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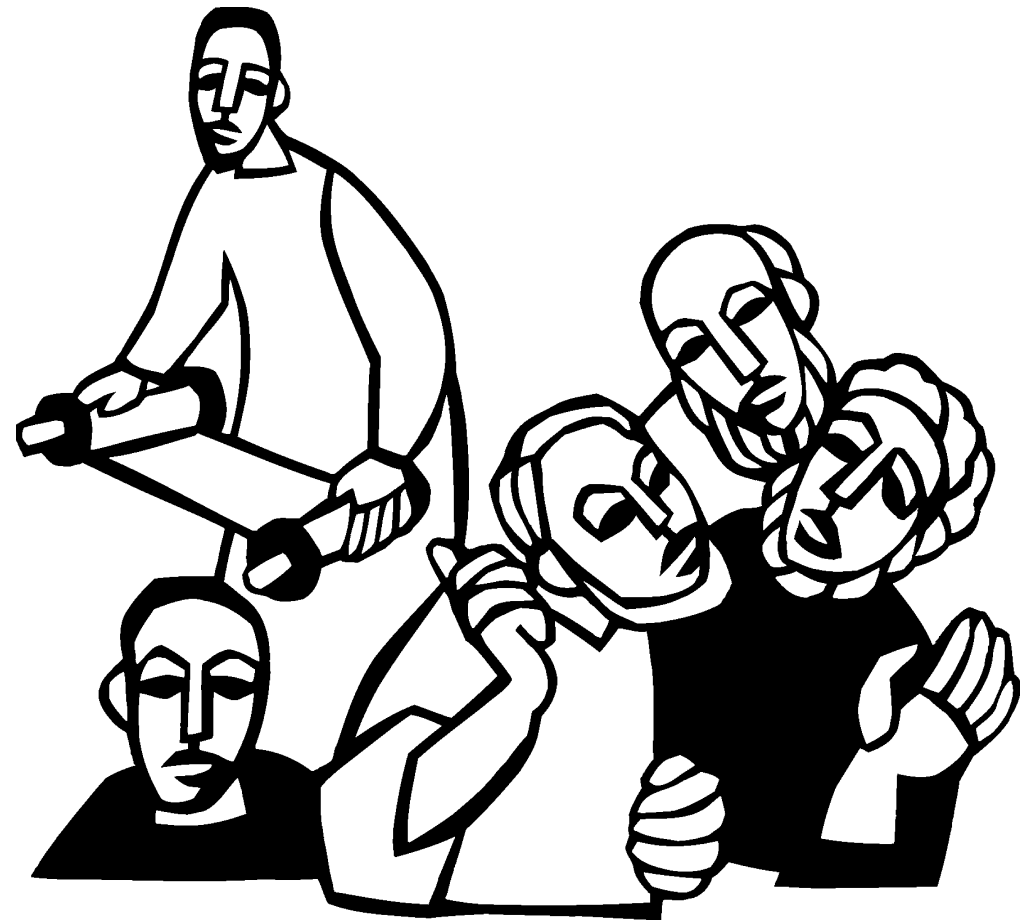
The Pastors are off on Fridays



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Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Introduction to the Day

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

(Please take a moment to silence all electronics. Thank you!)

(Hymns are taken from Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red book in the pew rack.)

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Gothic Minuet on “Kingsfold”* *Matthew F. Walicke*
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(Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance,
let us confess our sin.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

This week's schedule

Today	9 am	Faith + Fellowship/Patriotic Hymn Sing
	10 am	Live & Online Worship Apple Pie after worship (Fellowship Hall)
	11:30 am	Youth Group (Youth Room)
Mon.	9 am-12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Tues.	9 am-12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Wed.	9 am-12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School 9:30 am Busy Bees (Smith Building)
Thurs.	9 am-12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Fri.	9 am-12:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
Sat.		

Counting our Blessings

		2024	
Sun.	Attendance: 98	April Offering Income	\$36,194
6/30	Offering: \$ 5,287	April Other Income	\$ 4,544
	Homebound: 15	April Total Income	\$40,738
		April Expenses	\$30,088
		YTD Offering Income	\$119,895
		YTD Other Income	\$ 23,162
		YTD Total Income	\$143,057
		YTD Expenses	\$135,216



Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Jeannette Dutcher, Tony Jasinski, Tom Walter, Diane Carroll, Eleanor McLaughlin, Mary Jo Rother, Mary Gude, Doris Rye, Richard Souders, Oluseye Fowode, Robert Suznick, Lisa Duerling, Joan Swank, Rosalie Coffman, Pat Hurley, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Jim Singer, Debra, Fred Smith, Kathy Thompson, Pat Lambert, Ernie Schuman, Ralph Clark, Paola Lott, Bob Murphy, Jonathan McLaughlin, Tim Hartman, Bill Beck, Chris Newman, Pierce Newman, Coralee Myrtle, Eleni Bowden, Butch Kahl, Pearl Johnson, Donna Joseph, Harriet Miller, Maeve Webster, John Bryan, Joe Federline, Tiffany Webb, Mary & Barry McCain, Bonnie Franklin, Jamie Kirschner, Rob Graff, Alice Evans, Trish Pizza, Betsy Shock, Julie Bramble, and Donna Bobloch

For the military and their families: Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, and all those in harm's way

For St. John's Caring Friends: Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Barbara Conrad, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Patricia Hurley, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, and Emma Volz

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* ELW 579 (vv. 1-2)

(Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934; Music: Cyril V. Taylor, 1970-1991; Text © 1978 Hope Publishing Company; Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Co.)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD."⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses)*

Psalm 123

- ¹To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- ²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**
- ³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- ⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me,

YOUNG adults Join us for our inaugural **Young Adult gathering** on Friday evening, July 19th at 8 pm in the Smith Building for an evening of fellowship, snacks and games! This event is specifically geared toward young adults 18+. If you plan to attend or have questions, please speak directly to the Pastors. RSVP by July 12th.

SAVE THE DATE: New Members' Lunch. Saturday, August 17th 12 noon-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This event is for all prospective new members who are interested in joining or re-joining St. John's. We will gather to get to know one another and some members of our community over lunch, to ask any questions—be it faith at large, Lutheranism, or St. John's specifically-- and to pray for God's guidance as we all seek to live out our faith together. **We will officially welcome new members on Sunday, August 18th during the 10 am service.**



The Generosity Jar is back! During the month of July, the Stewardship Committee will be collecting donations in our Generosity Jar to benefit Vacation Bible School Ministry at St. John's. Every little bit goes a long way in continuing to provide this wonderful faith formation program to our community free of charge. Thank you for your support!

Please join us after worship today in the Fellowship Hall for Apple Pie!



Announcements & Upcoming Events

Next Week— Sunday, July 14th—Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

† 9 am—Faith + Fellowship

† 10 am—Worship in-person
and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel

† 11:30—Exec. Meeting

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The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in loving memory of Vernon Gude, Sr.'s birthday by Robin Dibley.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2024. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at rm_hills@yahoo.com if you would like to sponsor the flowers. Available dates are July 21st, August 18th, September 8th and 29th, October 6th and 13th, November 3rd and 17th, December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 24th and 29th.

Nursery Care for infants through age 2 is available during the Sunday School hour while parents are attending Faith and Fellowship. During worship, care is available for infants through kindergarten.



YOUTH GROUP St. John's Youth Group meets in the Youth Room on the first Sunday of the month, from about 11:15 am—12:30 pm. This group is for middle and high school students. Join us as we have fun, get to know one another and grow in faith. See you there!

Faith and Fellowship meets in the Fellowship Hall on the first floor from 9 am—9:45 am each Sunday. This is an opportunity for adults to gather for light refreshments and to grow in faith.



Thanks to everyone who attended and helped with the Community Meals and Wednesday night worship. We are taking July and August off to give everyone a break for the summer. We will begin again in September.



Busy Bees need sugar! We are collecting sugar to make our jelly. Please give your donation to one of the Busy Bees or you can drop it off in the church office.



Music Camp.... We are accepting registration for Music Camp. Registration forms are located on the third floor bulletin board, in the weekly email and in the newsletter. We are looking for experienced volunteers. Contact Martha at mrequard1@gmail.com if you can help.



We invite you to join us for our end of week VBS celebration on Friday, July 12th at 12:30 pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to join us!



to keep me from being too elated.⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me,⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.”⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.⁸ He ordered them to

take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

God’s Work, Our Hands (See Insert)

ACS 1000

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

After each petition In your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We offer each other a sign of Christ’s peace. Afterwards, the assembly is seated.)

MEAL

OFFERTORY MUSIC

He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

Eric Lewis

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SENDING

BLESSING OF VBS PARTICIPANTS

BLESSING

Life is short,
and we do not have much time
to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us.
So be swift to love,
and make haste to be kind.
And the blessing of God,
Father, Son + Holy Spirit
be with you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

ELW 576

(Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955; Music: Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version; Text © 1986b Hope Publishing Company; Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

God of Our Fathers

James Mansfield

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Those Serving Today	
Assisting Minister	Bob Berner
Crucifer	Emily R.
Acolyte (s)	Jack W.
Lector	Amanda Hartman
Communion Assistant	Amanda Hartman
Dismissal Assistant	Devon W.

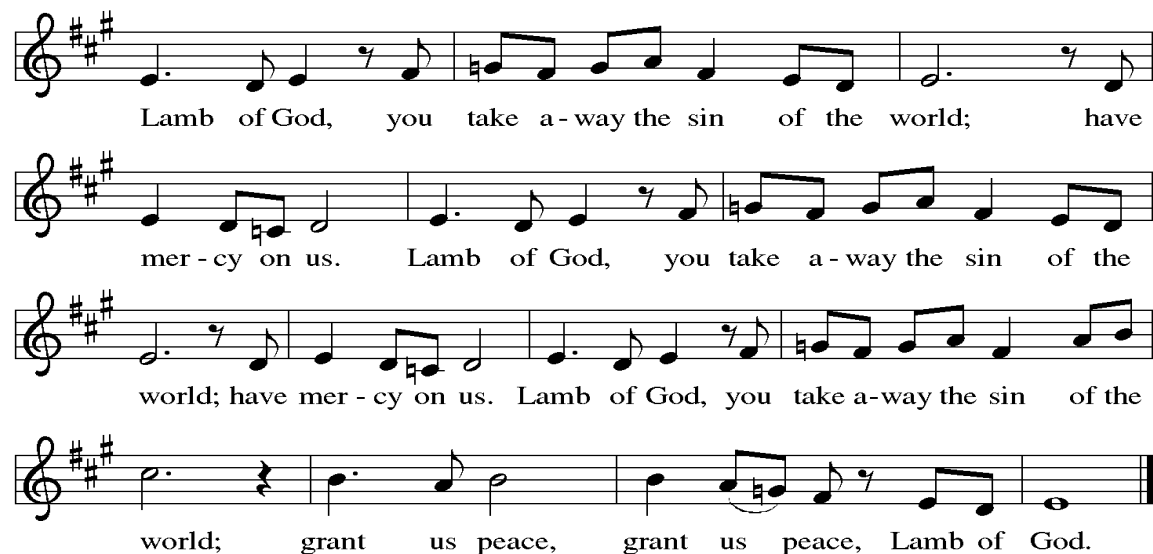
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If you are not communing you are welcome to come forward for a blessing,
crossing your arms over your chest.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

LAMB OF GOD



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, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW 396

(Text and music: James K. Manley, b. 1940; Text and music © 1978 James K. Manley)

(Please remain seated.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:
Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many in our congregation give online. You can set up one-time or recurring
donations on our website stjohnsparkville.org. Checks and cash may be placed in
the offering plate or mailed to the church. You may also donate via venmo
@stjohnsparkville



(Please stand as you are able.)

OFFERING HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

(Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Music: Marty Haugen; Text and music © 1990
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OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

(Text and music: Per Harling, b. 1948; Text and music © 1990 Ton Vis Produktion AB, admin. Augsburg Fortress)

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
Breath of life and Fire of love:
with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son,
who poured out your Spirit on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection,
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:
anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,
that, with thankful hearts,
we may be witnesses to your Son.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

(Sung call-and-echo)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins
as we forgive; 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 assembly is seated.)

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's table. Bread is received in the hands. Gluten-free wafers are available-if you need one, please ask the pastor. To receive the wine, take an empty cup and the communion assistant will fill it with a sip of wine. The cups that are already filled contain grape juice. After drinking, place the used cup in the basket on your way back to your seat.