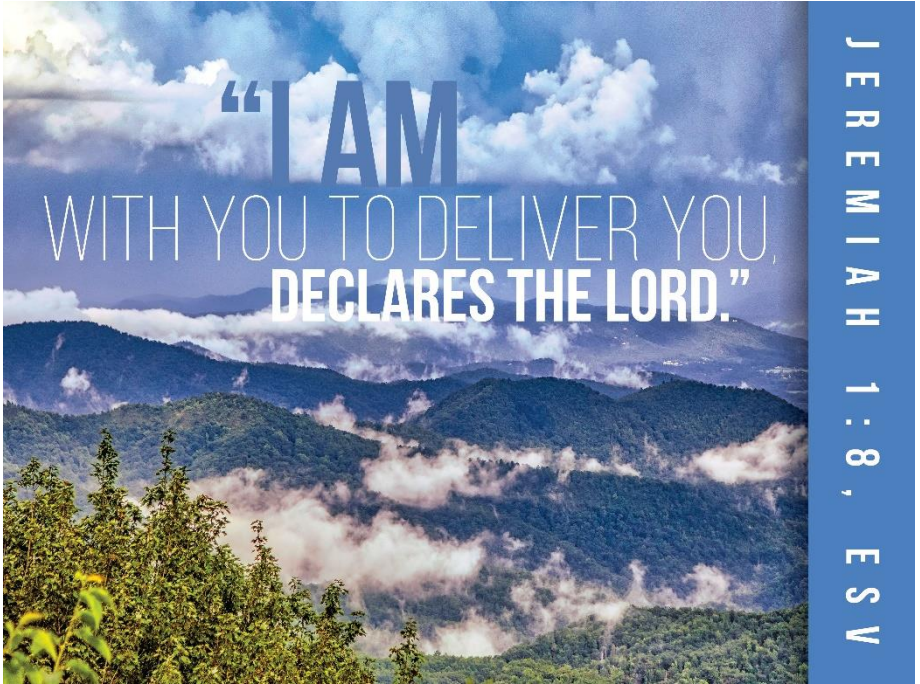


**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**February 2, 2025**  
**10:30 AM**



*“Christ- Students- Community Coming Together”*

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*An epiphany ought to be a surprise. The prophet Jeremiah is surprised that God would call a youth, but Jeremiah has been in God's sight for a long, long time. Jesus preaches with authority and heals diseases in ways that surprise those who witnessed it. And love, which seems so familiar, is really a radical invitation to care for others on their terms. How will love surprise us this day?*

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Embraced by the love of God through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin before God and one another.

*A time of silence is observed.*

**P** Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, God of love, in thought, word, and deed.

**C** In Your great love, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

**P** We have shown lack of trust in Your loving purpose for our lives.

**C** In Your great love, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

**P** We have failed to immerse ourselves in Your Word and to speak it freely in the world.

**C** In Your great love, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

**P** We have failed to love You and to love one another, even using our faith as an excuse not to love our neighbors.

**C** In Your great love, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

**P** We have been envious, boastful, arrogant, rude, insistent, irritable, and resentful.

**C** In Your great love, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

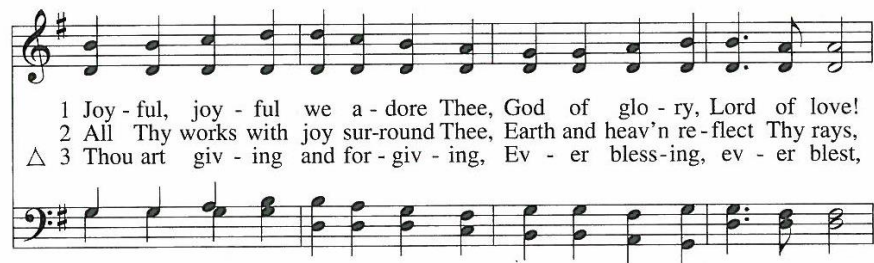
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

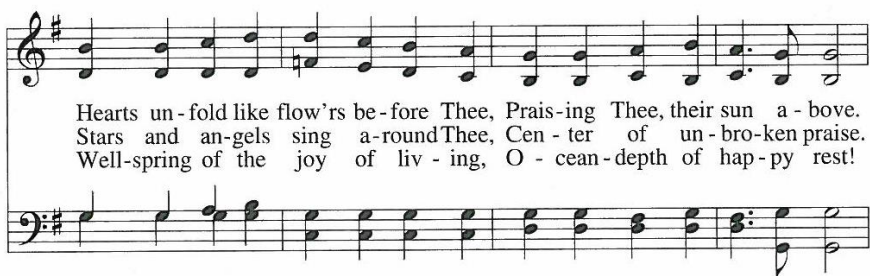
## SHARING OF THE PEACE *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

### SERVICE OF THE WORD

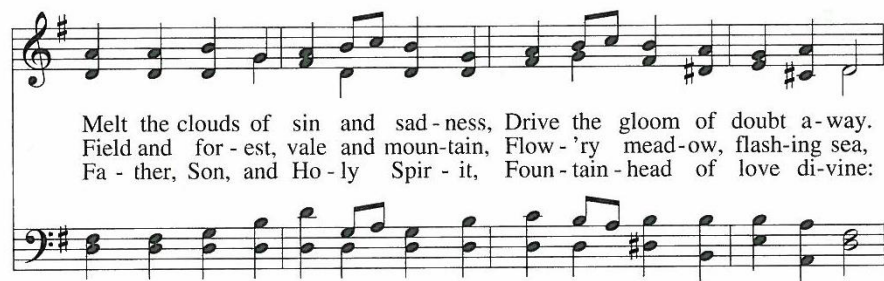
#### HYMN “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-lect Thy rays,  
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - boye.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

Text: Henry Van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt.  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867

HYMN TO JOY  
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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.**

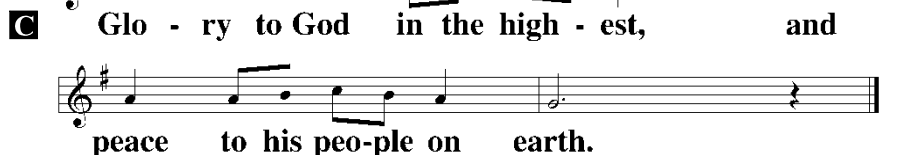
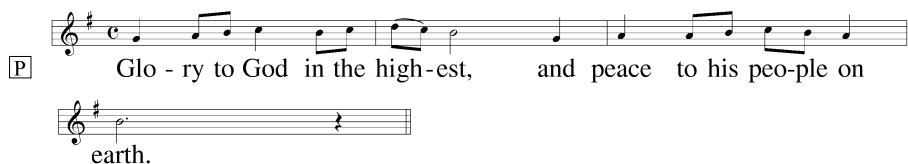
## **C** Kyrie Refrain



## **Kyrie Verses** (*soloist or choir or pastor*):

1. Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom.  
(*Congregation repeats Refrain above*)
2. You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.  
(*Congregation repeats Refrain above*)
3. You will come in glory with salvation for your people.  
(*Congregation repeats Refrain above.*)

## **GLORIA - Refrain** (*at beginning pastor sings the first half of Refrain*) (*after each verse below, the congregation sings all of the Refrain as shown*)



## **Verses** (*sung by soloist or choir or pastor*)

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth.

1. 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.

**C**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth.

2. 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.

**C**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O Lord, You showed Your love for humanity through Jesus, Your beloved Son, who cast out demons and healed the sick.

**C** Empower us by Your Spirit to love You with our whole heart,  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves,

**P** so that the light of Your love may so shine before others through us that they glorify You;

**C** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

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

## FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10

*Today's reading relates Jeremiah's call and commission as a prophet in the years before the Babylonian exile. His task was to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of the time. He was to make God known, not just among the Judeans, but also among the nations.*

**R** Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."  
But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

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

**SECOND LESSON** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Some at Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the most important of these is love, the kind of love that allows us to live and work in cooperation with one another, the kind of love that God showed us particularly in Christ.*

**R** If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

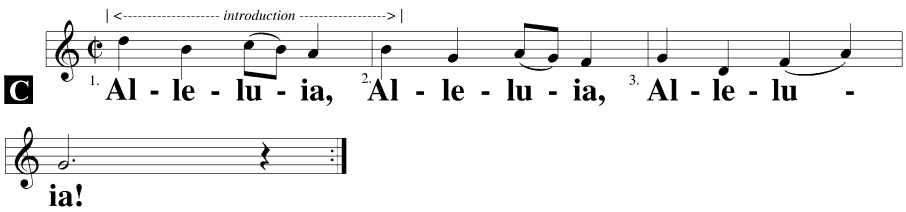
Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA** (Stand and sing twice; leader may also ask it to be sung in canon)



**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, Chapter 4, beginning at verse 31. **C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*Jesus reveals his power as he casts out demons, heals diseases, and preaches with authority.*

**P** He went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 'Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' When the demon had thrown him down

before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, 'What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!' And a report about him began to reach every place in the region.

After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.' So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**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**



Stand

## HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered  
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious  
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and  
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us  
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955  
Tune: *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

BEACH SPRING  
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Luke 4:16-21; Mark 10:13-16; John 1:1, 14, 29; 4:5-14

## 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

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### OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Stand*

**[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.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**[P]** The Lord be with you.

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

**[P]** Lift up your hearts.

**[C]** We lift them up

to the Lord.

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

**[C]** It is right to give God

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, who shone forth Your kingdom in this world by teaching, casting out demons, healing the sick, and proclaiming the kingdom from town to town. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*introduction: 3 notes*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly  
Lord, God of pow-er 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. Ho -  
san - na in the high - - - est!

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**[P]** *(Words of Institution are spoken here by the Pastor)*

**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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today**

our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

*Pastor, soloist or choir:*

**[P]** 1) Lamb of God,  
2) Prince of Peace,

*Congregation:*

**[C]** you take a - way the sin of the  
you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us.  
world: have mer - cy on us.

(interlude is played during these measures) (after 1st verse, go to beginning for 2nd verse) (after 2nd verse, the song continues below)

*Pastor, soloist or choir:*  
*for 3rd verse only:*

**[P]** 3) Lamb of God,

*Congregation:*

**[C]** you take a - way the sin of the world:  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.

HYMN "There is A Balm in Gilead"

*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To make the wound-ed whole;



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad To heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged And think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, If you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, For Je - sus is your friend;



*Refrain*



But then the Ho - ly Spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.  
You can tell the love of Je - sus And say He died for all.  
And if you lack for knowl-edge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.



Text: African American spiritual  
Music: African American spiritual

BALM IN GILEAD  
Irregular meter

Stand

## THE BLESSING

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

**P** Let us pray. Thank You, Lord, for Your patient love demonstrated by Jesus' death and resurrection for us and delivered to us today through the body and blood of Christ. Stir our hearts by Your Holy Spirit to love others with patience, kindness, humility, peacefulness, and truth; 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

**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.**

## HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and  
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and

truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us  
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;  
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,  
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us

Hal - lows all our hu - man race, You our Head, who, throned in  
 Free-ly may Your ser - vants give. Yours the gold and Yours the  
 Bid its cru - el dis - cords cease. By Your pa - tient years of  
 Hal - lows all our hu - man race: By Your pray - ing, by Your

glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your  
 sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew - ards  
 toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered  
 will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our

love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
 of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, alt.

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*1 Peter 1:20–23; Heb. 7:25; John 13:34–35; 17:20–21*

## POSTLUDE

----- *The liturgy is ended; let the service begin* -----

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## Our Confession about Communion

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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