

Worship Notes for Visitors & Members

Welcome to worship - Welcome to all, and especially to our visitors, we are glad you are here today, and hope that you will worship with us again soon and often. Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate. These will aid our record-keeping. Thank you. Large print bulletins are available from an usher in the narthex. *"It is good to worship the Lord together, and to come into his presence with thanksgiving."* Psalm 95

Welcome children - Jesus said "Let the children come to me." Children are welcome and encouraged to worship here at St. Paul. We rejoice that they are among us; however, if you need it, our nursery is available at all services and you can hear the service on audio. An usher will guide you.

St. Paul welcomes all to the Communion Table. Christ is the Host and the Meal. Come, taste, and see that the Lord is good. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it rather than wine. Children and those choosing not to receive Holy Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

There are **restrooms** located in the basement of this building and on the ground floor of the hallway leading to our fellowship hall and on each floor of the educational building.

	<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	
<u>MINISTERS</u>		The People of God
<u>PASTOR</u>		Rev. John Shipman
<u>ORGANIST</u>		Marvis McNeil
<u>CHOIR DIRECTOR</u>		Marty Cantleberry
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	5:30 p.m.	Carol Kindt
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak
<u>LECTOR</u>	5:30 p.m.	Myra Gapske
	9:00 a.m.	Barb Szczesniak
<u>FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Sue Robb
	9:00 a.m.	Janice Boboltz
<u>USHERS & GREETERS</u>	5:30 p.m.	Patti Byce
	9:00 a.m.	Tim Moggie, Dennis Dziesinski
		Paul Kieliszewski, Kathy Burton
<u>ALTAR CARE</u>		Patti Byce and Laurie Stafford

We thank all participants for enriching our worship service.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Worship Service

celebrates and shares God's love and compassion

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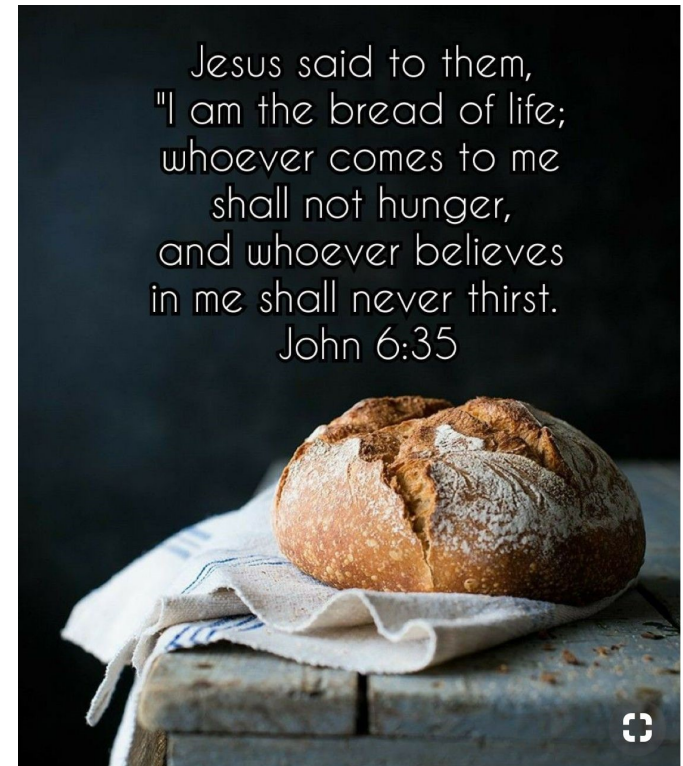
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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Monthly Ministry Highlight:
Personnel Committee

Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me
shall not hunger,
and whoever believes
in me shall never thirst."
John 6:35



August 3, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
August 4, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.
August 4, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

Welcome! Celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries and a time to welcome our guests. We ask that you fill out the communion card and place it in the offering plate.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Please Stand)

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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN “Gather Us In” (Red) #532

GREETING

Pastor: The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

We welcome into the kingdom of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism (Sat. 5:30 p.m.) Trudy Lee Techel, daughter of Philip and Rachael Techel. Her sponsors are Jacob and Larissa Jo Neumann. On Sunday, August 4th, we will baptize Ryan Michael Chase, son of Earl and Rita Chase. His sponsor is Christie S. Patzer. We also will baptize Kyllian Kenneth Henning, son of David and Beatrice Henning. His sponsors are Akoli Mbilini and Joyce Mbilinyi. Last Sunday, July 28th, we baptized Hope Bondy, daughter of Katie and Tim. Her sponsors were Jesse and Jessica O’Neil. May our Lord surround them all with His grace as they grow to know Him as Lord and Savior.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make snacks, prepared supplies, came and worked at VBS. Thanks too for all who prayed for us, and brought children and told their friends. It was a celebration of service, trust, and faith, and truly a joyful time.

Pastor John and Nena are inviting you to come to their house (1921 Long Rapids Road) for a fireside chat on August 25th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will sit by the firepit near the river (or in the house or gazebo) and talk about life, hope, grace and the love of God (no agenda). This is a gift from Nena and I, so nothing is required to be part of this experience. Come for 15 minutes or for 2 hours.

There will be a FUN RUN benefit for Options Pregnancy Center and The Baby Pantry on August 10. It will start at 9:00 a.m. at the Bayview Park Band Shell. The suggested donation is \$20. Scan the QR codes on the posters, or in the July newsletter to donate. Help us raise \$10K! The event is organized by K of C Council 529 but takes no liability. There is a Cornhole competition for the non-walkers.

The Stephen Ministry Team is excited to announce our next training for Stephen Ministers in September. Currently we have 2 new trainees and there is room for more. Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to others experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Stephen Ministers bring Christ’s love and care to people during a time of need. Contact Iris Arthur, Sue Keyes, Shirley Jones, or Nena with any questions.

Please note: There will be no Gratitude Lunches in August.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 4–11, 2024	
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.
<u>MON.</u>	Line Dancing – 2:00 p.m.; E.T.A. – 5:00 p.m.; Bazaar Planning Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
<u>TUES.</u>	Forget-Me-Nots (Picnic Grounds) – 12:00 p.m.; Cub Scouts – 5:30 p.m.; Education Committee – 5:30 p.m.; Prayer Shawl – 6:15 p.m.; Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous – 8:30 p.m.
<u>WED.</u>	Breakfast Belles <i>Women’s Breakfast</i> (at JJ’s) – 7:30 a.m.; Property Committee – 5:30 p.m.
<u>THURS.</u>	Men’s Breakfast (JJ’s)– 7:00 a.m.; Gentle Yoga – 1:30 p.m.; Chair Yoga – 3:00 p.m.; Soul Sisters Kayaking – 6:00 p.m.
<u>FRI.</u>	Line Dancing – 11:00 a.m.
<u>SAT.</u>	Fellowship – 4:30 p.m.; Worship/HC – 5:30 p.m.
<u>SUN.</u>	Worship/HC – 9:00 a.m.; Fellowship – 10:00 a.m.; Contemporary Service and Children’s Church – 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church celebrates and shares God's love and compassion.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:	Pam Laity – health issues	Bill Woodward – health issues
Colton Henning -medical issues	Annette Wade – medical issues	Art Hoffmeyer- heart issues
Laura Kieliszewski – health	Joel Foster – health concerns	Billiejo Foster – health issues
Scott Brooks – health issues	John Wegmeyer – health issues	Eugene Brooks–health issues
Adam Schmidt – health issues	Harvey & Debbie Atkinson– health	Norm Dutcher - unspecified
Marian Dove–unspecified need	Phyllis Robb-unspecified need	Richard Wood – fractured ankle
Karen Wallace – unspecified need	Dixie Creiver – health issues	Jim Smith – health issues
David Reeves – health issues	Dena Stevens – health issues	Margaret Lucian – health issues
Tammy Stoutenburg-unspecified	Dale Zielaskowski - health issues	Chris Kowalski – health need-

ARMED SERVICES: Katie Copping, Jake Przysiecki, Noah Hardesty, Dominick Christou, Sawyer Hein, Rachael Mayes, Brandon Sloan, Andrew Hein, Justin A. Smith, Maragely Hein, Amelia Berles, Josh Gapske, Nicole Stafford, Chuck Dziedzic, and Dale Kirkendoll.

(Prayer is the best medicine and we are prepared to pray indefinitely for folks. Would you please help the church office keep our list current? Unless we know otherwise, our normal practice is to remove names after a month. Thank you for your partnership in prayer.)

We remember our prayer partners in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod: Peace Lutheran Church, South Haven, Rev. Travis Wilson.

We pray for the Dynamic Ministries here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. This week we specifically pray for the Altar Care ministry.

THE FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL (foot of the cross) are given in honor of Ryan Chase on his baptism, August 4th, from his family.

<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>			<u>END OF JUNE</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Saturday (07/27)	5:30 p.m.	64	Income	30,820.56	160,895.13
Sunday (07/28)	9:00 a.m.	48	Expenses	28,930.60	176,225.26
	10:30 a.m.	<u>41</u>	Difference	1,889.96	(15,330.13)
Total		153			

SALT (*Sisters Abiding in Light and Truth*) meet the 3rd Sunday of each month. Our next outing will be on August 18th for Putt-Putt Golf at 4:00 p.m. This is for younger women who are 18 - 45. Be in prayer for this younger women's group.

The Bazaar Start-Up meeting will be on Monday, August 5th at 5:30 in the lounge. Everyone is welcome!

The Forget-Me-Nots will gather at the church picnic grounds at noon on Tuesday, August 6th. Please bring your lunch and a beverage. We hope to see you there!

A glass 13 x 9 dish engraved with a name on it, that was brought to the last funeral luncheon, is missing. If you took one home please double check that it is yours. If you find it, bring it to the church.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.”’ ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.”’

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, ‘What is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, ‘It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29 (Read Responsively)

Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven; **he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.**

Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens, and by his power he led out the south wind;

he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;

he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.

And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16 (Sunday 9:00 a.m. service)

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing

with one another in love,³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.⁸ Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹ (When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

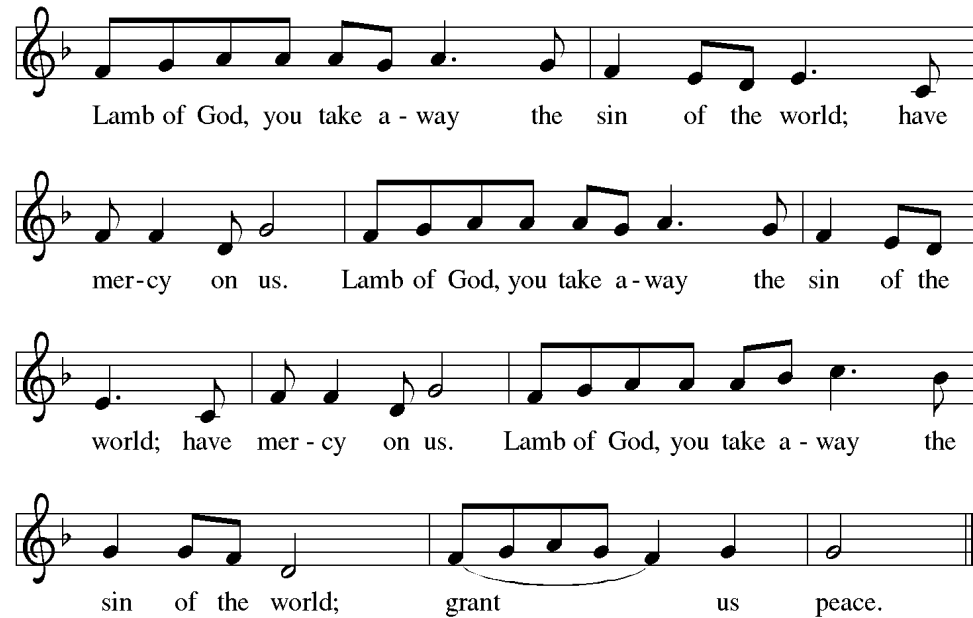
SENDING HYMN "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak" (Red) #676

DISMISSAL

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

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“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.

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

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: John 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ ²⁶ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ ²⁸ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ ²⁹ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ ³⁰ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’ ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ³² Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ ³⁴ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

³⁵ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

The Gospel of Our Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

“I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old old story
Of Jesus and His love

(Please be seated)

SERMON

“Searching For Jesus”

Pastor John Shipman

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Come to the Hungry Feast”

(Red) #479

Confession of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed

People: 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.

***Universal**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

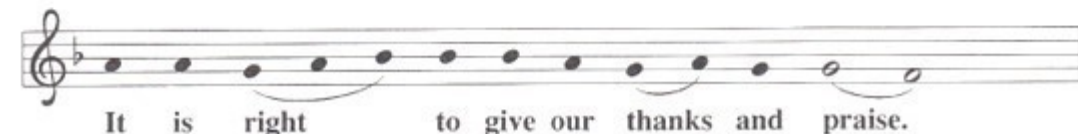
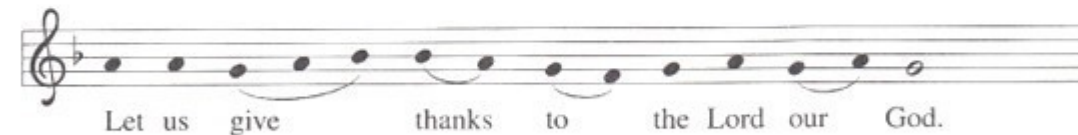
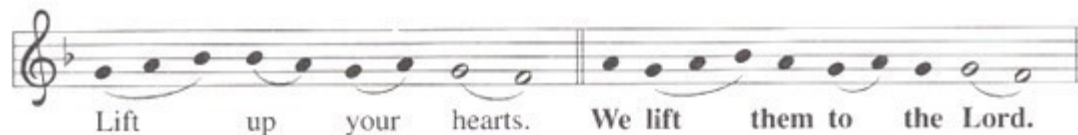
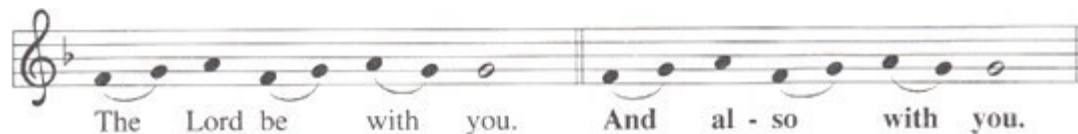
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

(Please stand)

(Sung at the 9:00 a.m. service.)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise . . . (concluding) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi



cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to - e - res Se - ñor.

EUCHARISTIC BLESSING

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**People: 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.**

(Please be seated)

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Christ is both the host and the meal. Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. Those not receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. There is grape juice for those who prefer it.