



EASTER

— SUNDAY —

April 20, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (Variations)

*Carl G. Glaser,
arr. Hopson*

INVOCATION

P Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

C Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P In the name of the Father—who creates and re-creates new life in the kingdom of resurrection,

C Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P and of ✠ Jesus—who redeems and resurrects new life in the kingdom of resurrection,

C Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P and of the Holy Spirit—who sanctifies and breathes new life in the kingdom of resurrection.

C Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CHIMES

Caylie Berghorn

HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which He en - dured,
 △ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love;

Who did once up - on the cross,
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's king,
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host,

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Latin, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-88, st. 4; tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1-3, alt.
 Tune: *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

EASTER HYMN
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EASTER ACCLAMATION

- [P] Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- [C] He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GREETING OF PEACE

Introduce yourself to those around you, greeting them with the Easter greeting.

- [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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
(intro.)
[C] This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Go to Verses*

Verse 1
Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 2
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 3
Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men. *Sing the Refrain*

Verse 4
For the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. *continue below*

Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Sit

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

(God re-creates all things new!—the heavens, the earth, Jerusalem, the chosen—upending a sin-broken world, preparing all believers for new life in resurrection.)

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
 and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
 or the cry of distress.
 No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 They shall not labour in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
 and their descendants as well.
 Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain,
 says the Lord.

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

PSALM 16 for Easter Day

C No storm can shake my in - most calm While
 to that Rock I'm cling - ing Since Christ is Lord of
 heav - en and earth, How can I keep from sing - ing?

Preserve me, | O God,*
for in You I take | refuge.
I say to the LORD, "You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from You."
As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones, in whom is all | my delight.

Refrain

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall |
multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their
names | on my lips.
The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*
You | hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;*
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.

Refrain

I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.
I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.

Refrain

For You will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let Your holy one see cor- | ruption.
You make known to me the | path of life;*
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Refrain

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

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EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

(In the end, the kingdom of God will rule over every power and authority. All believers shall be made alive in Christ.)

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

Alleluia Verse

intro: one chord

C Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal - life. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:1–12 (The Lord is crucified, killed, and buried, but His tomb is found empty! Resurrection triumph prevails. Jesus is alive! Believers are perplexed, amazed, yet confident by faith.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

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

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Second Article of the Apostle's Creed and Luther's Explanation

[C] **I believe 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 to judge the living and the dead.**

[P] What does this mean? **[C]** **I believe that Jesus Christ,**

Men: true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,

Women: and also truly human, born of the virgin Mary,

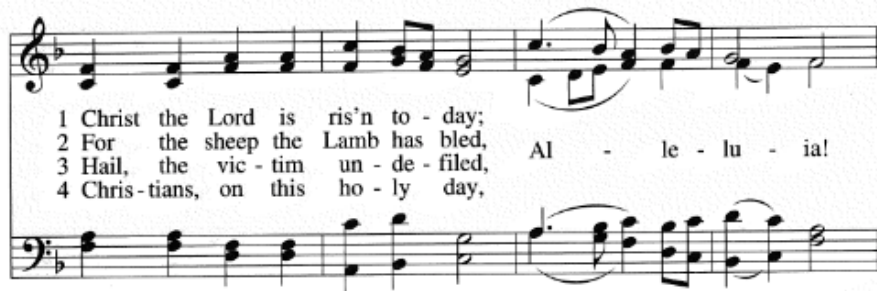
[C] **is my Lord,**

Women: who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;

Men: not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

[C] **that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia"



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day;
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed,
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day,

Chris-tians, has - ten on your way;
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled,
All your grate - ful hom - age pay;

Of - fer praise with love re - plete,
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life,
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high;

At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet.
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife.
Now He lives, no more to die.

MESSAGE

HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- [P]** On this great celebration of the third day, when Jesus was raised from death to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.
- [C]** **We know that if we ask anything in Your name and according to Your will, You will not only hear our prayer but You promise to answer it.**
- [P]** Our risen Savior, before we ask anything of You, we lay before Your feet all our worship, adoration, praise, and thanksgiving.
- [C]** **You not only sacrificed Your life for our sins on the cross, but You defeated death itself on the third day. For this, we bow before You, offering our thanks, praise, and service to You.**
- [P]** We pause to remember the events of the third day:
- [C]** **The women at the tomb, Peter and John, the Emmaus road, the Upper Room.**
- [P]** In each case, You brought joy to those circumstances.
- [C]** **Wherever we find ourselves today, Lord, remind us of what You did in the resurrection and fill our hearts with Your joy. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- [P]** We remember before Your throne those whose joys are being stolen by the circumstances of life. We remember those sick and in need of Your care, [*especially . . .*].
- [C]** **We lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ before Your throne, trusting in our great heavenly physician to use doctors, nurses, medicines, and miracles, according to Your will, to bring healing and health to them. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- [P]** For those who struggle every day, Lord Jesus, show compassion on them;
- [C]** **Look with compassion on those struggling paycheck to paycheck; for the homeless, the ones living in poverty; and so many we have not named but are known to You, almighty God. Care for them as only You can. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- [P]** We pray for those who govern, both in our land and in others.
- [C]** **We pray for world leaders and all in authority, that they would be guided by Your Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.**
- [P]** We pray for those who are imprisoned, and we remember those imprisoned for nothing more than their faith in Jesus.

C As You showed grace to the thief on the cross, show Your grace to those imprisoned who do not know You. We ask protection for the ones persecuted for their faith. Lord, hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all our requests.

C We pray these and all the prayers of our heart in the name of Jesus, risen on the third day, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

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



MUSIC

"Sing We Hallelujah"

F.J. Haydn, arr. Hopson

Choir

Stand

OFFERTORY SONG

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 the dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer
now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give



THE PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



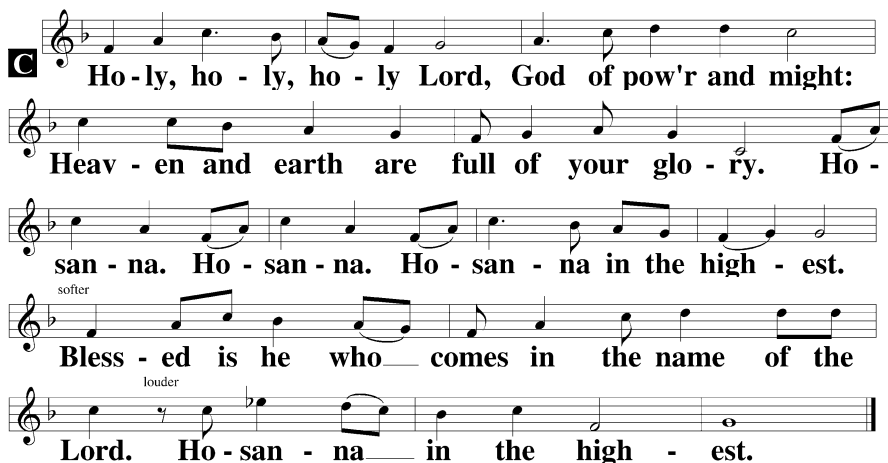
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on the third day raised Him back to life. Because He was raised, we believe we also shall be raised; because He can no longer die, we believe we will be raised to life eternal through faith in Him. Therefore, with the women at the tomb, John and Peter, all who saw Him raised back to life, along with angels and archangels, we praise and glorify Your holy name, evermore praising You and singing:



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.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST 1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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; grant us peace.**

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 “At the Lambs High Feast!” v 1-4, 8

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love

Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

8 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!

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Ex. 12:22; Matt. 26:26–28; John 6:32–35; 1 Cor. 15:54–57

HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" v 1-2, 7, 8

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.

Tune: arr. John C. Hattori, d. 1793; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

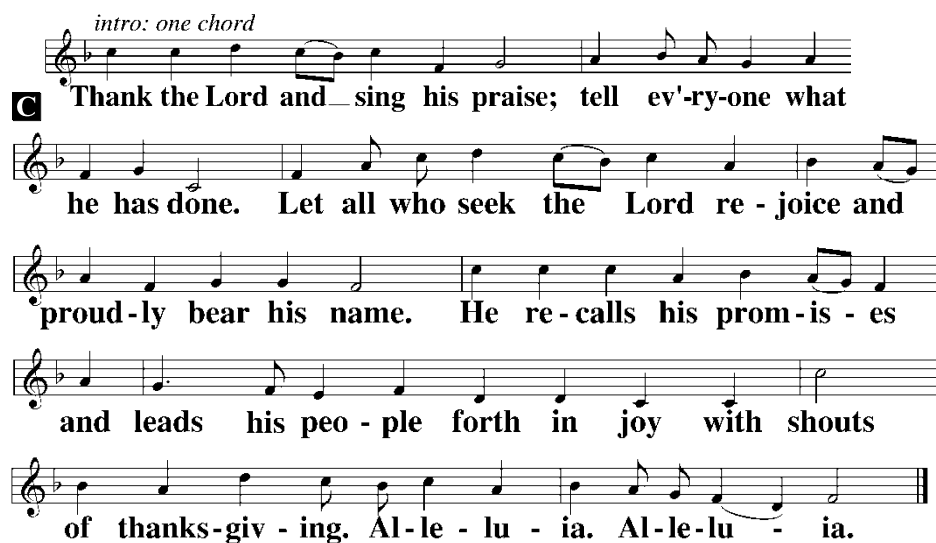
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THE BLESSING

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

intro: one chord



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice 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. We give thanks, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, that You have refreshed us through this gift of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Strengthen us by this Sacrament to announce the Good News of Christ's resurrection so that many may join us at the Lamb's high feast; 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 Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

MUSIC

Hallelujah! from Messiah

G.F. Handel

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley



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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