Two weeks ago we talked about “the holy catholic church.” We said that the word catholic simply means “universal” or “throughout the whole.” When we recite the Apostles Creed and we say, “I believe in the holy catholic church,” we are saying that we believe in the church of Jesus Christ throughout the whole world. As Jesus said, “Whenever two or more are gathered in my name, I will be there as well.”

This coming Sunday is known as World Communion Sunday. Through the holy catholic church, Christians all over the world will be remembering and celebrating together at one common table. In our Communion liturgy the pastor says, “And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name.” What a beautiful and uplifting thought that throughout the whole world, God’s people will be lifting praises and joining together around the family table. Not only will all of God’s people on earth be praising, but “all the company of heaven” will be joining as well! The pastor goes on to say, “in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us.” It is not enough for us to simply vocalize our praises, we are called to make our very lives an act of praise. This is what sets us apart from the rest of the world. When we do this, we are following the model of Jesus. We are working “in union” with him.

I invite you to join me in worship as we study John 13:1-11. We will be looking at what it means to be a “holy and living sacrifice.” We will look at “Christ’s offering” for us. We will learn that Jesus came into the world not to be served, but to serve. George Bernard Shaw said these words about service:

“This is the true joy in life...being used for a purpose, recognized by yourself as a mighty one...being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community of God, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die. Life is a splendid torch and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.”

I’ll see you Sunday as we lift our praises to God and feast at His heavenly banquet.

Thad Haygood, Senior Pastor
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October 3, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**World Communion Sunday**

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude.............. “How Firm a Foundation” and “My Hope is Built” ....arr. Anna Laura Page

Welcome and Opening Prayer...............................................................Rev. Thad Haygood

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***The Affirmation of Faith..............“The Apostles’ Creed” .................Rev. Brett Maddocks

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, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick*** 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.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
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**Anthem (The Chancel Choir).... “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” ....arr. Virgil Thomson

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer ...............................................................Rev. Maddocks

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.

Choral Prayer Response.................... “Dresden Amen” ...........................Johann Naumann


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Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

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Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving.........................................................Page 23-24; Hymnal

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Chancel Choir rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room.
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Please consider a gift to the Music Ministry. You may mark your donation to the Music Fund, Music Scholarship Fund, Orchestra Fund, or Organ Fund.

“My Shepherd Will Supply...”: My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways. He leads me for His mercy’s sake in paths of truth and grace...

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CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Brett Maddocks, preaching.

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:30 p.m. worship in Chapel.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in honor of our parents by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Robinson.

OUR KNOWN SICK: St. Francis: Michael Grammer, PCS 8.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mrs. Carol Orr in the death of her brother, Mr. Durwood Eugene Randall, September 22, 2021.

IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Patricia L. Bassett Chitwood
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THE BIBLE
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New Sunday Night Study
The Bible: A Journey Thru Scripture
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Contact Brett Maddocks
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Wanting to join St. Luke?
Have just recently become a member?
 Been a member for a while but want to know how to dig deeper?

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