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# 3RD SUNDAY OF *Advent*



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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

**[P]** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

**[P]** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**[P]** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**[P]** Most merciful God,

**[C] We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**[C] Amen.**

*Stand*

**GREETING OF PEACE** *As you greet others, please be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands. Other options while saying "Peace be with you. / And also with you" is to place your hand on your heart, a head nod or to bow.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### OPENING HYMN “Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn”

1 A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though

G Am7 G C D

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall

G C Am7 D7 G Am7

soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.

G C D G Am7 D C G

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less

geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and


lives now in - side us for ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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REJOICE, REJOICE  
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**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** And also with you.


**KYRIE** (Cong. sings “c” parts)



♩ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    ♪ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



♩ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    ♪ Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:



♩ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    ♪ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

**ADVENT SENTENCES**

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
People: **the light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: By the Holy Spirit we cry out with the whole Church,  
People: **“Prepare the way of the Lord.”**

Pastor: All who wait for Jesus to return pray,  
People: **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

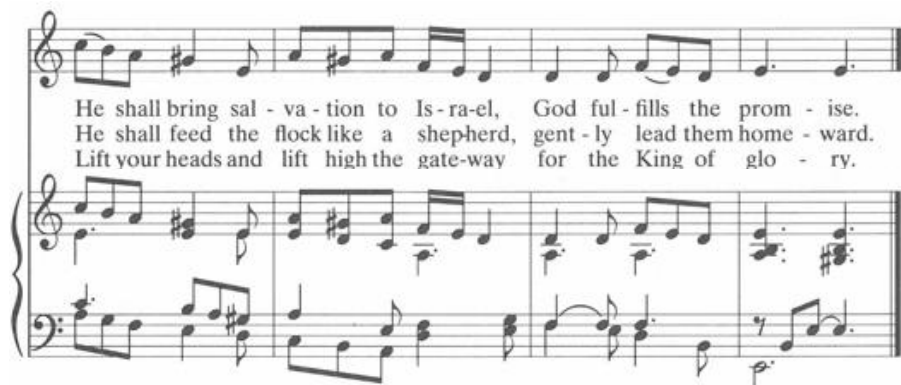
**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

**ADVENT SONG**                    **“Light One Candle”**



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**[P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** **And also with you.**

**[P]** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore you to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **[C]** **Amen.**

*Sit*

*Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON Amos 9:11-15

*Despite the numerous sins amongst the people, God is showing mercy to the people of Israel. Amos means burden, or burden bearer and in this case the burden is God's continued mercy. In today's text, God is promising to restore the people.*

**[P]** On that day I will raise up  
the booth of David that is fallen,  
and repair its breaches,  
and raise up its ruins,  
and rebuild it as in the days of old;  
in order that they may possess the remnant of Edom  
and all the nations who are called by my name,  
says the LORD who does this.

The time is surely coming, says the LORD,  
when the one who ploughs shall overtake the one who reaps,  
and the treader of grapes the one who sows the seed;  
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,  
and all the hills shall flow with it.  
I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,  
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,

and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.  
 I will plant them upon their land,  
 and they shall never again be plucked up  
 out of the land that I have given them,  
 says the LORD your God.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come again to judge the living and  
 the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

## MESSAGE "Raise Up"

Stand

## HYMN "All Earth is Hopeful"

1 All earth is hope-ful, the Sav-ior comes at last!  
2 Peo-ple of Is-rael, you heard the proph-et tell:  
3 Moun-tains and val-leys will have to be pre-pared;  
4 We first saw Je-sus a ba-by in a crib.

Fur-rows lie o-pen for God's cre-a-tive task: this, the  
"A vir-gin moth-er will bear Em-man-u-el"; she con-  
new high-ways o-pened, new pro-to-cols de-clared. Al-most  
This same Lord Je-sus to-day has come to live in our

la-bor of peo-ple who strug-gle to see how  
ceived him, "God with us," our broth-er, whose birth re-  
here! God is near-ing, in beau-ty and grace! All  
world; he is pres-ent, in neigh-bors we see our

God's truth and jus-tice set ev-'ry-bod-y free.  
stores hope and cour-age to chil-dren of this earth.  
clear ev-'ry gate-way, in haste, come out in haste!  
Je-sus is with us, and ev-er sets us free.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICE OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

## OFFERING

*You may contribute online by texting the amount to 517-879-0989 and following the prompts. Alternately, gifts may be placed in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER AND SONG

**P** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



## THE 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 our thanks and praise.

**[P]** It is indeed right ...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**[P]** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

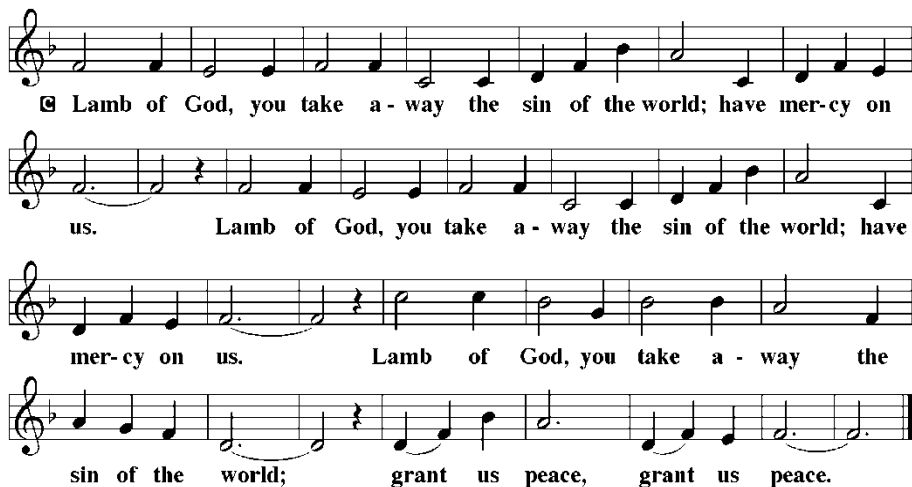
**P** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.*

**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.

## THE LAMB OF GOD



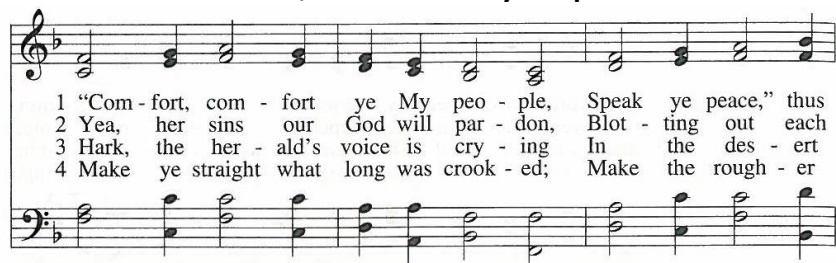
**L**amb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

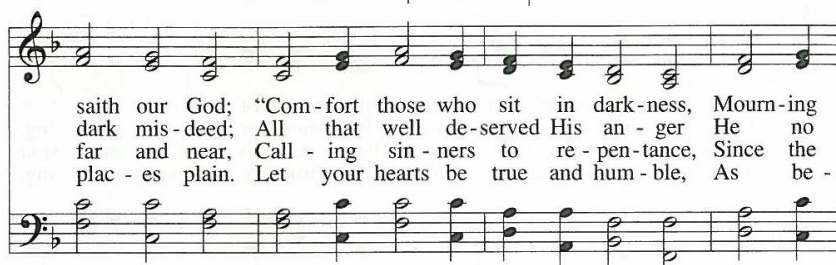
**THE DISTRIBUTION** *Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive communion from pre-packaged elements or the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free options are available.*

## HYMN

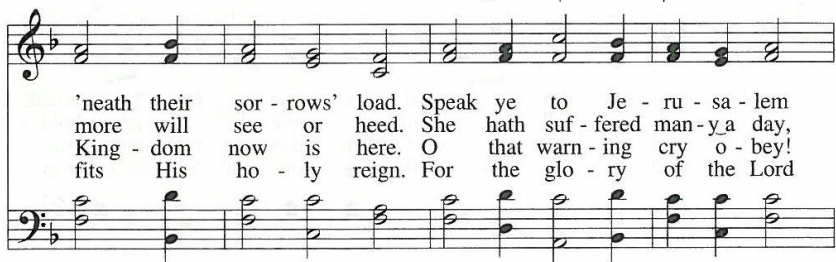
## "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"



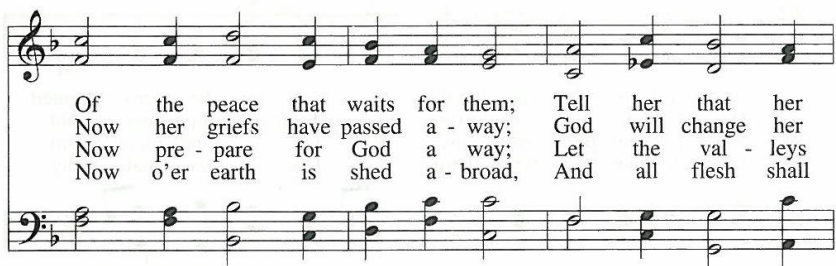
1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each  
 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert  
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er




saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no  
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the  
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,  
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys shall  
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann Olearius, 1611-84; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Is. 40:1-8

# HYMN

## "He Came Down"



- 1) He came down that we may have love; he came down
- 2) He came down that we may have light; he came down
- 3) He came down that we may have peace; he came down
- 4) He came down that we may have joy; he came down



that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
 that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
 that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
 that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



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 Cameroon traditional

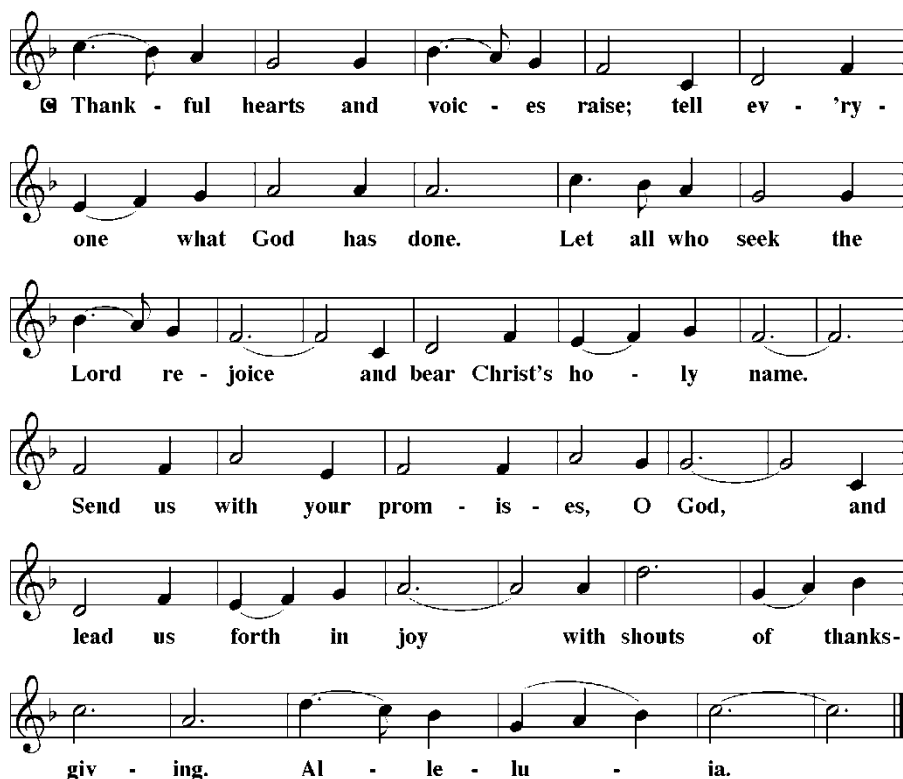
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Tune: He Came Down  
 Cameroon traditional

### Stand

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER



**C** Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

# CLOSING HYMN

## “Prepare the Royal Highway”

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, alt.  
 Tune: Swedish, 17th cent.; setting: Henry V. Gerike, b. 1948

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BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN  
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Is. 40:3–5; Matt. 21:1–11; Ps. 24:7–10; Is. 9:6–7

# POSTLUDE

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## Our Confession about Communion

### Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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Reader: Rachel Karlake

Assisting with Communion: Mike Nevells

***Thank you for worshiping with us!***