

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

January 15, 2023

10:00 a.m.



The Great Exchange Begins

AS WE GATHER

The Baptism John proclaimed was for repentance, that people might be ready to receive the Messiah. When our Lord asked to be baptized, though, He had nothing of which to repent. In gracious obedience, He was baptized to begin this wonderful exchange with sinners, fulfilling the Law in our place and taking upon Himself God's judgment against sin. His ministry would fulfill the words Isaiah penned centuries earlier. Indeed, the Father was pleased with His servant Son that day but forsook Him on the cross as He took our sins with Him. As Paul writes in the Epistle, that great sacrifice ensures that we are able, now and forever, to be "alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11).

PRELUDE

“Be Not Afraid” –Craig Courtney/Dan Forrest

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Most wonderful God, foolish and flawed though we are, we too delight in your beloved Son. As we gather today in his name, may the heavens be opened to us, that we may catch a glimpse of His Light and Love which transforms our common days with a beauty not of our making but of your own. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

OPENING HYMN

“To Jordan's River Came Our Lord” **LSB #405, St. 1-4**

- 1 To Jordan’s river came our Lord, The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored, The God from God, the Light from Light, The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.**
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—The Son of God in flesh disguised—To stand beneath the Father’s will and all His righteousness fulfill.**
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God, The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove, Descended on Him from above.**
- 4 Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound Came God’s own voice with words profound: “This is My Son,” was His decree, “The one I love, who pleases Me.”**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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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

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INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Ps. 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potters vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**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.**

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

KYRIE (*Sung*)

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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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*Sung*)

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P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:1–9

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

⁵Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;

I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Dona Nobis Pacem" ("*Grant us Peace*")- W.A. Mozart /Arr. Barbara Wallace

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Sung*)

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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

"Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered " LSB #404, St. 1-4

- 1 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own; In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown: Heaven opened and the Spirit There descended like a dove, As the Father's voice resounded, "Hear My Son, the One I love."**
- 2 John confessed Him as the Savior—"Look, the sinless Lamb of God!" Yet he dared not loose the sandals of the One God's love had shod. Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us, Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross:**
- 3 This the baptism that our Savior Greatly longed to undergo; This the crimson cleansing needed So the world God's love might know; this the mission of Messiah as He stepped from Jordan's stream, He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.**

4 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path; You, by death, have consecrated Water in this saving bath: Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace; We are counted with the righteous, Over us the cross You trace.

SERMON

Let it Be!

Matthew 3:13–17

OFFERTORY *(Sing)*

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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**)*

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.

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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 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.

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 *(Spoken)*

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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 (*Spoken*)

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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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

1 (Piano solo) "O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near"

2 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" **LSB #739, St. 1-3**

1 Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through
the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord;
lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me
home.

3 When the darkness appears And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone, At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, precious Lord;
lead me home.

3 "Beautiful Savior" **LSB #537, St. 1-4**

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my
joy, my crown.

- 2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

THANK THE LORD (*Sing*)

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek 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

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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.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

“I Want To Walk as a Child of Light” LSB #411, St 1-3

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is
Jesus. Refrain**

Refrain

**In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are
both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me
the way to the Father. Refrain**
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy
of Jesus. Refrain**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Sunday Bible Study: Our Sunday Bible Study on the Gospel of
John on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.**

**Please discontinue using your 2022 envelopes and only use you're
the 2023 envelopes. This will ensure your contribution goes under
your name.**

**Monday, January 30th at 10 a.m. we will be having a GLORIA
Worship Team planning session.**

**Best Practices For Ministry Conference: Happening Feb.
16th-18th at Christ Church Lutheran on Indian School Rd. Join
Pastor Tim and Annie at this FREE Annual Conference for church
workers and church lay leaders. Come for the whole event, come
for a day, or come for an hour. Registration is FREE. For more
information, ask Pastor or go to <https://cclphoenix.org/bpm/>**



Best Practices Ministry - Christ Church Lutheran

BPM, which stands for Best Practices in Ministry, is a conference hosted by Christ Church Lutheran. For 10 years we have offered this FREE conference to remind professional and lay church workers that you are loved, you are not alone, and you matter. And when we say free, we truly mean that: free meals, free shuttling, free speakers, free snacks, free activities, free registration.

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Ash Wednesday, Wed Feb. 22nd. We will have worship services at 12:00pm and 7:00pm. No meal will be served before the 7:00pm service.

Midweek Lenten Services: Services begin each Wednesday on March 1st at 12:00pm and 7:00pm. We will have dinner at 6:00pm before each 7:00pm service in March. More information is coming soon.

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.

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 “Let All Together Praise Our God” -Johann Walter

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:	Rev. Tim Anderson
Organist/Director of Music:	Ellen Brown
Song Leader:	Debby Bergman
Special Music:	The Beautiful Savior Singers
Lector:	Connor Garrett
Assisting Elder:	Wendall Robson
Greeter:	Kathy Held
Acolyte:	Alternate
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: 1-8-23 Bible Study—9; Worship Service—75; Proverbs & Sandwiches Bible Study—NA; Income report for 1-8-23: Loose Plate \$123; Weekly Envelopes \$2285; Designated Gifts \$161; Other \$44.56; Total \$2613.56.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

January 15, Sunday

8:30 am Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Baptism of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

January 16, Monday

9 AM-3 PM Pastor Anderson in office

January 18, Wednesday

9AM-3 PM Pastor Tim in the office

January 19, Thursday

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

January 20, Friday

9AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned

January 22, Sunday

10 AM The Third Sunday after the Epiphany Worship

January 29, Sunday

After worship: Congregation Voters Assembly Meeting

Prayer List:

We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

- **Glenn Brown** fell at home on Wednesday, we pray the doctor finds out why he fell, may be in the hospital for several days.
- **Pat Carlin**- now at home healing after a broken hip.
- **Ken** who is suffering from MS.
- **David Bomhoff** in hospital in Minnesota – several infections, will be hospitalized indefinitely;
- **Barbara Willford, Cherryl Rice, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Lois Sunderman, Bev Dase & Blue Sky (Tom)** – medical issues.
- **Doris Reith; Len Lacy; Judy Snedeker**, friend of Gladys Myer – memory care.
- **Beth Hutson, Jim Schutkowski, Sherry Ellis, Gerri Koski, Warren and Cheryl** -- chemo treatment.
- **Beth Ruettinger** – waiting for a diagnosis to determine if she has bone cancer.
- **Minmin**, Bobbie’s friend, has had many problems during pregnancy, pray delivery goes well;
- **Beth Young**, friend of Pastor and Annie, - lost parents within this year.
- Prayer of THANKS – **Pastor Tim** has accepted the call to him to be our full-time Shepherd. Praise God.

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 - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

January 22 "**Whatever You Do**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge.

The mundane just isn't mundane when seen through heaven's eyes.

(Colossians 3:17-21)



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.*