

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 15, 2023**  
**10:30 AM**

**UNDER NEW  
MANAGEMENT**  
Stewardship Focus



*"Christ- Students- Community Coming Together"*

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## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

**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.

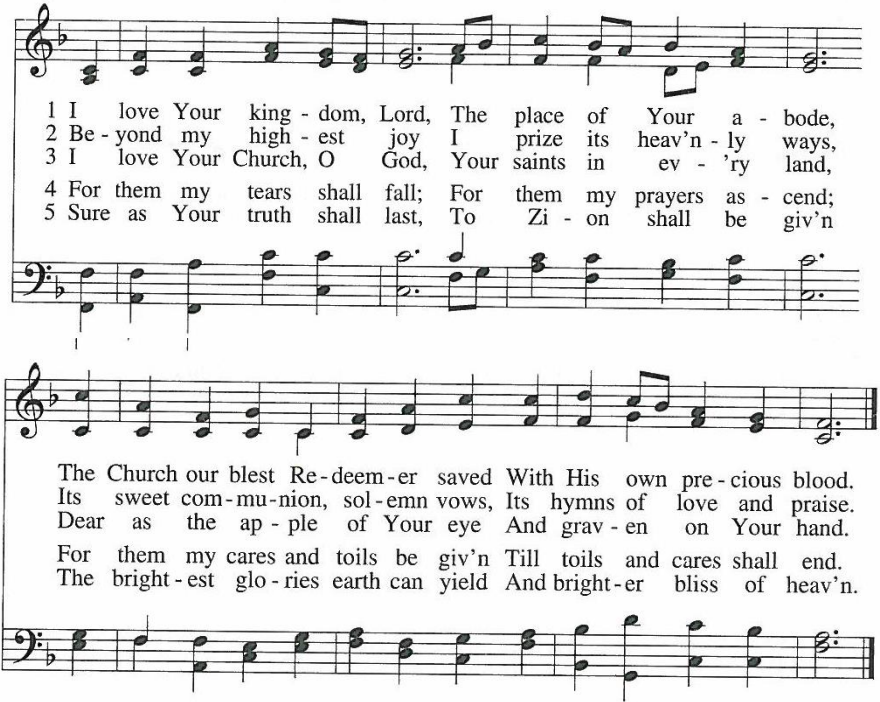
**C** Amen.

## GREETING OF PEACE

*say "Peace be with you/ And also with you", be mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands, you may give a head nod, bow or place your hand on your heart.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### HYMN “I Love Your Kingdom Lord”



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,  
 2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,  
 3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,  
 4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;  
 5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n

The Church our blest Re-deem-er saved With His own pre-cious blood.  
 Its sweet com-mu-nion, sol-lemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.  
 Dear as the ap-ple of Your eye And grav-en on Your hand.  
 For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.  
 The bright-est glo-ries earth can yield And bright-er bliss of heav'n.

Text: Timothy Dwight, 1752–1817, alt.  
 Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Ps. 26:8; Col. 3:15–16; Eph. 6:18; 1s. 30:19

**[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.**

**[P]** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**[C]** Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**[P]** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**[C]** Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

**[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.



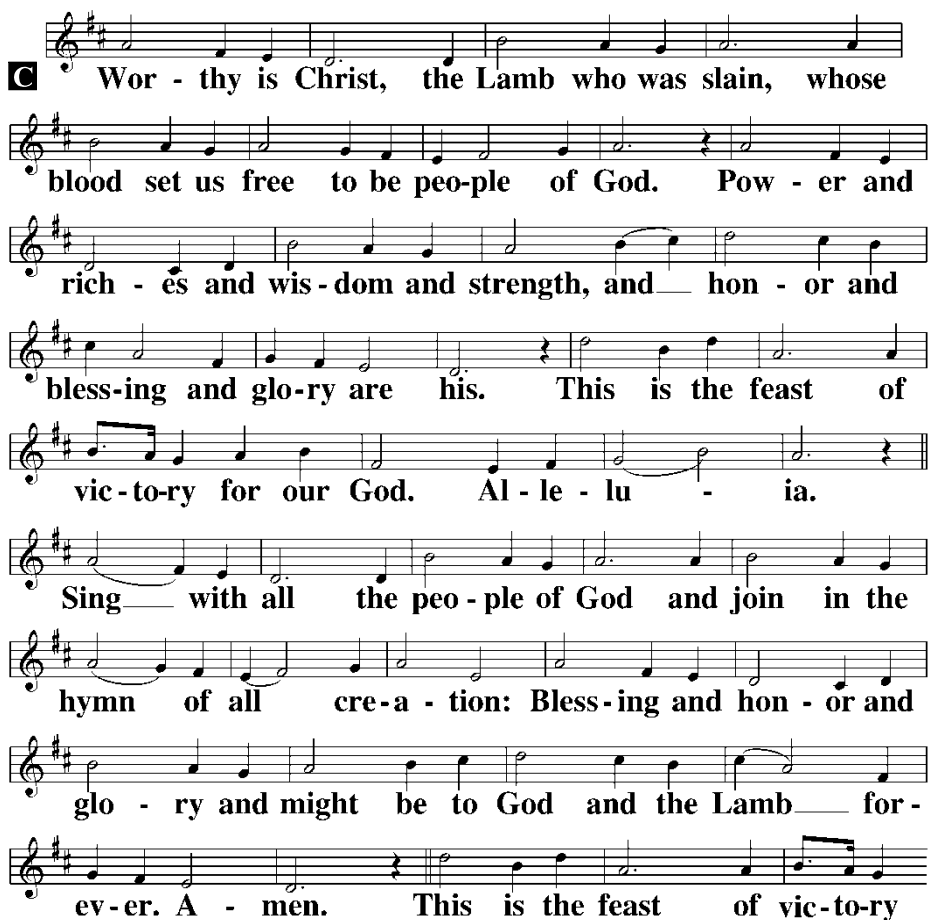
**P** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

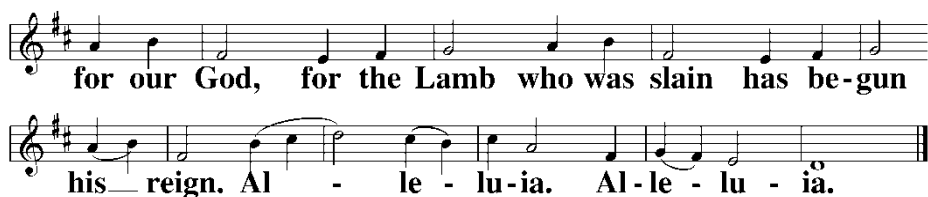


**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**P** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.





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

**[P]** Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

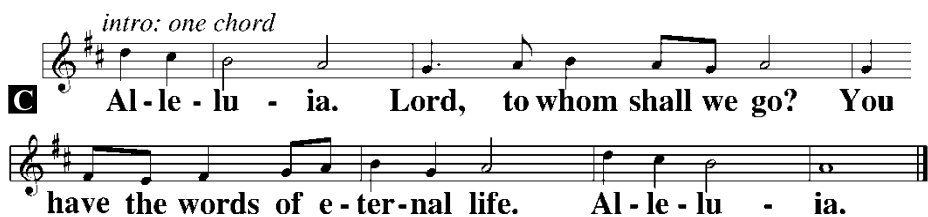
Mark 4:21-33

**[R]** Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

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

*Stand*



**HOLY GOSPEL** The Holy Gospel of **Matthew**, chapter 28

**C** **Glory to You O Lord.**

**P** And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

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

*Sit*

**MESSAGE** “Under New Management, To Grow the Kingdom”

*Stand*

**HYMN** “God Is Here”

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of Church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the Gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, b. 1903

Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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## 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.

## 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

### OFFERING

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



### OFFERTORY MUSIC



## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**P** Let us pray. God of wisdom,

**C** in your Son Jesus you teach us to love one another and to share the gifts of our lives. Receive these gifts in thanksgiving for all you have done for us. Bring forth from us a rich yield in lives dedicated to your service. Amen.

*Stand*

*introduction*

**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 of-fer.  
Grace our ta-ble with your pres-ence, and  
give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

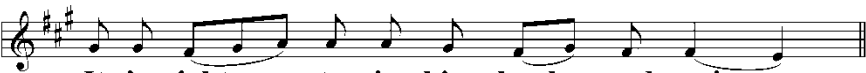
**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift — them to — the Lord. —

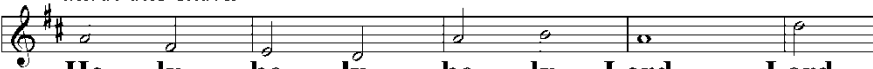
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*intro: one chord*



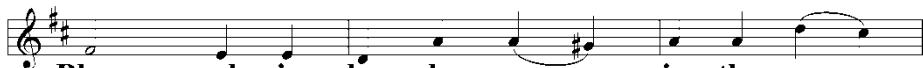
**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord



God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full



of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

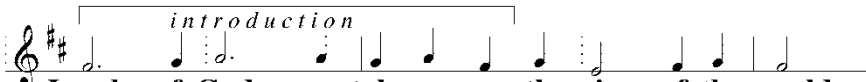
**P** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.

**LAMB OF GOD**

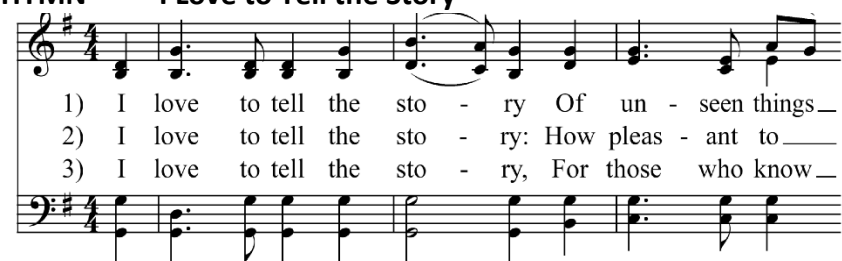


**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

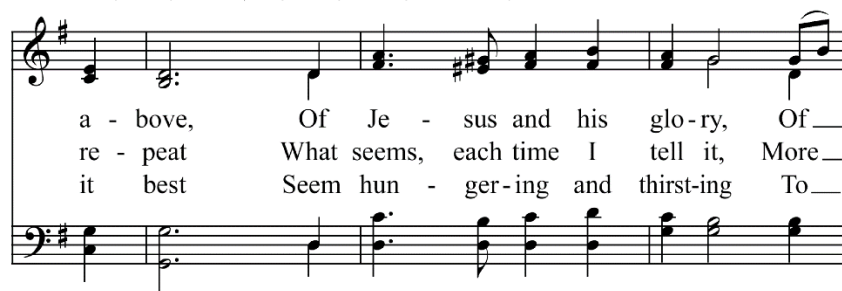
*Sit*

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

# HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story"



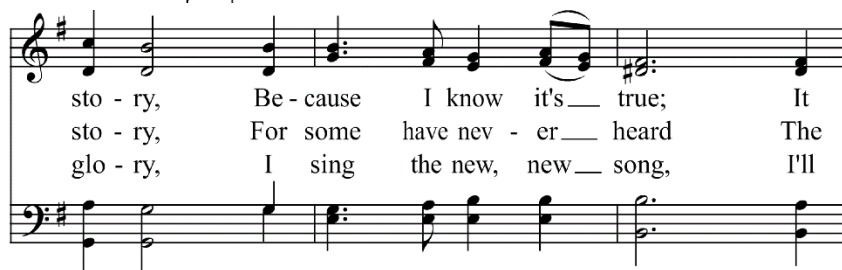
1) I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things —  
 2) I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to —  
 3) I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know —



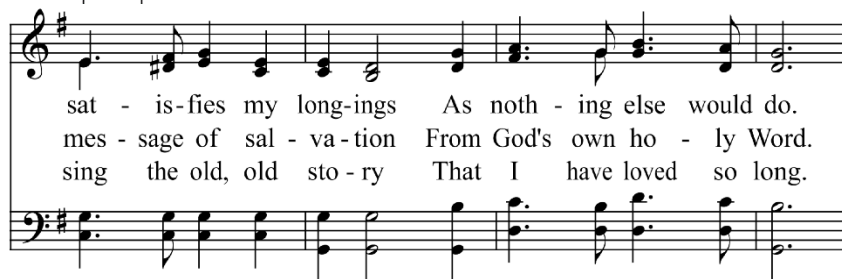
a - bove, Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of —  
 re - peat What seems, each time I tell it, More —  
 it best Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To —



Je - sus and — his love. I love to tell the  
 won - der - ful - ly sweet! I love to tell the  
 hear it like — the rest. And when, in scenes of



sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's — true; It  
 sto - ry, For some have nev - er — heard The  
 glo - ry, I sing the new, new — song, I'll



sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
 mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.  
 sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme  
in glo - ry And tell the old, — old  
sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

*Stand*

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT AND PRAYER

*intro: one chord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
he has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joyce—  
and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and  
leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**P** Let us pray. Lord God, you are the one for whom we have waited. We rejoice in your salvation. As you have fed us with the riches of this table, place us again in your vineyard to reap the harvest of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
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 “Jesus Shall Reign”

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from  
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es  
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -  
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with

shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
 Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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Ps. 72:5–11, 17; Rev. 11:15; Ps. 8:2; Matt. 21:15–16; Matt. 11:28

## 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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