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REAL GOD. REAL PEOPLE. REAL GRACE.

November 12, 2023



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Lutheran Church
November 12, 2023 **10:00 am**



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. 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.

Twenty-fourth 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 as you are able

Opening Hymn *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

LSB 515

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

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.

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.

Psalms 124:8

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 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. [John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

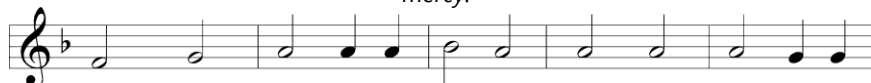
✝ Service of the Word ✝

Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



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



C 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

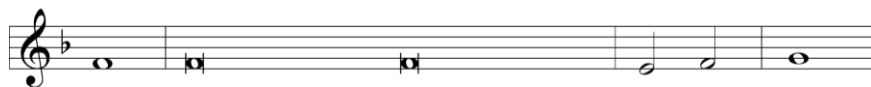
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



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



P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. 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 with your spirit.**
- P** Let us pray.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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

Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸*Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!*
Why would you have the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹*as if a man fled from a lion,*

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

²⁰*Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,*

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia and Verse

Matthew 5:16



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



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

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

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

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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. As with the other two Creeds (Nicene and Athanasian), the Apostles’ Creed was written to combat false teachings about God, especially Christ and the denial that He was God from eternity. In this short 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.

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 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

LSB 516

Sermon

Rev. Michael Croom



Please stand as you are able

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



 *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 "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

Please stand as you are able

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.* 

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

Lord, You are our help and deliverer. We bring to You the prayers and petitions of Your people, that You may grant us all things needful and guard us against all things harmful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, preserve Your people from believing that You are pleased with us because of our works or ceremonies. Grant that what we do in worship and prayer may proclaim salvation in Christ Jesus alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, You bestow favor and honor and withhold nothing from those who walk uprightly. Bless parents and those who teach children Your ways, that generations to come would love Your promises, walk in Your truth, and dwell in Your house. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Righteous God, You despise corruption and command justice. Embolden our rulers and all in authority to enact and defend measures that preserve peace and provide justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, show mercy to those who cry aloud as they await Your Son's coming in glory *[including...]*. Answer them with strength and healing, comfort and hope. Make them confident in Christ, who will raise His people on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, Your Son will descend from heaven with a cry of command, raise those who have fallen asleep and deliver us to Your kingdom of glory. Until that day, strengthen us by His body and blood and prepare us for His coming in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, grant that we may not grieve as those who have no hope but rejoice and encourage each other in the promise of the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of our salvation, we know neither the day nor the hour of Christ's return, but we know that He has died and is risen again to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Until that day, preserve us in faith and guard us from temptation. Do not let us be caught unprepared for His coming. Let us live our days in loving service and joyful expectation of the life of the world to come; through the same 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 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 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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.



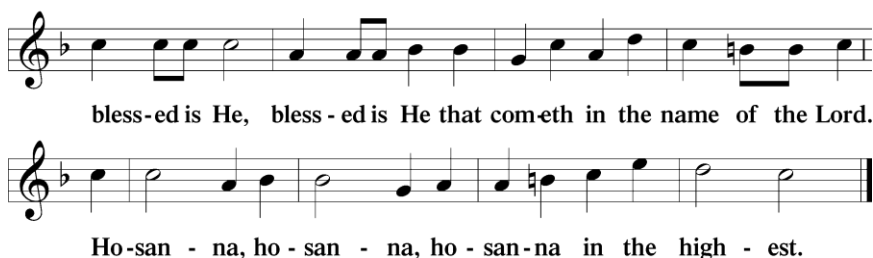
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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,



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

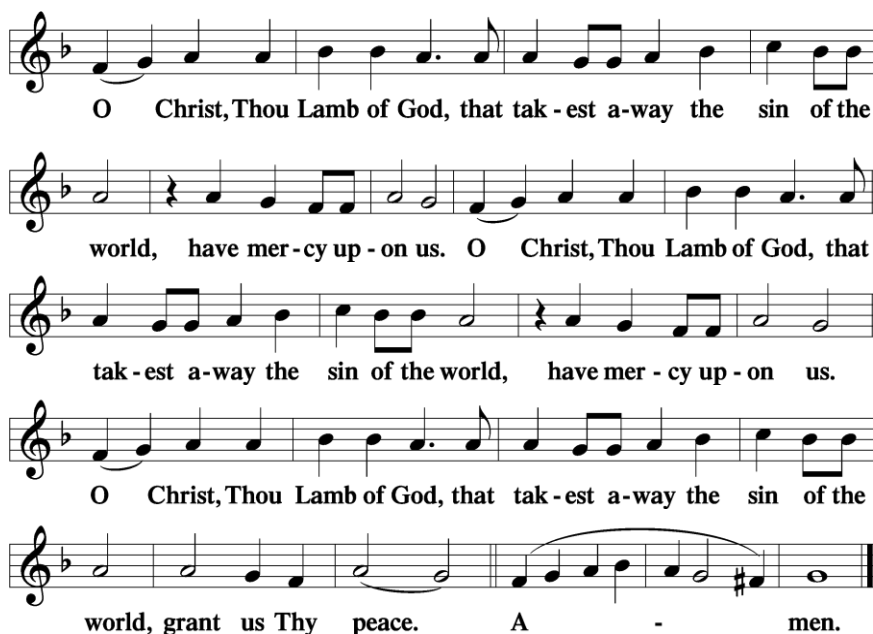
John 20:19

 *Pax Domini is Latin for "the peace of the Lord." What comfort there is in His peace! These are the first words Jesus spoke to His disciples - all of whom had abandoned Him at His arrest - when He first appeared to them after His Resurrection.* 

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.





 Agnus Dei is Latin for "Lamb of God," the words declared by John the Baptist to identify Jesus as the once-and-for-all, final sacrifice for our sins. As the blood of a sacrificed lamb without blemish saved the Israelites from death in the Passover (Exodus 12:1-14), so the blood of our crucified and sacrificed Lord covers and saves us! 



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

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us LSB 514

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face LSB 631

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won LSB 490

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray LSB 663

Please stand as you are able

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



The Nunc Dimittis is Latin for "now (let your servant) depart," the words of Simeon when he encountered the Savior as a baby at the temple in Jerusalem. We have seen the Lord's salvation in His body and His Blood present in and with the bread and wine given to us for the forgiveness of our sins.



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

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

C and His mercy endures forever.

Post-Communion Collect

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.

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. 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.



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 *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*

LSB 474

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 Madeline and Arvid Peterson in honor of their mother Carley Peterson's birthday November 18th.

Readings for Sunday, November 19, 2023

Old Testament: Zephaniah 1:7–16

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30

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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.