

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

January 1, 2023

10:00 a.m.



A New Year Begins!

AS WE GATHER

A new year begins! Yet, often so little changes. For most, a new year means little difference regarding life, vocation, house, and home. Outside of annually changing one number on our calendar, much of life remains the same, including the daily battles we face against Satan, sin, and our own flesh. With that, we rejoice today not just in the year's changing, but a daily changing we recognize every day as we live in this world through the blameless One born for us. Christ was under and has fulfilled God's Law perfectly for us, even as an infant child brought to the temple for circumcision under Mosaic Law. It would mark both the promise of redemption and the burden of the Law—and with Jesus marking the sacrifice that would set us free. Try as we might with new year's resolutions to become better people, we still find ourselves falling short of God's moral law that remains today. Rejoice in the newness that has come! More than a new year, we are given a new life, for Christ has fulfilled all and set us free! As we are marked in Baptism and bear Christ's name, we become inheritors of His promise. It is a newness to celebrate each day of every year!

PRELUDE "The Shepherds at the Manager" -F. Liszt / Arr. W. Nevins

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER:

Pastor: Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow, we gather here this first Sunday of the New Year, in a mixture of hope, anticipation, fear, excitement, and expectation. We do not know what the year holds for us. There are things we are afraid of: worries about health and family, job security and finances. There is much to look forward to: weddings, anniversaries, baptisms, holidays, times with friends and family. Lord God, this coming year is full of uncertainty and hope. Whatever the year holds for us, though, we trust You, and we place every day of this year in your care knowing that, as in the past, You are with us, caring for us with constant love through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love" **LSB #900, St. 1-6**

- 1 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee Bow in deep humility.**
- 2 Jesus! Name decreed of old, To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell, By the angel Gabriel.**
- 3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall His people save."**
- 4 Jesus! Name of mercy mild, Given to the holy Child
When the cup of human woe First He tasted here below.**
- 5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.**
- 6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.**

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

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Ps. 98:1– 4; antiphon: Is. 52:10

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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.

The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A 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.

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

(Congregation)

- 1. 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.

- 2. 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. A-men.**

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.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful
headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden

causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

^{62:1}For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 4:4–7

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Jesus' Name Medley" – The Choir

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Sing*)

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C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22–40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of

Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to
your people Israel.”

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the

favor of God was upon him.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Savior of Our Fallen Race” #LSB 403 St. 1-4

1 O Savior of our fallen race, O Brightness of the Father’s face,
O Son who shared the Father’s might Before the world knew
day or night, Alleluia!

- 2 O Jesus, very Light of Light, Our constant star in sin's deep night: Now hear the prayers Your people pray Throughout the world this holy day. Alleluia!**
- 3 Remember, Lord of life and grace, How once, to save our fallen race, You put our human vesture on and came to us as Mary's son. Alleluia!**
- 4ΔToday, as year by year its light Bathes all the world in radiance bright, one precious truth outshines the sun: Salvation comes from You alone. Alleluia!**

SERMON

Luke 2:22–40

Holding The One Who Formed You With His Hands.

OFFERING VOLUNTARY

- 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.**

Prayer of the Church (*Congregation response to petitions: Hear our prayer.*)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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PREFACE

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- 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.**
- 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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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

LORD'S PRAYER *(Sing)*

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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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Sing)*

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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 HYMN

1 (Piano solo) "Joy Has Dawned" -Getty & Townend/Arr. Tornquist

2 "God Loves Me Dearly" **LSB #392, St. 1-5**

1 God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation, God loves me dearly, Loves even me. Refrain

Refrain

**Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.**

2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working To make me free. Refrain

3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. Refrain

**4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. Refrain**

**5 Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You All my life long. Refrain**

3 “Infant Priest Was Holy Born” LSB #624, St. 1,2 & 7

**1 The infant Priest was holy born For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He, Anointed from eternity.**

**2 This great High Priest in human flesh Was icon of God’s
righteousness. His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
His hand removed impurity.**

**7 With cherubim and seraphim Our voices join the endless hymn,
And “Holy, holy, holy” sing To Christ, God’s Lamb, our Priest
and King.**

THANK THE LORD

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**C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has
done. Let everyone 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.

**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.

BENEDICTION

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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

“Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year” LSB #896, St. 1-7

- 1 Now greet the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.**
 - 2 Remember now the Son of God and how He shed His infant blood. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.**
 - 3 This Jesus came to end sin’s war; this Name of names for us He bore. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.**
 - 4 His love abundant far exceeds the volume of a whole year’s needs. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.**
 - 5 With Him as Lord to lead our way in want and in prosperity, What need we fear in earth or space In this new year of grace!**
 - 6 “All glory be to God on high, and peace on earth!” the angels cry. Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace Another year of grace.**
- 7ΔGod, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear! To all our pleas incline Your ear; upon our lives rich blessing trace in this new year of grace.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Bible Study: Our Sunday Bible Study on the Gospel of John will continue on Sunday Jan. 8th at 8:30 a.m.

Brunch and Bibles: Will resume on January 11th. Please check bulletin in the new year for time & location announcement.

Blessing Of The Animals and Pet Adoption Drive: Saturday January 14th, 11AM - 2PM. Join us on January 14th as we give thanks to God for the blessings of Creation and especially our Pets and Animals. We will have animal blessings, treats and snacks for our pets, food, drinks, and the Maricopa County Humane Society here with Animals to Adopt. If interested in volunteering, talk to Don and Phyllis Schinke or Pastor Tim.

Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring something in to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The calendar is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Debbie O'Neill.

Brunch and Bibles: Our midweek bible study is on hiatus for Thanksgiving and Advent and will resume in January. Check the bulletin in the new year for more information.

Church Members and others who wish to “give electronically” can now do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe.

On the giving page, click on "Fund" and select the appropriate fund from the drop-down list.

The funds are: General, LWML, Missions, Air Conditioners, Memorials for Lucy Durham.

Then follow the directions to complete your transaction.

POSTLUDE

“In Thee is Gladness” -J.S. Bach

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Organist/Director:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	TBD
Special Music:	Beautiful Savior Singers Choir
Lector & Assisting Elder:	Skip McFadden
Greeter:	Marsha Beetham
Acolyte:	Joe Carlin
Altar Care:	Bobbie Littou

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 #480-536-2256.

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 week: 12-25-22 Bible Study—; Worship Service—; Proverbs & Sandwiches Bible Study—NA;

Income report for 12-25-22: Loose Plate \$75; Weekly Envelopes \$2040; Designated Gifts \$638.75; Other \$650; Total \$3403.75; 12-24-22: Loose Plate \$;

Weekly Envelopes \$1825; Designated Gifts \$; Other \$. Total \$. 12-24-22: Loose Plate \$194; Designated Gift; Other \$. Total \$2019.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

January 1, Sunday

NO Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The First Sunday after Christmas

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

January 2, Monday

Church Offices closed office

January 4, Wednesday

9AM-3 PM Pastor Tim in the office

January 5, Thursday

4-5 PM Set up and La Mesa is from 6-7:30 PM

January 6, Friday

9AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned

January 8, Sunday

10 AM The Baptism of Our Lord / Casual Worship

Prayer List:

We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

- **Pat Carlin**- now at home recovering.
- Shelli and Thomas (children), Katie (mother) and Charlotte (mother-in-law) - loss of loved one, Thomas Hughes, from heart attack;
- David Bomhoff fin hospital in Minnesota – several infections, will be hospitalized indefinitely;
- **Pattie**, Sandra’s sister-in-law – recovering from knee surgery.
- **Carol Hurley**, daughter of Donna Evans, - diagnosed with alopecia, (losing of hair).

- **William**, son of Donna Evans – rapid heartbeat, going through tests.
- **Family Friend** of the Hutsons – suffering from Covid.
- **Pattie**, Sandra’s sister-in-law - recovering from knee surgery.
- **Barbara Willford, Cherryl Rice, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Lois Sunderman, Bev Dase** – medical issues.
- **Doris Reith and Len Lacy** – memory care.
- **Beth Hutson, Jim Schutkowski, Sherryl Ellis, Gerri Koski, Warren and Cheryl** -- chemo treatment.

**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/**
- 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 - KFNB RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

January 8 "Gifted" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

What if we learned to see this world and everyone in it as gifts from God?
(Colossians 1:16)



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 your preference.*
- *3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*