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Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual discipline: Communion

One of the very first practices in the early church was the observance of communion, also known as the Lord's Supper or celebration of the Eucharist (which means thanksgiving). Jesus himself instituted this practice with His disciples just hours before His death. This supper ties the blood of the Old Testament sacrifices to God's radical rescue of humankind through His Son. Jesus becomes the innocent lamb that takes away the sin of the world. Sacrificing His own life, He opens a doorway from death to life, from rebellion to friendship, from separation to communion and from senseless suffering to redemptive suffering.

Communion invites us into deeper unity and communion with Jesus and His body. The bread broken and the wine poured out signify the cost of the Communion meal. Christ's blood and body were sacrificed for us! And His sacrifice becomes a pattern for our own journey. The "feast" of Christ's table nourishes us and strengthens us with heavenly food. This new manna is the way we get from here to home. In receiving this nourishment we anticipate another feast – the marriage supper of the Lamb – the table of eternal union and communion.

Enemies and dread weapons pummel the walls of the city of Gondor (in *The Lord of the Rings*). As the city gates begin to give way, death, doom, and the bitterness of defeat take hold. The evil dark lord grimly claims the city for himself. But in that moment of bleak despair the Riders of Rohan come charging their horns blowing. The Lord's Supper reminds us that when the dark lord looms before us shrieking, "all is lost," The Lord of light stepped forth and said, "This is my body broken for you." When we partake, we taste what redemption cost God in order to call us home. Indeed it is hard to see the bread and the wine without "tears starting in our eyes."

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Juanita (Abby's Mother)
Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Dennis Rosenbaum
Nolan Adams

Terry Sallee
Danielle Harmon
Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)
Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Pam, Leanne, Barbara

Saul Moncada (Abby's brother)
Kay Kinnaman
Ryker Berens
Betty Peptone (David's Sister)
David Rice
Maverick Riegel

Upcoming Events

Potluck [Today]

Please join us immediately following services for our monthly potluck fellowship meal.

Youth Group [Tonight]

There will be Youth Group Tonight at 7:00 PM at the Church building.

Bible Hour [Wednesday]

Wednesday night Bible Hour will meet this week at 6:00 PM.

Super Bowl Party [Next Sunday]

We will be hosting a Super Bowl Party next Sunday evening here at the church building. This will take the place of our young family ministry and all church members are welcome to attend. Please bring a football party food or dessert to share. This event starts at 5 PM with kickoff scheduled for 5:30 PM. We hope to see you here!

Save the Date:

March 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
April 4-5 - LTC Convention (Kansas City)
April 12 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

Birthdays

Zeb Carter - January 28 (last week)
Chet Lyons - January 30 (last week)
Ashley Reed - February 7

Worship Order

Welcome Table: Josh & Deanne Truitt

Greeters: Zeb & Jessica Carter

Song Leader: Richard Brening

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #449 - Thy Word

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Gatlin Reed (Philippians 1:27-28)

Song: #414 - Anywhere with Jesus

Song: #383 - Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion: Chris Mansel (Zach Marks, James Harmon, Darrel Willinger)

*Song: #452 - Standing on the Promises

Lesson #1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #915 - Trust and Obey (vs. 1)

Scripture Reading: Gatlin Reed (John 17:20-23)

Lesson #2: Zeb Carter

Song: #948 - I Am Resolved (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kinnaman

* During this song, children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to a special Bible Hour made just for them!

