

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

March 20, 2022

10:00 a.m.



*Turn to Life*

## AS WE GATHER

It seems that much time is spent deciding which sins are worse and which sinners are worst. In the Gospel for today, Jesus is confronted with this question and turns it into a call for all sinners to repent. But this is not only a call to confess your sins, it is a call to turn away from those sins and become the fruitful trees of the Spirit's planting. These fruits are displayed in us when we turn away from our self-interest and benefit and behold our neighbor in need. The call of the day is to repent and live the righteous life that flows from repentance and faith under the power of the Holy Spirit. Repentance always involves turning and this turn is away from sin and to life!

## PRELUDE

“Communion” -Louis Vierne

## PASTORAL WELCOME

## OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Heavenly Father, we know that unfortunately, all too often each one of us strongly resembles a tree that over many years, has repeatedly shown that it's infertile. We resemble the tree that Jesus speaks of today in his Parable. But, fortunately for us, You sent Jesus your son, with limitless patience, to intercede for the fruitless vines that we are. His patience says to *“Let it alone this year!”* When we are too busy looking for your judgement in the world, when we wonder why things happen, help us to see your grace and patience. Help us see your limitless concern for sinners, like us. Help us to see that while this age won't last forever, you are with us through the end, with an invitation to change our minds, to turn and to focus on you. Help us see that our questions should not be, "Why do bad things happen?" but instead "Why do You promise good to people like us?" as You even send your son so we can have life. Help us to be thankful. In Jesus name. Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” **LSB #427**

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.**
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy, Never shall the cross forsake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming Light and love upon my way, From the cross the radiance streaming Adds more luster to the day.**

**4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure By the cross are sanctified; Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.**

## **CONFESSION & 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** 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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

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

**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**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.

**C Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** (*Read responsively*)

*Ps. 5:4–8; antiphon: Ps. 1:6*

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

**evil may not dwell with you.**

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

**you hate all evildoers.**

You destroy those who speak lies;

**the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.**

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.**

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;

**make your way straight before me.**

**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.**

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

**but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**GLORIA PATRI** (*Sing*)

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**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**KYRIE** (*Sing*)

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**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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 33:7–20*

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

<sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

<sup>12</sup>“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. <sup>13</sup>Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does

injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. <sup>14</sup>Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, <sup>15</sup>if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. <sup>16</sup>None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

<sup>17</sup>"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. <sup>18</sup>When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. <sup>19</sup>And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. <sup>20</sup>Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*1 Corinthians 10:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

<sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example,

but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

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## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 13:1–9*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

<sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, 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.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “When Peace, like a River” **LSB #706, St. 1-4**

**1** When peace, like a river, attendeth my way; When sorrows, like sea billows, roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.



P It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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** (*Sing*)

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**C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He, that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** (*Sing*)

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**C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,**

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen. *(Sit)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** (Piano Solo) "Beautiful One"-Tim Hughes

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" **LSB #761**

- 1 **Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which  
flowed, Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt  
and pow'r.**
- 2 **Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**
- 3 **Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for  
grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.**
- 4 **While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in  
death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy  
judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide  
myself in Thee.**

"You Are My King" (Amazing Love)

**Verse**

**I'm forgiven Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted You were condemned  
I'm alive and well Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died And rose again**

**Chorus**

**Amazing love How can it be That You my King Would die  
for me Amazing love I know it's true**

**It's my joy to honor You In all I do I honor You**

**Ending**

**You are my King You are my King Jesus You are my King  
Jesus You are my King**

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**NUNC DIMITTIS** (*Sing*)

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**C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING**

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

**C and His mercy endureth forever.**

**P Let us pray.**

**P 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**

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**P The Lord be with you.**

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
C **Amen, amen, amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" **LSB #708, St. 1-3**

- 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart, With tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share. Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my heart for sorrow break, My trust in Thee can nothing shake. Thou art the portion I have sought; Thy precious blood my soul has bought. Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.**
- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have In this poor life of labor. Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place May glorify Thy lavish grace And help and serve my neighbor. Let no false doctrine me beguile; Let Satan not my soul defile. Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow Thee. Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, in death Thy comfort still afford.**

**3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home, That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy reappearing. And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my fount of grace. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend, And I will praise Thee without end.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Sunday Bible Study: Bible Study on the Parables meets each Sunday at 8:30-9:30am in the fellowship hall.**

**Lenten Midweek Services: Sent by Our God and Savior. Join us each Wednesday in Lent as we explore how we are loved by God and sent by God into the world to proclaim the message of Jesus. We gather each week at 12:00pm and 7:00pm with lunch at 11:00am and 6:00pm.**

**Sola Ministries Presentation: The Resurrection; Empty Faith or Empty Tomb. Saturday April 2nd at 10am here at Beautiful Savior. Join Rev. Peter Spallek and Sola Ministries as they present speaker James Umber and his presentation on the historical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus.**

**Interested in helping our A/V team? We are looking for a few volunteers who would be interested in learning how to stream our worship service onto the internet. Please speak to Don Schumm or Pastor Tim if interested.**

**La Mesa Tempe Preview: On Thursday April 7th at 6:00pm, the members and friends of Beautiful Savior are invited by our new partner La Mesa ministries to join in a dry run of the La Mesa experience here at Beautiful Savior. They will serve us dinner,**

lead us in worship and work through any issues before opening to the community after easter.

**Community Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday April 16th at 11:00am.** We will be inviting our community and children of all ages to an Easter Egg Hunt here at Beautiful Savior on Easter Saturday. Pastor needs volunteers to help with stuffing and hiding eggs, as well as candy donations over the next few weeks (please hard candy only, no chocolate or meltable candy). We will also have a community grill out that day for parents and kids and all who attend the event.

**LWML is gathering supplies for 50 Easter Baskets for the International Students at ASU. Sharon Owens of Campus Mission Coalition shares the Gospel message with these students by using the items in each basket to tell of Christ's life and death and resurrection. THE COST OF EACH BASKET IS ABOUT \$8.00. If you would like to help provide baskets to these students, you may make a cash donation by placing it in an envelope marked "*LWML EASTER BASKETS*" or you may write a check to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church with LWML EASTER BASKETS in the memo and place it in the offering plate. THANK YOU!**

**Revitalization Team:** The BSLC revitalization team is looking for a few new faces of individuals dedicated to helping our congregation in this season of new growth who want to work at finding ways to better serve our members and the community around us. If interested, please speak to Pastor Tim.

**Church Members and others who wish "give electronically" can now do so by going to: [easytithe.com/BSLCTempe](http://easytithe.com/BSLCTempe).**

**POSTLUDE**

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**SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:**

<b>Officiant Preacher:</b>	Rev. Tim Anderson
<b>Pianist/Director:</b>	Ellen Brown
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Donna Evans
<b>Special Music:</b>	Donna Evans & Charles Haynes
<b>Assisting Elder/Lector:</b>	Skip McFadden
<b>Greeters:</b>	Kathy Held
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Joe Carlin
<b>Altar:</b>	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)

**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. Cell phone #480596-2256.

**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 3-13-22 week Bible Study—8; Worship Service—47.  
Midweek Lent 2—34.**

**Income report for 3-13-22: Loose Plate \$15; Weekly Envelopes \$1290;  
Designated Gifts \$109; Other \$; Total \$1414. Ash Wednesday Total  
\$355.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **March 20, Sunday**

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

**10 AM The Third Sunday in Lent Worship – w/Holy Communion**

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)*

### **March 21, Monday**

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

### **March 23, Wednesday**

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

11 AM & 6 PM Soup Lunch/Dinner served before the service

**12:30 PM & 7 PM Midweek Lent 3**

### **March 25, Friday**

9 AM-11 PM the Church & Offices cleaned

### **March 27, Sunday**

**10 AM The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Prayer list:** Continued recovery for all who have medical issues: **Sue Jimenez, Wendy Sievers, Julia Teuscher, Bill McShee, Dorothy McShee, Bev Dase, Maebell Beard, Glenn Brown, Mary Mahr, Irvin Walnick.**

For comfort and peace **for Doris Reith and Len Lacy** in memory care facilities and also for cancer patients, **Jim Schutkowski, Tim Jackson, Tom Hughes, Amina Kruck and Gerri Koski.** Prayers that Gladys Meyer's, great grandson **Rehett's**, surgery to reconnect his foot to his leg this week was successful. Strength & comfort for **family & friends of Joe Schutkowski. Janice Safford**, sister **Barb & family** on the **loss of their sister Dee.**

**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 - KFNN RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:**

March 27 "What Shall We Do?" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge.  
Why Easter is a story of redemption and not revenge. (Luke 20:9-19, Acts 2:22-36)



## **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.*

