

# PALM SUNDAY

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

March 28, 2021

10:00 a.m.



*Procession Route: Follow Cross down center aisle, take a right, then past organ, down right aisle toward back of church; round past the sanctuary entrance doors and up the left aisle toward pulpit, take a right and down center aisle. Back to your seats.*

*Stand*

## **GREETING**

P The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen**

*(congregation seated)*

## **PASTORAL WELCOME**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus, our Savior and our King. Have us join the crowds to announce your kingship over all of creation, saying

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We thank you for ruling our hearts and minds, and prepare  
us to worship you this day knowing that you are our Lord and  
Savior. Amen.

*The procession begins with the cross at the back of the church.  
(Stand & turn toward the moving cross as we sing).*

**PROCESSIONAL SONG "Hosanna, Hosanna" by Stan Pethel**  
*(This will be introduced by the choir singers as they process, then the  
Congregation should join in to sing.)*

**"Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son of David,  
Hosanna, Hosanna! He comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna! Sing it from the highest:  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord!"**

## **PALM SUNDAY PROCLAMATION**

**P:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C:** **Hosanna to the Son to David. Hosanna in the Highest.** *(Sit)*

## **OPENING HYMN**

**LSB #443 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"**

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.**
- 2 From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.**

**3 “Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!**

*Stand*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*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.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not  
in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will  
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful  
and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word,  
and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left  
undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have  
not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your  
present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son,  
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and  
lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your  
ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for  
His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained

servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

*congregation will speak verses in bold*

1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**2 Let Israel say,**

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

**20 This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

21 I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**22 The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

23 This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**24 This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

25 Save us, we pray, O Lord!  
O Lord, we pray, give us success!

**26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

27 The Lord is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.  
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,

up to the horns of the altar!

**28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.**

29 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**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.**

## **KYRIE**

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**

## **SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with  
palms in their hands, gathered to meet Your dearly beloved Son

when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING (*Zechariah 9:9-17*)**

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

10 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

11 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

12 Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

13 For I have bent Judah as my bow;

I have made Ephraim its arrow.

I will stir up your sons, O Zion,

against your sons, O Greece,

and wield you like a warrior's sword.

14 Then the Lord will appear over them,

and his arrow will go forth like lightning;  
the Lord God will sound the trumpet  
and will march forth in the whirlwinds of the south.  
15 The Lord of hosts will protect them,  
and they shall devour, and tread down the sling stones,  
and they shall drink and roar as if drunk with wine,  
and be full like a bowl,  
drenched like the corners of the altar.  
16 On that day the Lord their God will save them,  
as the flock of his people;  
for like the jewels of a crown  
they shall shine on his land.  
17 For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!  
Grain shall make the young men flourish,  
and new wine the young women.

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE or SECOND READING** (*Philippians 2:1-11*)

1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*After the reading:*

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**LENTEN VERSE (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 (Luke 19:28-40)**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. 33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of it." 35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was



drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, 38 saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” 40 He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

*After the reading:*

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

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

## **NICENE CREED**

**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.**

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**#442. "All Glory, Laud and Honor"**

***Refrain***

**All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1 You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One.  
Refrain**
- 2 The company of angels Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. Refrain**
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present.  
Refrain**
- 4 To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of  
praise; To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.  
Refrain**
- 5 As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.  
Refrain**

**SERMON: Not Keeping Silent**

*Luke 19:28-40*

*Stand*

**VOLUNTARY**

## **OFFERTORY**

**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**

Each petition will end with...

**P** Let us pray to the Lord

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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**

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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.**

## **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."

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**C Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI** (*Lamb of God, LSB 163*)

**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.**

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION 1 Solo – Marshann Donahue**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**LSB 343 - Prepare The Royal Highway**

- 1 Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory Foretold in sacred story:**

***Refrain***

**Hosanna to the Lord, For He fulfills God's Word!**

- 2 God's people, see Him coming: Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him! Spread garments! Shout  
and sing! God's promise will not fail you! No more shall  
doubt assail you! Refrain**
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him! All nations, now adore Him!  
Refrain**
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding For kindness so abounding:  
Refrain**

*Stand*

**NUNC DIMITTIS (*Song of Simeon, LSB 165*)**

**C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has**

**been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **BENEDICTION**

**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.

*Sit*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**#441. "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"**

- 1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.  
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered  
garments strowed.
- 2 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and  
conquered sin.
- 3 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky  
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see the  
approaching sacrifice.
- 4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is  
nigh. The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own  
anointed Son.
- 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy  
pow'r and reign.

## **SENDING**

**P** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C** Hosanna in the Highest.

**P** Go In Peace, Serve the LORD

**C** Thanks be to God

## **POSTLUDE**

"The Palms" –Gabriel Faure

**Holy Week Invitations:** Pastor Tim has some Holy Week Invitations that we want to get out into the community. Please take a few as you leave church today and hand them out to friends, neighbors and family. We will also be meeting as a church to walk the



community **Today, as well as Monday and Tuesday** at 1:00pm to invite our neighbors to join us this Holy Week. If you would like to help the pastor distribute these invitations, you are invited to meet him here at Beautiful Savior at 1:00pm over the next three days.

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

**Officiant Preacher:**

Rev. Tim Anderson

**Organist/Director:**

Ellen Brown

**Song Leaders:**

Debby & Doug Bergman

**Costumes & Donkey:**

by Debbie O'Neill

**Assisting Elder/Lector:**

Skip McFadden

**Procession Co-Ordinator:**

Cyndi Calendar

**Greeters:**

Kathy Held

**Acolyte:**

Joe Carlin

**Altar Care:**

Pat Carlin

**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).

Everyone is invited to assemble in the parish hall / patio immediately following worship for coffee, punch, a bite to eat and what the Bible calls **koinonia** (fellowship!)

**Pastor Tim Anderson** is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, etc). He can be reached at the office Monday & Wednesday, 9 AM – 2 PM.

**WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have 3 cordless headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.**

**Attendance for 3-21-21: Bible Study—5; Worship Service—35. Income report for 3-21-21: Loose Plate \$36; Weekly Envelopes \$1674; Designated Gifts \$149; Other \$; Total \$1859. Midweek 5 for 3-16-21: Total \$235.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **March 28, Sunday**

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study in Fuerbringer Hall

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

**10 AM Palm Sunday the Sunday of Passion Worship** (*Also, being streamed on Facebook online*)

Fellowship in Fuerbringer Hall resumes today

### **March 29 Monday**

9 AM-2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

### **March 31, Wednesday**

9 AM-2 PM Pastor Anderson in the office

### **April 1, Thursday**

9 -11AM Church

**7 PM Maundy Thursday Worship w/Holy Communion**

### **April 2, Friday**

8 AM-12 PM Church & building cleaned

**3 PM Good Friday Worship**

**7 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Worship**

### **April 3, Saturday**

**7 PM Easter Vigil w/Holy Communion**

**April 4, Sunday**

**8 AM Easter Sunrise Worship w/Holy Communion (Outside)**

**10 AM Easter Sunday Worship w/Holy Communion (Inside)**

**Prayer List: Prayer List:** Those with cancer **Gerri Koski, Amina Kruck; Maebell Beard** preparing for an aorta valve replacement, **Tim Jackson** more surgeries for the cause of seizures,; those who are recovering: **Jane Boye, Chris Carlin, John McShee, Glenn Brown. Erica and Gerald Guzzi. Mel** friend of Mandy Witcombe in the hospital with severe pain.

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO STILL VIEW SERVICES ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT**

**1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)**

**2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:**

**[www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/](http://www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/)**

**3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a "Live" feed titled for the Sunday service, or**

**4) Option 2 - Click on the "Videos" button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)**

**5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.**

**Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:**

April 4 "**Fear...Like Onions, You Know?**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Why end a good news story on a note of fear? St. Mark's Gospel wants us to see human fear as evidence that God is at work. (Mark 16)

## **HOLY WEEK**

**7 P.M. THURSDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY  
w/Holy Communion**

**3 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**7 P.M. FRIDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE**

**7 P.M. Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**EASTER VIGIL  
w/Holy Communion**

**8 A.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> (*Outside*)**

**EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP  
w/Holy Communion**

**10 A.M. SUNDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**EASTER FESTIVAL WORSHIP  
w/Holy Communion**



## **HOLY 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 and common cup. Please choose you preference..*
- 3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*