

REAL GOD. REAL PEOPLE. REAL GRACE.



All Saints' Day (Observed) November 05, 2023

Trinity Lutheran Church 10:00 am



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).

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. Pastor Croom would love to talk to you about receiving our Lord's true body and blood with us!

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. Hand Sanitizer is located on each side of the sanctuary in the center windows and on the first pew in the transept.

All Saints' Day (Observed)

As We Gather

Today is bittersweet. Bitter, because some of us will be remembering someone we love who died recently, and we are still grieving. Yet sweet, because that loved one was also loved by God, redeemed by Jesus, and lives in that place Jesus went ahead to prepare. We grieve, as Paul says, but not "as others do who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We also hear the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes, where Jesus blesses people not usually considered blessed: the poor in spirit, the mourning, the meek, peacemakers, the persecuted. The broken circumstances of your life do not define you entirely; Jesus defines you as blessed because He has taken hold of you in love and mercy and will never let you go. Blessed are you.

Pre-Service Music

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

Please stand as you are able

♣ Preparation **♣**

Opening Hymn Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LSB 904

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.

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- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- Lord, on this All Saints' Day, we gather in Your name to remember and rejoice.
- **C** We remember the ones we love—ones loved also by You.
- **P** We remember how You embraced them, showed them grace, and filled them with faith.
- **©** We remember with heavy hearts. We remember with thankful hearts.
- **P** We rejoice in the resurrection life promised in and through Jesus.

- **C** We rejoice that Jesus has overcome death forever.
- We rejoice that You are God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who will never leave us nor forsake us.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 3:1

We confess our sins in accordance with our Lord's command and promise to forgive, especially in 1 John 1:8-9. The pastor forgives, or absolves, the sins of the penitent in Christ's stead and in faithfulness to His command in John 20:19-23 and also His gifting the absolving of sins to the church (Matthew 16:19), to be carried out by His called shepherds.



- In Baptism, God welcomes us into the family of Christ and embraces us with His love. Welcomed and embraced, we are free to confess our sins, trusting the power of Christ to lead us to newness of life.
- We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned against You and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have hungered and thirsted for unworthy things. Our hearts are not right within us. Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.
- P Today we hear these beautiful words from John: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are."

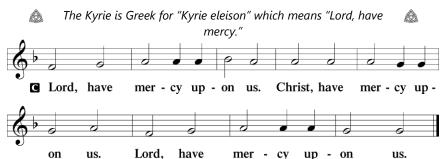
As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!

♣ Service of the Word **♣**

Kyrie ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

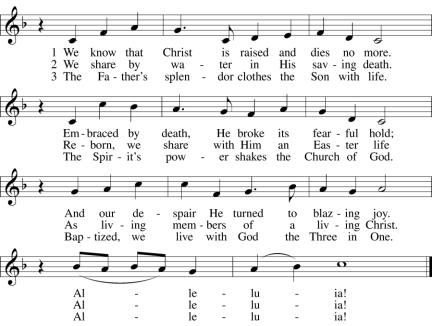
Mark 10:47





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





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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.

Lord God, You sustained those who have gone before us in faith, You showed them grace, and in their lives You have shown us examples of good works that are the fruit of faith in Christ. So sustain us in faith and grace, that we bear the fruit of faith with perseverance and joy; 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

First Reading

Revelation 7:2-17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels

who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

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512,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
612,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

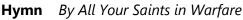
¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

and he will guide them to springs of living water,

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



LSB 517



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Epistle

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.
- ¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
- ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- ³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day For All the Saints LSB 677 (verses 1-3)

Sermon Rev. Michael Croom

Hymn of the Day For All the Saints LSB 677 (verses 4-8)

Please stand as you are able

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 Nicene Creed was written to combat false teachings about God, especially Christ and the denial that He was God from eternity. In this confession, we confess the core teachings of Scripture about God and His relationship with us and work for us. The faith we confess in the Creed connects us to one another and Christians past and present.

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Remembrance of the Blessed Departed

Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table, and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they continue to serve Him forever.

At this time individuals who have died since last All Saints' Day are remembered by name. We praise and thank God for these saints of the Lord who were called from this life to the joys of heaven. As each name is read, a bell is tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.

Jim Eble Dave Love April 8, 2023 April 24, 2023

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

In accordance with the Lord's urging His Church to pray for all people in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, the Prayer of the Church includes petitions for a variety of people and their needs, including our own. The congregation actively participates in the prayer with the plea, "(Lord), hear our prayer" or "(Lord), have mercy," asking that He grant these petitions we pray to Him.



Prayer of the Church

- As loved and redeemed children of God and in communion with all the saints, let the incense of our prayer ascend to God.
- That the Church, called from death to life by our Lord Jesus, would follow in the footsteps of all the departed saints who by God's grace were agents of Christ's life-giving service in the world, and for

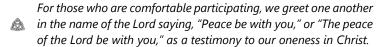
pastors, church workers, and all people of the Church, that they proclaim and demonstrate the Gospel of our salvation with boldness. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P For the leaders of the world and of this nation; for all voters and for those elected, that they will respect the truth of the God-given dignity of every man, woman, and child; for all who serve in the armed forces [especially...]; for victims of violence and war [especially...]; and for our enemies, Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- For all those in any kind of need [especially...], those whom we have named and other we name silently or out loud before You. Bring peace to the dying and comfort the bereaved. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P For all the households of this congregation, that they be havens of peace and lively places of faith in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P For this holy assembly, that, setting our hope on Christ, we live to the praise of His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Hear us when we call upon You, most merciful Father, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to Your unfailing love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

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

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





Please be seated

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

In faithfulness to our Lord's command and urging in both Old and New Testaments, we return to Him our firstfruits in our tithes and bring our offerings of thanksgiving in support of His ministry and mission to grow us disciples in our faith and to make more disciples.



A Stewardship thought from LCMS: ""Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

Please stand as you are able

♣ 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

- \mathbf{C} And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

- \mathbf{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.

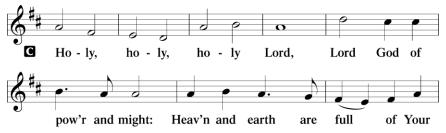
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who sustains us with faith, fills us with undeserved grace, and works in us to bear the fruit of the Spirit. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

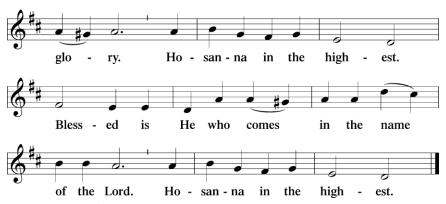
Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

The Sanctus is Latin for "holy." It is a hymn of praise to God, spoken by angels in Isaiah 6:3. This praise is extended to Jesus upon His entering Jerusalem in Matthew 21:9 on Palm Sunday.







The Words of Our LordMatt. 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 + 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 + 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

- 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

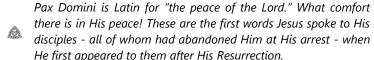
Matthew 6:9-13

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

John 20:19





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.

If you are not currently a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation, we invite you to receive a blessing from the pastor. It is a joy to give the blessing of the Lord! If you are receiving the blessing, you may do so at the rail or with those communing "continuously." Please cross your arms to indicate to the pastor you desire a blessing. Behold the lamb of God who take away the sins of the world!



If you are interested in learning more about receiving the Lord's true body and blood with us as His one body, united in our confession of faith as our Lord intends, please speak with Pastor Croom.

Distribution Hymns

Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free	LSB 473
Jesus, Refuge of the Weary	LSB 423
Lord of Our Life	LSB 659
Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness	LSB 563

Please stand as you are able

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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. This is not just "a hope" for you or wishful thinking, but a sure blessing given by God in Numbers 6:24-26 to be declared by His appointed ministers.



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 are given by Doug and Angela Campbell to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 12th wedding anniversary on November 5th.

Readings for Sunday, November 12, 2023

Old Testament: Amos 5:18–24

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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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. ¡Al Pastor Croom le encantaría hablar con usted acerca de recibir el cuerpo y la sangre de nuestro Señor con nosotros!

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. Gel antibacterial de manos se encuentra a cada lado del santuario en las ventanas centrales y en el primer banco en el transepto.

Our Mission

Connecting people to Christ for life.

Our Vision

Experience Connect Reflect

- We are a community of faith where you can experience a real God for your real life.
- We are a community of faith who lives to connect people to Jesus Christ and His growing community of believers.
- We are a community of faith who **reflects** the grace and love of God as we selflessly serve people and joyfully share what God has done for us in Christ.