



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.
Worship with Holy Communion

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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**St. John's Mission: To help one more person get to Heaven
by pointing them to Jesus Christ.**

"Be Still and know that I am God." We greatly enjoy our Sunday morning times to catch-up with each other in fellowship and conversation, both before and after worship. The worship service begins with the playing of the Prelude. Once the prelude begins, please be seated, stop conversing, and prepare your heart for worship. Thank you. Please silence all devices. If at any point you need to or prefer to sit, please feel free to do so.

Prelude: "Come Unto Him, all Ye that Labor" from Messiah
Jennifer Rodda, mezzo soprano Georg Friedrich Handel

Welcome

Announcements

(Stand)

Opening Hymn: #902 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 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.

Kyrie

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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



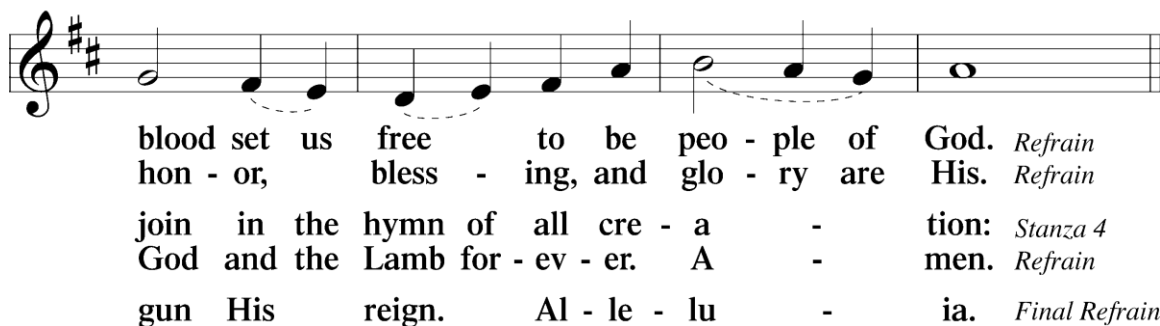
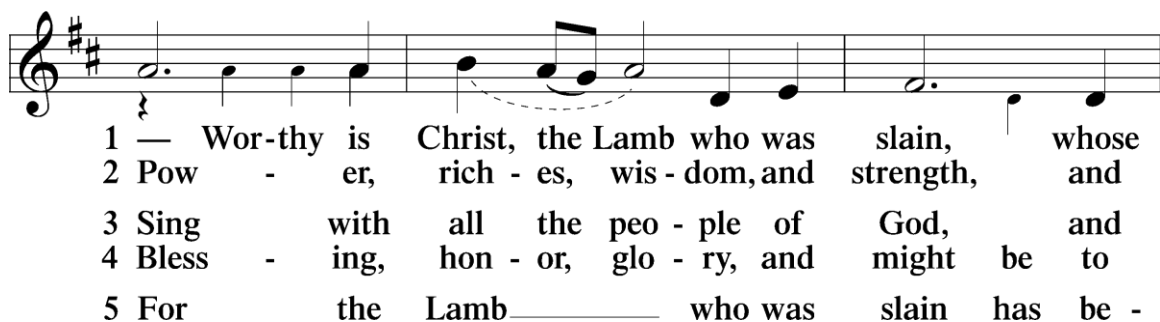
C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



(Be Seated)

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 25:2-10

- ² It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
- ³ As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- ⁴ Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
- ⁵ take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
- ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
- ⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
- What your eyes have seen
- ⁸ do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
- ⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
- ¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-17

Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Alleluia and Verse



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for the first line of the verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

Children's Message

(Pew Pad Distribution)

Hymn of the Day: #637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

(Pew Pad Collection)

Sermon

(Stand)

Baptism of Blair Roberts Wyatt and Claudia Elizabeth Parks

P: We’re gathered here to celebrate God’s gift of grace to us in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. St. Paul wrote: **“There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all.”** As we come to this baptismal font, we remember the meaning of baptism.

Elder: Baptism is how God shows us He loves us, in a way that we can see and feel and touch. The Word of God teaches us that since the fall of Adam we are all conceived and born sinful. We are under the wrath of God and are in need of His forgiveness. We would be lost forever, but God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross to pay for the sins of the whole world. Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

P: Jesus commanded Baptism saying, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go 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 I have commanded you. And surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.”** (Matthew 28:18-20) Jesus says in the Gospel of John, **“I tell you the truth, unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.”** (John 3:5-6)

The holy apostles of our Lord have written: **“the promise is for you and your children.”** (Acts 2:29) And **“Baptism now saves you.”** (1 Peter 3:21)

Blair and Claudia, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Dash, Chandler, Christian, Amanda, Meredith, Trevor, Gavin, Lindsay, Emily, and Haley, it is your duty and privilege to: (1) Witness this baptism and in years to come help Blair and Claudia to remember their baptism. (2) Pray for them. (3) Be an example of faith and good works. And to (4) do all that you can to make sure that they are brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God. You are to teach

them the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Help them to read and understand the Bible. Bring them to Church and Sunday School so that one day they may come to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion and live their lives as a fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? If so, then say: We will, with the help of God.

R: We will, with the help of God.

P: God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work, with His grace.

To ask God's blessing on the gathering of Blair and Claudia into the family of faith, let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

P: Dash & Chandler, Christian & Amanda do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his evil ways? If so, then say: We do renounce them.

R: We do renounce them.

P: Let us then confess our Christian faith together, by saying the Apostles' Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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 to judge the living and the dead.

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

P: Blair Roberts, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Receive this white cloth. Let it be for you a symbol of the righteousness of Christ which covers all your sins.

Claudia Elizabeth, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Receive this white cloth. Let it be for you a symbol of the righteousness of Christ which covers all your sins.

Receive these burning lights. Live always by the Light of Christ and be watchful for His Coming, that you may be ready to meet Him when He comes again at the end of time.

Blair and Claudia, you have been born again of water and the Spirit. Your sins have been forgiven. This day you have become a child of God. May our heavenly Father watch over you all the days of your life and strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. Go in peace.

P: Let's pray together:

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, we thank and praise You that through the waters of Baptism You have adopted Blair and Claudia into Your family of faith. They are now a child of God, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly ask that You watch over them every day, protect them from all harm and danger, and keep them in their baptismal grace. Help them to grow up to live a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name. And finally, with all who believe, let them receive the promised inheritance in heaven, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Through Baptism, God has added Blair and Claudia to His own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

All: We welcome you to the Lord's family.

P: And you, Blair and Claudia, the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

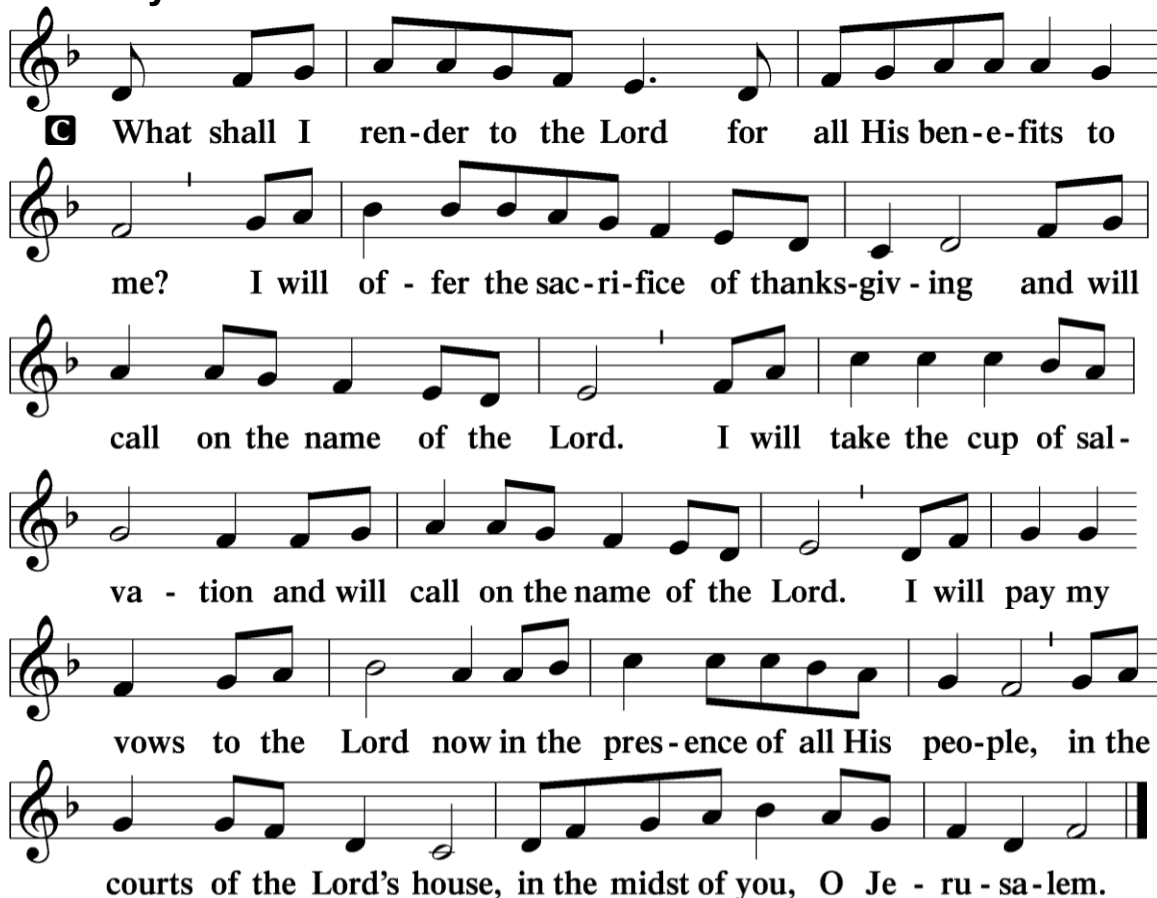
(Be Seated)

Offering and Offertory Anthem: "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

John Yivisaker

(Stand)

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Passing of the Peace

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER.

St. Paul wrote, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup". Ask yourself: Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe that Jesus died for my sins? Am I resolved, by the work of the Holy Spirit, to use the power of Christ which is offered in this Sacrament, to amend my sinful life? St. Paul also wrote, "He who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly". Do you believe that you receive the TRUE/REAL BODY AND BLOOD of Christ in, under and with the bread and wine for the full pardon of sins? (Please use pages 329-330 in the front of your hymn book to examine yourself.) Children are invited forward to receive a blessing.

† Service of the Sacrament †

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 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of Our Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei



G 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



(Be Seated)

Distribution of Holy Communion by Continuous Line

(Gluten Free wafers available upon request)

Distribution Hymns: #570 “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

#626 “Come, Let Us Eat”

(Please Stand)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

Thank the Lord



☐ 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.

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.



Closing Hymn: #660 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

P: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “La Romanesca”

Antonio Valente

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Cyndi & Rod Anderson in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary and Rod’s birthday.

Worship Assistants: 8:30am – Karl Hastings Jr.; 10:30am – *Liturgical Asst.*- Don Henderson; *Host 1*- Pr. Tyson; *Host 2*: Pr. Wallace; *Tray 1* – Don Henderson, *Tray 2* – Rod Anderson; *Common Cup/ GF Wafer* – Bruce Sawicki; *Runner* – Steve Shannon

Lector: 8:30am – Rachel Orsborn; 10:30am – Nathaniel Andersen

Ushers: 10:30am – Fred & Stephanie Black, Gary Brake, Brandon Plyler

Altar Guild for August: Jackie Downey, Martha Musser, Sue and Ted Frake

Crisis Control Item for September: Instant Grits and Oatmeal – 102bs. was collected for the month of July. Thank you for your donations!

Common Cup Procedure

If you normally receive the regular host from the pastor, and would like an individual cup (as we have been doing):

After receiving the regular host from the pastor, continue the same side that you came up, and take from the tray closest to you. Then you can continue around to your pew.

If you normally receive the regular host from the pastor and would like the Common Cup:

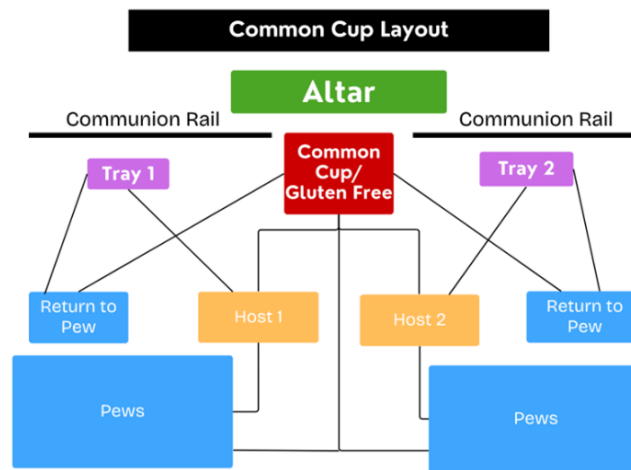
After receiving the regular host from the pastor, continue forward up the center aisle. And the center Elder will be there to offer the Common cup. Once you have received from the common cup, please exit to the side you came up on, back to your pew.

If you normally receive the gluten free host from the pastor and would like an individual cup (as you have been doing):

After receiving the gluten free host from the Center Elder, turn to the side which you came up and receive the individual cup before continuing around to your pew.

If you normally receive the gluten free host from the pastor, and would like the Common Cup:

Come up the middle of the center aisle, letting the elder know that you would like both the gluten free host and the common cup, then partake first the gluten free host and then the common cup. Before returning to the side aisle of the side of the church you originally came from.



Our Sunday Worship - Services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class and Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

Pastor Tyson Labuhn

Tiffany Banks, Principal

Michael Zeoli, Director of Music for Contemporary Worship

Frances Burmeister, Director of Music for Traditional Worship

Church Office Hours Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.