

"Lord's Supper"

All who profess saving faith in Jesus Christ alone as Lord and Savior are welcome to join us in believer's observance of Holy Communion.

CONFESSION

In Jesus' name, I confess, most holy Lord God, that I have sinned against You, in thought, word and deed, in things I have done, and have left undone.

I hereby repent, renouncing and forsaking my sins, renouncing Satan's works and ways, turning to You for forgiveness, by the blood of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to obediently walk in Your ways, according to Your holy Word, in the newness of eternal spiritual life in Christ, in Whom I humbly pray. Amen!

"Lord's Prayer"

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen!

BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good, that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever & ever. Amen! *-Heb 13:20-21*

DAILY BIBLE READING

ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD

11-29 **Psalm 89:1-4** - *chosen*
11-30 **Luke 1:13-17** - *John*
12-01 **Isaiah 7:10-14** - *virgin*
12-02 **Luke 1:26-38** - *Mary*
12-03 **Isaiah 9:6-7** - *called*
12-04 **Matt 1:18-25** - *Jesus*
12-05 **Isaiah 11:1-10** - *Spirit*

ADVENT OF HOPE - 1st Sunday of Advent - Nov 29

Read Psalm 89:1-4, Malachi 4:5, Luke 1:13-17, Isaiah 7:10-14, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-25

Reflect

- *How did John the Baptist prepare the way for Christ? Why was a "voice" preparing the way necessary?*
- *What does Immanuel mean? Why is this significant?*
- *Why does Mary and Joseph's genealogy matter? What prophecies did this fulfill? How did the Virgin Mary respond to the news that she would become pregnant? Why would this news be shocking?*
- *How did Joseph react to the angel's instructions not to end the betrothal?*

Apply

- *John prepared the way. Look up the word prepare. What does preparation have to do with anticipation? How can you prepare your heart for Christ-mas?*
- *How would Jesus inherit the throne of David and fulfill the promise given to David centuries before? How does knowing that God keeps his promises bring you peace?*
- *Each name listed in Isaiah 9:6-7 provides a window into understanding the nature, the authority, and ultimately the person, of Jesus. Which name stands out to you? Meditate on the meaning of these names. How does this attribute of Jesus apply to your life?*
- *When God calls you to do something unexpected or even shocking, how do you respond to Him? What questions do you ask? What should you do?*
- *The Holy Spirit ministered to Mary. When God called you, He sent the Holy Spirit to empower you to obey. How have you seen this to be true in your in your life?*

Pray *Read Isaiah 9:6-7 again. Take a moment in prayer and make this passage personal: In Jesus' name, thank you O Lord God, for being Wonderful to me. Thank you for being my Counselor when I am in need. Thank you for being my Mighty God when I feel weak. Thank you for always being there for me, my Everlasting Father. Thank you for being my Prince of Peace, calming the storms of my life, and granting me spiritual rest. Amen!*