

*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.*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*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

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| <i>God Loved the World So That He Gave</i> | <i>LSB 571</i> |
| <i>Christ, the Word of God Incarnate</i>   | <i>LSB 540</i> |
| <i>If Your Beloved Son, O God</i>          | <i>LSB 568</i> |
| <i>The Church's One Foundation</i>         | <i>LSB 644</i> |

*Please stand*

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**C** for His steadfast love endures forever!

*Psalm 107:1*

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has

no end; 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** *Christ Is Our Cornerstone*

*LSB 912*

### **The Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

**✠ Go in Peace, Serve the Lord ✠**

## **Readings for Sunday, October 15, 2023**

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6–9

Epistle: Philippians 4:4–13

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1–14

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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.