

The Rich Man and

Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 28, 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: "All Glory Be to God on High"

set by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

Welcome

Announcements

(Stand)

Opening Hymn: #798 "The God of Abraham Praise" (vs. 1-4, 9)

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit: Psalm 119:73–75

P: Let your steadfast love comfort me

C: according to your promise to your servant.

P: Your hands have made and fashioned me;

C: give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

P: Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,

C: because I have hoped in your word.

P: I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are righteous,

C: and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

P: Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;

C: for your law is my delight.

Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

P: Let your steadfast love comfort me

according to your promise to your servant.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

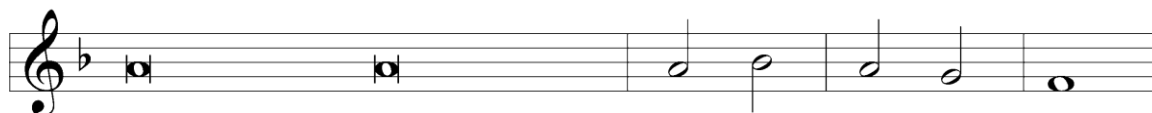
Gloria in Excelsis



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



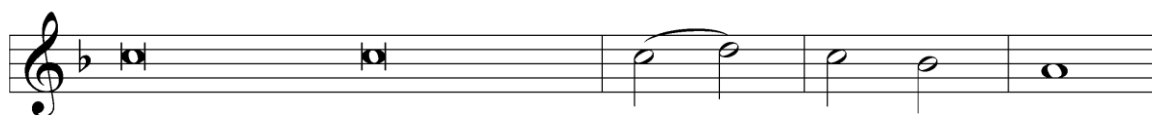
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



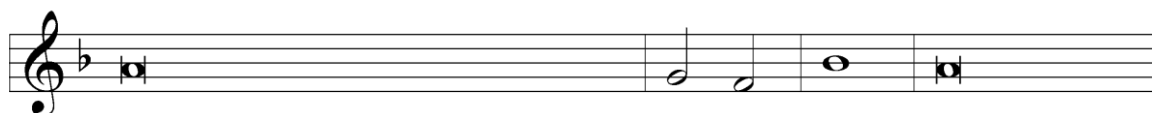
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



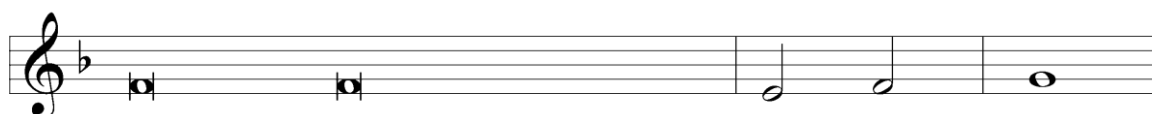
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



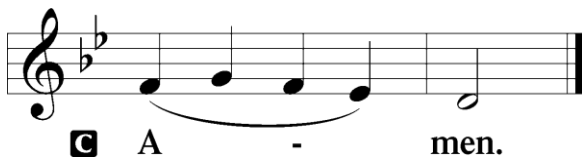
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



(Be Seated)

Old Testament Reading: Amos 6:1-7

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!

² Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is their territory greater than your territory,

³ O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴ "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,

⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Alleluia



Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Apostles' Creed

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.

(Be Seated)

Kindergarten – 5th Grade Singing

Children's Message

(Pew Pad Distribution)

Hymn of the Day: #686 "Come, Though Fount of Every Blessing"

(Pew Pad Collection)

Sermon

(Stand)

Offertory



□ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



(Be Seated)

Offering

Offertory Anthem: “Jubilate, Sing with Joy”

Russell Robinson

Blessing Rite – Original Church Table donated by the Rowe family

P: Beloved in the Lord, Moses was commanded by the Lord to receive gifts from the people for the beautification of the sanctuary. Everyone whose heart stirred and whose spirit was moved brought a contribution to the Lord to be used in the Lord's house in all its services.

Since the Lord has taught us in His holy Word that everything is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, it is fitting that we bless and sanctify this table for use in God's holy house.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God, You have directed us to bring offerings for Your glory. We implore You to bless this table. Grant that it may reflect our love for You, benefit Your Church, and bring joy to those who use it; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this table and those who use it.

C: Amen.

(Stand)

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

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.



P Lift up your hearts.

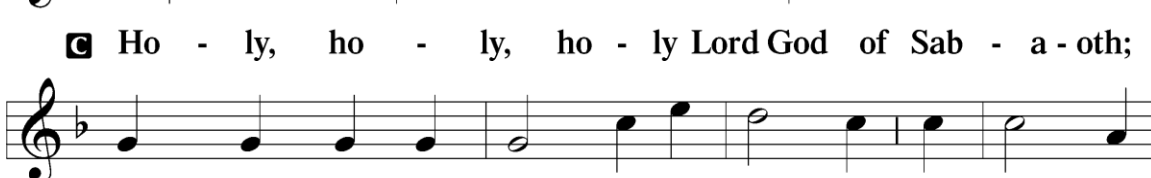


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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





ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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 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.

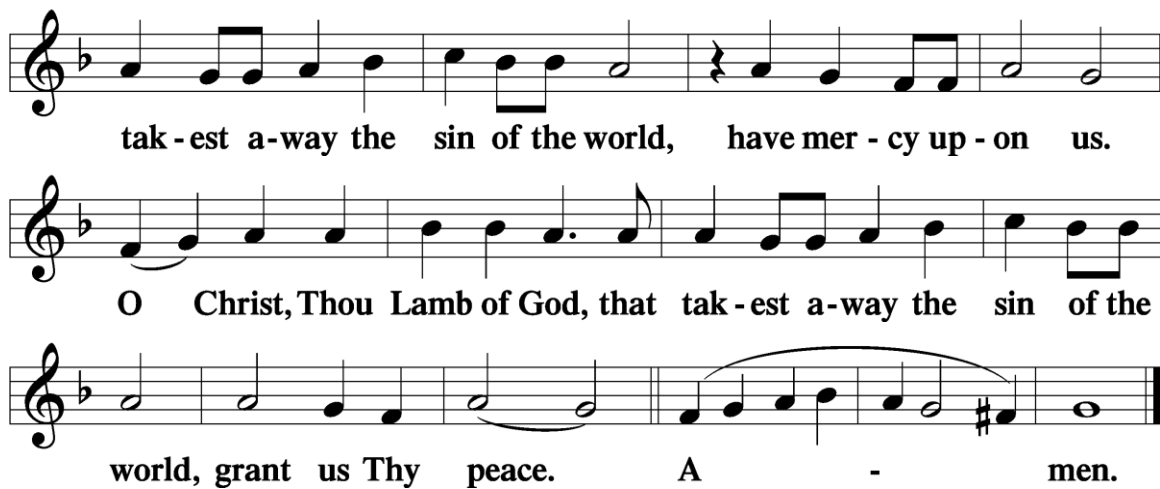
Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



(Be Seated)

Distribution of Holy Communion by Continuous Line

(Gluten Free wafers available upon request)

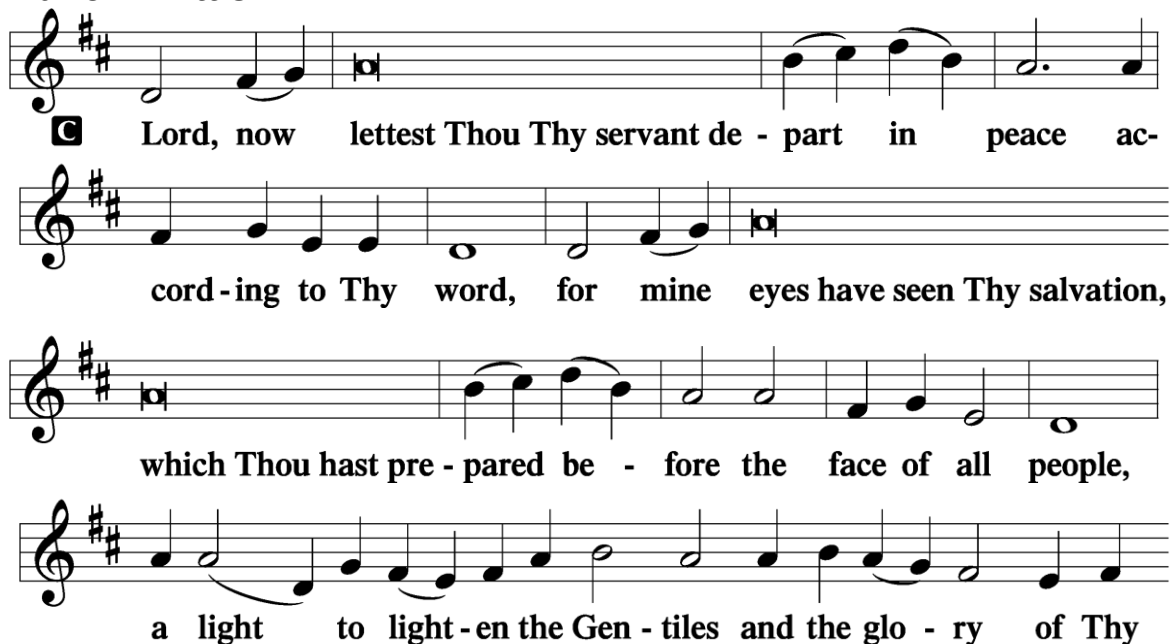
Distribution Hymns: #655 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"
#638 "Eat This Bread"

(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.

Nunc Dimittis





peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,




C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

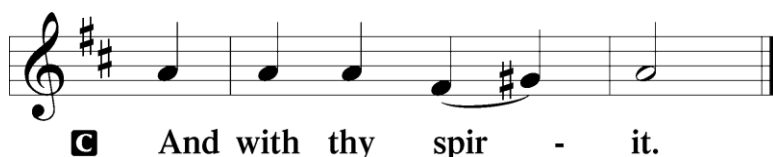
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✙ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: #670 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

P: Go in Peace and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude: “Abide with Us, O Dearest Jesus” set by Johann Gottfried Walther

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sandra Linder in honor of sister Earlene’s 105th birthday on 10/5, and brother Lynn’s 92nd birthday on 10/6.

Worship Assistants: 8:30am – Bob Burke; 10:30am – *Liturgical Asst.*- Nathan Kottlowski; *Host 1*- Pr. Tyson; *Host 2*: Nathan Kottlowski; *Tray 1* – Bruce Sawicki, *Tray 2* – Fred Black; *Common Cup/ GF Wafer* – Dale Mierisch; *Crucifer/Runner* – Brandon Plyler

Lector: 8:30am – Taryn Strahm; 10:30am – Robbie Broedow

Ushers: 10:30am – Holly Wilson, Avery Burch, Gregg Vogelsmeier, Dennis Tarnowski

Altar Guild for September: Sarah Strahm, Karin Lennon, Shawn Tibbits

Crisis Control Item for September: Instant Grits & Oatmeal – 62lbs. was collected for the month of August. 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:

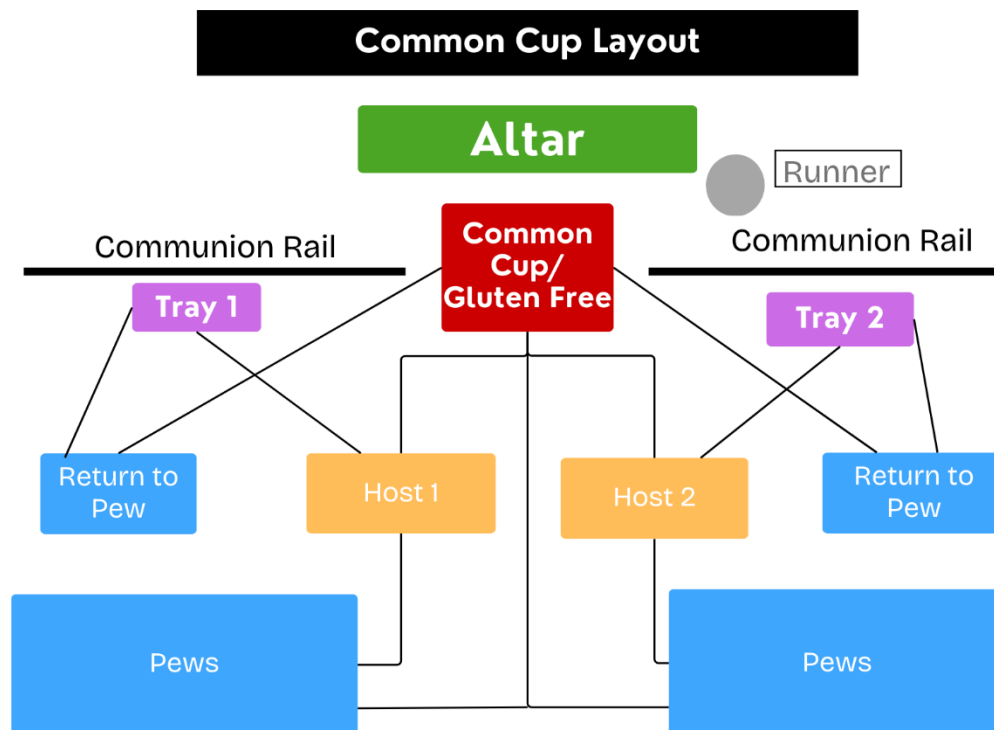
After receiving the regular host from the pastor, continue forward up the center aisle. And the center Elder will be there to offer the Common cup. Once you have received from the common cup, please exit to the side you came up on, back to your pew.

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

A Great Place to Grow in Christ
As a part of our outreach ministry, we have a
Preschool/Pre-K program and Kindergarten through 5th grade.
All programs/grades have full-time care available.

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