

EASTER SUNRISE

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Tempe, AZ

April 5, 2026

8:00 AM

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

PRELUDE

“There Is a Redeemer”
– Melody Green, Arr. Phillip Keveran

JOYOUS BELLS

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Easter Song” – Ann Herring

PASTORAL WELCOME

EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP

P May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. In the darkness of the first Easter morning, Mary came to the tomb while it was still dark.

C The stone had been rolled away.

P The grave could not hold the Lord of Life.

C Christ has risen from the dead!

P As the dawn breaks upon us this holy morning, we remember the light that no darkness can overcome.

The Christ candle is lit.

OPENING HYMN

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”
LSB #461, v. 1-2, 8

**1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**

**2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

EASTER RESPONSES

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned Him.**

P He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands.

C **He has put everything under His feet.**

P I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

C **The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

Men *Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.*

Women *You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.*

Men *You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O Lord, which You have made for Your abode,*

Women *The sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.*

The Lord will reign forever and ever.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

KYRIE(*Sung*)

LSB 168-169

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**

whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 14:10-15:1

¹⁰ When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the Lord. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is not this

what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”¹³ And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.¹⁴ The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

¹⁵ The Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward.¹⁶ Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground.¹⁷ And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen.¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

¹⁹ Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them,²⁰ coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.²² And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.²³ The Egyptians

pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴ And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, ²⁵ clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." ²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,
"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into

the sea.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Gone”

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Please Rise

GOSPEL REFRAIN *(Sung)*

WOV #612

C Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

L The Word of the Lord lasts forever. What is the Word that is living? It is brought to us through His Son Jesus Christ.

C Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into

the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there,
⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

LSB #463, v. 1-4

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**
- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**
- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (*Sung*)

LSB 176

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Church, that the light of Christ may shine throughout all the world and that we rejoice together with all who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our victorious Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We pray for the nations of the world, that all may know times of peace and security. Grant that Your plan for our world unfold without hindrance so that Your gracious will is done on earth as in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We pray for all workers in the Church, that they be bearers of Your light into places where darkness and sorrow are experienced. Grant that a sense of devotion and dedication be the hallmark of Your people as they live out their faith in whatever calling is theirs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We pray for our world on this bright Easter Day, that we treasure all of creation and be good stewards of the many gifts we have been given by our loving God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We pray for special situations of need and concern, that there may be comfort for all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity... Give us

compassionate hearts to bring the light of Christ to those who face darkness in their lives, sharing with them Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You on earth, who now rest from their labors... Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the light of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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. 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, ever more praising You and singing...

SANCTUS

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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."

LORD'S PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P So remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on

earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI (*Spoken*)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

AGNUS DEI (*Sung*)

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" - Arr. Stan Pethel
Piano Solo

"What Is This Bread"
LSB #629, v. 1-5

- 1** What is this bread?
Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2** What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace, Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!

O taste and see—the Lord is King.

**3 So who am I,
That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.**

**4 Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul, He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.**

**5 Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe, That I receive
His very body and His blood.
O taste and see—the Lord is good.**

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**“I Am the Bread of Life”
WOV #702, v. 1, 4-5**

**1 “I am the Bread of Life.
You who come to me shall not hunger
and who believe in shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
Unless the Father beckons.”**

**Refrain “And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.”**

4 “I am the resurrection
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
Even though you may die,
You shall not have life within you.” *Refrain*

5 Yes, Lord, I believe
That you are the Christ,
The Son of God,
Who has come
into the world. *Refrain*

THANK THE LORD (*Sung*) **LSB 181**

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done. Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

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.

EASTER AFFIRMATION

Romans 6:5, 9

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again.

C Death no longer has dominion over Him.

P For if we have been united with Him in a death like His,

C we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

CLOSING PRAYER

P Risen Lord Jesus Christ, on this holy morning You revealed Yourself to those who came to the tomb in sorrow and turned their grief into joy. As You called Mary by name and sent her to proclaim Your resurrection, so send us now into the world as witnesses of Your victory over sin and death. Fill us with the light of Your risen life, that we may walk in hope, speak Your peace, and share the good news that the grave is empty and that You live and reign forever with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

Please Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

- 1 **He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true
Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises
prolong.**
- 4 **O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no
more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does
atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.**
- 5△ **Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad
voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was
slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.**

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SENDING

P Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

C **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Go in peace, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"
- Arr. Larry Shackley

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Sunday, April 5th

8 AM Easter Sunrise Worship

9 AM Easter Breakfast

10 AM Easter Day Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

Thursday, April 9th

12:30 PM Brunch and Bibles

4-7 PM La Mesa

Saturday, April 11th

10 AM GriefShare 13-Week Program

Sunday, April 12th

8:30 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM 2nd Sunday of Easter Worship

11:30 AM Fellowship

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Acolyte:

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Mendham
Communion Elder: Wendell Robson
Assisting Elder: TBD

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 to 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: 03-29-26

Palm Sunday Worship Service— 54
Sunday Bible Study— 13
GriefShare— 11

La Mesa Attendance for 03-26-26
Meal— 166
Worship— 31

Income report for 03-25-2026
Loose Plate: \$50.00
Weekly Envelopes: \$280.00
Total: \$330.00

Income report for 03-29-2026
Designated Gifts: \$12.00
Loose Plate: \$58.87
Weekly Envelopes: \$1774.00
Other: \$349.00
Total: \$2193.00

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; Bev Dase; Tim Timm; Jacob Hutson; Gladys Meyer; Corsene Grady; Cyndi Calender; Schatzi; Kristen; Ryanne Flannery; Brenda Frank; Barbara Watnick; Rick Frank; Jan Safford; Marion Trautmann; Scharlene Wallace; Michael Tiberg; Erika Guzzi

For Strength and Support:

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

Dave; Natalie Conley; Jeri Meeks

For Comfort:

The Lohmeyer family; The Muntzinger and Schumm Families; the Spallek family and friends; John Pope and his family

In Thanksgiving:

For the wonderful meal people have come together to make for this
Easter morning

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 Table to receive a blessing.