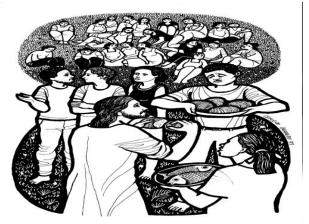
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

August 6, 2023 10:00 a.m.

"The Mission of Beautiful Savior is to "Serve the Lord, extend the Gospel, and make Jesus alive in the community."



Multiply

AS WE GATHER

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PRELUDE

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

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OPENING HYMN

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB #633, v. 1, 2 4 & 8

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim,

paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

8Δ Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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- 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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Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

He spread a cloud for a covering,

and fire to give light by night.

They asked, and he brought quail,

and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

it flowed through the desert like a river.

For he remembered his holy promise,

and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought his people out with joy,

his chosen ones with singing.

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.

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make known his deeds among the peoples!

KYRIE (Sing) Page 152-153

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.

- 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

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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

Isaiah 55:1–5

1"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 9:1–13

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, "The

older will serve the younger." ¹³As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"- Words by

Fred Kaan & Music by Doreen Potter.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (Sing)

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

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:13–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED Page 174

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 "Let Us Break Bread Together" TOSB #126, v.1-4

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees, Let us break bread together on our knees; When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me!
- 2. Let us drink the cup together on our knees, Let us drink the cup together on our knees, When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me!
- 3. Let us bow 'round the alter on our knees, Let us bow 'round the alter on our knees, When I fall on my knees with my face to the

rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me!

4. Let us Praise God together on our knees, Let us Praise God together on our knees, When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me!

SERMON Bring Me What You Have and Watch! Matthew 14:13–21

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**)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE Page 160

- 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. 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.

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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) "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" LSB #618, v. 1-3
- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain
 - 2) "What Feast of Love" WOV #701, v. 1-3
- 1 What feast of love is offered here, what banquet come from Heaven? What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is Given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from Heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!
- 2 What light of truth is offered here, what covenant from heaven? What hope of everlasting life, what wondrous word is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heaven. Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given!

- 3 What wine of love is offered here, what holy drink from heaven? What stream of everlasting life, what precious blood is given? This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of god is given!
 - 3) (piano) "Come to the Table"-C. Cloninger & M. Nystrom

THANK THE LORD (Sing)

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C 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

"O Living Bread from Heaven" **LSB #642, v. 1-4** [Sung to the Tune: AURELIA, #644]

1 O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed your guest!

- The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace; For You have freely given What earth could never buy, The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy. And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown, And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here My course on earth is lengthened,
 To serve with holy fear. And when You call my spirit
 To leave this world below, I enter, through Your merit,
 Where joys unmingled flow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Why do we do, that?" Continues through Labor Day Weekend, join us every Sunday morning at 8:30am. This is your chance to ask any questions you have about Beautiful Savior, about Christianity, about Lutheranism, about our beliefs or our practices. You can email all questions ahead of time to Pastor Tim at: PastorTimAnderson@gmail.com you can also submit them in the basket next to LWML mite box in the narthex.

August 6 Voter's Assembly Meeting today after worship.

<u>Aug 22nd 2023: Pizza and Pipes at Organ Stop Pizza.</u> Join us for a night of Food, Fellowship, Fun and the ORGAN!!! Music begins at 4:30pm and we encourage you to come when you can. A Signup sheet is in the narthex/hallway. If we have at least 20 sign-up,

we can reserve a table. Need transportation? Talk to Ellen Brown or Pastor Tim. We hope to have Rides available.

Women's Weekly Bible Study meets Mondays at noon. All Beautiful Savior women and friends are welcome to attend! We will study Michal Monday, Aug. 7th.

To All Beautiful Savior Women:

Are you interested in joyfully proclaiming Christ, supporting missions, and equipping women to honor God by serving others? Our Women In Mission Society at Beautiful Savior offers these opportunities!

Please join us Saturday, August 12th at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall to learn more about what our own Women in Mission society does and the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League! We will tell you how Mites work, how grants are distributed for mission projects, what devotional materials are available, and what, exactly, our society at Beautiful Savior does and is responsible for!

Most importantly, refreshments will be served so we can visit with each other and learn what we have been doing this summer!

<u>Sept 10th 2023 at 11:00am.</u> A Grand Legacy Of Faith
<u>Celebration:</u> Join us after church on Sept 10th as we celebrate
Grandparents Day here at Beautiful Savior. We will honor our grandparents and encourage you to bring pictures and stories of your grandma's and grandpa's and share how they have inspired you and your faith. We also encourage you to bring a grandkid to church or anyone you have a mentoring relationship with. We will play generation trivia and try to better understand each generation as we continue to pass on the faith.

2023 Beautiful Savior T-Shirts.



We are in the process of ordering our 2023 Beautiful Savior T-shirts to have for our church events and also just to wear out in the community. If you would like to order a shirt please write 2023 T-shirt on the memo line of a check or place cash in an envelope labeled 2023 t-shirts. Shirts are \$20 per shirt and we will be placing our first shirt order on Sept. 1st.

Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats.

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 schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

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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, La Mesa & Staff Continuing Education

"The Stewardship Committee will be collecting cash from the congregation for the Justa Center every Sunday in August. If you would like to make a donation to help the homeless seniors in Phoenix, please use your "Designated Funds" envelope and write " Justa Center" on it. You might also want to write "Justa Center" on the description line of your check. We will make contact with Justa Center after the collection is over and will buy and deliver to them what is the uppermost priority on their list. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity. Bobbie, Wendy, and Charlotte"

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on OLD HUNDREDTH" by Fred Bock

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Pastor Tim Anderson **Officiant Preacher:** Ellen Brown **Organist/Dir. of Music:**

Song Leader: Charles Haynes

Special Music: The Beautiful Savior Singers

Donna Evans **Lector Reader:**

Assisting Elder: Marsha Beetham Greeter:

Acolyte: Joe Carlin

Pat Carlin Altar:

<u>Visitors</u>, 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. <u>Members</u> are also encouraged to complete a "Worship Information" card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit)

Pastor Tim's Office Hours: Pastor Tim is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. 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: 7-30-23 Bible Study—10; Worship Service—40; 7-31-2023 Women's Bible Study—5; 8-24-2023 Brunch & Bibles Midweek Bible Study—NA;

Income report for 7-30-23: Loose Plate \$; Weekly Envelopes \$; Designated Gifts \$; Other \$; Total \$.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

August 6, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost w/Holy Communion

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

After worship: Congregation Voter's Assembly Meeting

August 7, Monday

12 PM Women's Bible Study

August 8, Tuesday

7 PM Board of Finance

August 10, Thursday

4-7 PM La Mesa

August 11, Friday

9 AM-11 AM Church Offices Cleaned

August 12, Saturday

10 AM LWML (Planning for the year) in the Fellowship Hall August 13, Sunday

10 AM The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship -Casual Sunday

Prayer List: We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

Christy Bergman, Jeanne Wilson, Susan, Pastor Pope, Ruth, Analisa Duran, Walter Hurley, Jeanne Wilson, Connie Laird, Kathryn Odle, Phyllis Schinke, Lincoln, Rick, Vicki, Nancy, Tom & Amina Kruck, Pat Carlin, Wendy Sievers, Glenn Brown, Mike, Bev Dase, Lois, Stan, Bergman's brother-in-law; Brenda; Jan Buel, Beth Ruettinger, Warren and Cheryl; Doris Reith, Len Lacy. Mary & Skip's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Deb and Doug Bergman, traveling.

FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO MAY 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

August 6 "Who is Jesus?" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: <u>Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus</u>. Jesus never needed to take a poll to figure out who He was or what He should do. (Matthew 16:13b-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 <u>center</u> of each tray for those
 who have an intolerance to alcohol.
- 2) The Blood of Christ, in, with and under the wine, <u>is served in individual glasses.</u>
- 3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.