

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
Tempe, AZ

March 22, 2026

10:00 AM

As we worship together, please respond to the Pastor (“P”) or the Reader (“R”) in the bolded sections labeled “C” for Congregational Response.

CASUAL SUNDAY

PRAISE MEDLEY

“You Are My All In All”

Verse 1

You are my strength
When I am weak
You are the treasure
That I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Verse 2

Taking my sin
My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up

**When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all *Chorus***

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“One Way”

Verse 1

**I lay my life down at Your feet.
You're the only One I need.
I turn to You and You are always there.
In troubled times it's You I seek.
I put You first that's all I need.
I humble all I am all to You.**

Chorus

**One way, Jesus,
You're the only One that I could live for.
One way, Jesus,
You're the only One that I could live for.
One way, Jesus,
You're the only One that I could live for.
One way, Jesus,
You're the only One that I could live for.**

Verse 2

**You are always, always there
Every how and every where.
Your grace abounds so deeply within me.
You will never, ever change.
Yesterday, today, the same.
Forever 'til forever meets no end**

Bridge

**You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life
We live by faith and not by sight for You.
We're living all for You
You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life
We live by faith and not by sight for You.
We're living all for You. *Chorus***

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PASTORAL WELCOME

Please Rise

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Come, people of God, from places of weariness, from valleys of dry bones, from all that feels lifeless within you.
C **We come, longing for breath, longing for life.**
P The Lord says, “I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live.” The One who formed you has not forgotten you.
C **We come, trusting that God still speaks life into death.**
P Jesus says, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live.”
C **We come believing, even in the face of death.**
P So come, bring your doubts, your grief, your broken places.
C **We come to worship the Lord, who breathes life into us again.**

CONFESSION

P Beloved in the Lord, we come before God not as those full of life, but

as those who have known dryness, weariness, and death. Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Gracious God,

C we confess that we are often like dry bones, lifeless in faith, weak in hope, and slow to love. We have trusted in ourselves instead of You. We have spoken words that wound, and remained silent when we should have spoken life. We have doubted Your promises and feared that what is broken cannot be restored. Like Martha, we believe and yet we struggle to trust that You are even now at work in our grief and loss. Lord, we confess that sin has brought death into our lives. By our own strength, we cannot rise. Breathe into us again, O Lord. Call us out of our tombs. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P Hear the promise of the Lord: "I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live." Jesus also says, "I am the resurrection and the life."

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 You are no longer dry bones. You are alive in Christ. Go in His life and peace.

C Amen, Thanks be to God.

Please Be Seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 116:1–4, 8; antiphon: v. 15

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold
on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.

Please Rise

KYRIE (*Spoken*)

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your
people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body
and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am

the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:1–11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Please Rise

LENTEN REFRAIN (Sung)

LSB 157

C Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 11:17–27, 38–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷When Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” . . .

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his

hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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 † of the world to come. Amen.

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

Verse 1

**How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory**

Verse 2

**Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished**

Please Rise

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*(Congregation response to petitions: **Hear our prayer**)*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 177

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

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 for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

**“Holy, Holy”
TOSB #74, v. 1**

1 **Holy, holy,
Holy, holy,
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty;
And we lift our hearts before You as a token of our love,**

**Holy, holy,
Holy, holy**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

LSB 179

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

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.”

PAX DOMINI (*Spoken*)

LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

AGNUS DEI (*Sing*)

“The Lamb”

LSB #547, v. 1-5

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes
God will provide the Lamb of price! *Refrain*

Refrain Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (Psalm 42)”

Verse 1

**Lord from sorrows deep I call
When my hope is shaken
Torn and ruined from the fall
Hear my desperation
For so long I’ve pled and prayed
God come to my rescue
Even so the thorn remains
Still my heart will praise You**

Verse 2

Storms within my troubled soul

**Questions without answers
On my faith these billows roll
God be now my shelter
Why are you cast down my soul
Hope in Him who saves you
When the fires have all grown cold
Cause this heart to praise You**

Verse 3

**Should my life be torn from me
Every worldly pleasure
When all I possess is grief
God be then my treasure
Be my vision in the night
Be my hope and refuge
'Til my faith is turned to sight
Lord my heart will praise You**

Chorus

**Oh my soul put your hope in God
My help my rock I will praise Him
Sing oh sing through the raging storm
You're still my God my salvation**

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“Come Share The Lord”

Chorus 1

**We gather here in Jesus' name
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame
For through His loving Son the Father makes us one
Come take the bread come drink the wine**

Come share the Lord

Chorus 2

**We'll gather soon where angels sing
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

Bridge

**For He will feed us with His presence here
This bread and wine will do us good
Our deepest hungers He will satisfy
For He is life and peace and rest and drink and food**

Chorus 3

**He joins us here He breaks the bread
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead
The One we love the most is now our gracious host
Come take the bread come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

Bridge

**No one is a stranger here
Ev'ryone belongs
Finding our forgiveness here
We in turn forgive all wrongs
We are now the family
Of which the Lord is head
Though unseen He meets us here
In the breaking of the bread**

Ending

Come take the bread

**Come drink the wine
Come share the Lord**

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**“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”
LSB #423, v. 1-3**

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life’s desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner’s fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.**

- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner’s deep distress.**

- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 183

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

LSB 183

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

“Lead Me To The Cross”

Verse 1

**Savior I come, quiet my soul.
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom.**

Pre-Chorus

**Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss**

Chorus

**Lead me to the cross,
Where Your love poured out.
Bring me to my knees.
Lord, I lay me down.
Rid me of myself;
I belong to You.**

**Oh, lead me.
Lead me to the cross**

Verse 2

You were as I, tempted and tried.

Human,

The word became flesh,

Bore my sin in death.

Now You're risen

Pre-Chorus, Chorus

Bridge

To Your heart

To Your heart

Lead me to Your heart

Lead me to Your heart

Chorus x2

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POSTLUDE

“Come, Share the Lord” Reprise

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Sunday, March 22nd

8:30 AM Sunday Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM 5th Sunday in Lent Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

Tuesday, March 24th

10:30 AM GLORIA, Easter Planning

Wednesday, March 25th

5:30 PM Lenten Dinner

6:30 PM Lenten Worship

Thursday, March 26th

4-7 PM La Mesa

Saturday, March 28th

10 AM GriefShare 13-week Program

Sunday, March 29th

8:30 AM Sunday Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM Palm Sunday Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

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Ellen Brown

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Bass Guitar:

Doug Bergman

Song Leader:

Donna Evans

Lector Reader:

Benjamin Greer

Special Music:

The Beautiful Savior Singers

Acolyte:

Wendell Robson

Greeter:

Charlotte Grefe

Altar:

Jan Safford, Benjamin Greer, Don Calender

Communion Elder:

Skip McFadden

Assisting Elder:

Derek Benson

Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our Guest Book on the

podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a grey/cream “Worship Information” card found in the pew in front of you.

Members are also encouraged to complete a “Worship Information” card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit).

Giving Electronically please go to easytithe.com/BSLCTempe and choose “One-Time” or “Recurring” before choosing a fund: General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, Vacation Bible School, and Other. Please specify when selecting Other.

Pastor Tim's Office Hours: He is available Monday through Thursday, 10am-3pm as well as by appointment. Pastor Tim will use the rest of his time attending to members, meetings, and creating connections for the church in our community. His cell phone number is 480-536-2256.

Prayer Cards: In the pews is a prayer card that can be filled out and placed in the offering plate. Please check the box at the bottom of the card if you want the prayer to be added to our Email Prayer Chain.

Attendance for week: 03-15-26

Worship Service— 45

Sunday Bible Study— 10

LWML Women’s Bible Study— 7

5th Wednesday in Lent Worship— 33

La Mesa Attendance for 03-12-26

Meal— 115

Worship— 27

Income report for 03-4-2026

Designated Gifts: \$64.00

Loose Plate: \$95.00

Weekly Envelopes: \$410.00
Undesignated: \$45.00
Total: \$614.00

Income report for 03-8-2026

Designated Gifts: \$64.00
Loose Plate: \$81.00
Weekly Envelopes: \$1248.00
Total: \$1393.00

Income report for 03-11-2026

Designated Gifts: \$137.00
Loose Plate: \$60.00
Weekly Envelopes: \$520.00
Total: \$717.00

Income report for 03-15-2026

Designated Gifts: \$26.00
Loose Plate: \$51.00
Weekly Envelopes: \$2195.00
Total: \$2272.00

PRAYER LIST

For Healing:

Christy Bergman; Rikki Anderson; Cindy Koch; Wendy Sievers; Pam;
Debbie Jonas; Paul Beetham; Barbara Willford; Marianne Lemkau; Pat
Carlin; André Safford; Dawn Robson; Kayla Reddy; Bev Dase; Tim Timm;
Jacob Hutson; Gladys Meyer; Jackie; Corsene Grady; Cyndi Calender;
Schatzi; Debby Bergman; Kristen; Ryanne Flannery; Brenda Frank;
Barbara Watnick;

For Strength and Support:

Rachel Givan; Dave Mendham; Beth Hutson; the Frank family; Natalia
Goschie; Mark, Libby, and Waylon; Cari, Michelle, and Dave; Natalie

Conley

For Comfort:

The Schellin Family; The Muntzinger and Schumm Families; the Spallek family and friends

In Thanksgiving:

For all our volunteers who volunteered to serve the Lenten meals this season;

For the Church

For our sister congregations and their ministries,

For the World:

Our nation and our leaders to govern with a mindset that reflects the heart of Christ; All nations dealing with hardships; All those who serve our nation in the armed forces and locally as firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement; Peace among all nations.



COMMUNION.....OUR UNDERSTANDING

It is the special joy of the baptized and instructed Christian to celebrate Christ in our very midst with the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion). The Scripture clearly and carefully teaches that, in Holy Communion, the very Body and the very Blood of our Lord Jesus are really present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine. It also teaches that "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord (acknowledging the Real Presence of Jesus with the elements) eats and drinks judgment on himself." (I Corinthians 11:28-29). Communicants, then, are rightfully prepared and "worthy" when they:

- *are truly penitent of their sins;*
- *even now embrace Jesus as their Savior and recognize His Real Presence in the bread and the wine; and*
- *seek to amend their sinful lives, with the assistance of this Meal and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

If you have any further questions, please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Other notes on the distribution of Holy Communion:

- *1) Wine is the Biblical standard for all communicants. However, grape juice is in some glasses and available in the center of each tray for those who have an intolerance to alcohol.*
- *2) The Blood of Christ, in, with and under the wine, is served in individual glasses.*
- *3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The*