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OUR VISION
is to reach every
person with the
love of Christ.

OUR MISSION:
INVITE people
into God's family.

NURTURE people
with Christ's love
and teachings.

WORSHIP God
weekly - with
passion and humility.

INVOLVE people in
service to the church
and its parishioners.

SEND people out
to serve others.

WELCOME!
We hope you will be
strengthened in faith
and renewed in spirit
as you go into the
coming week. We are
glad you are here and
hope you come again!



First Communion
Sunday, May 16, 2010
12:00 Noon Worship Service

Welcome to Worship!

*** = stand**; if you have trouble standing, you are welcome to sit during the service.

Hearing Assistant Devices available. Please ask an usher to provide one.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

*GATHERING SONG: *"Come, Let Us Worship God"*

*PRAYER

LESSON: Exodus 12:1-14 (CEV)

*SONG: *"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"* #713 WOV

*GOSPEL: Matthew 26:17-29 (CEV)

MESSAGE: *"God's Love Letter"* Pastor Rod

FIRST COMMUNION RECOGNITION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"* #770 WOV

(the offering will be received during the hymn)

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: Your Offering, The Bread and Wine

*SONG: *"Come, Let Us Bring the Warm and Fragrant Bread"*

*GREAT THANKSGIVING:

*Song: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* page 36 WOV

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer (sung)

Distribution

Hymns: *"Lamb of God"* page 39 WOV

"Let Us Break Bread Together" #212 LBW

"One Bread, One Body" #710 WOV

*POST-COMMUNION:

*Song: *"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"* page 40, WOV

*Prayer

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG: *"Lead Me, Guide Me"* #768 ELW

DISMISSAL

Thank you for serving:

Acolytes: Peter Letscher, Emily Letscher, _____

Communion Assistants: Kris Gallert, Marcie Nelson,

Ushers: Scott Gallert, Jacob Gallert, John Nelson

Congratulations On Achieving This Milestone in Your Faith

Samantha Andritsch Morgan Fulton Sarah Irish Sarah Letscher Jaysal Patel Trevor Schneller Rebecca Von Ruden
Sabrina Binns Caleb Gavin Stefanie Irish Makayla Mustas Kesari Patel Leo Seipel Andrew Wipperman
Carter Capelle Kiera Grade Bradley Jacobs Matthew Myrhum Amanda Remshek Lauren Terrill
Jacob Clayton Emma Hackbarth Abbi Kurschner Carson Niemiec Jane Rogers Drew Thiel
Olivia Coffield Hailey Hoffman Jack LaBracke Jessica Olson Anika Roy Maya Timmer

First Communion Statements: *What does Communion mean to me?*

To me, Communion means what Jesus gave and sacrificed for us. ~ *Samantha Andritsch*

First Communion means to me that Jesus is with me all the time and died for our sins (on the cross). It reminds me of the Last Supper. ~ *Sabrina Binns*

Communion means we get to do what Jesus told us to do on the last day He was alive. ~ *Jacob Clayton*

Taking another step in God's word. To be having first communion makes me proud and confident and makes me know even more that God is with me always. ~ *Olivia Coffield*

To me, communion means that we are blessed with God's love. ~ *Morgan Fulton*

Communion means union with Christ through His body and blood. ~ *Kiera Grade*

Communion means the last supper. ~ *Emma Hackbarth*

To me, Jesus is going to be part of me! ~ *Stefanie Irish*

Jesus came back to life so I could have a happy life. ~ *Brad Jacobs*

I feel sad sometimes because Jesus died for us - and we remember that at Communion - and I can't do anything like that for him. The good part about Communion is that he died for us and we can live. ~ *Abbi Kurschner*

First Communion to me means celebrating God's love and worshipping Jesus and Jesus' body and blood. First Communion is also like a sign of life and it shows how worthy Jesus and the Disciples were. It shows what Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit gave up for us so now everyone can live a forgiven life. Amen. ~ *Sarah Letscher*

To me, Holy Communion is receiving a wafer that represents Jesus' body and wine or grape juice that represents Jesus' blood.
~ *Makayla Mustas*

It means that I am taking the next step to being closer to Jesus. ~ *Matthew Myrhum*

First Communion means to me that I can receive the body and blood of Christ. ~ *Carson Niemiec*

First Communion means that I joined the welcome table. It also means that I became a part of God's family. It also means that I get to go with my family up to the front and eat a host and drink wine. ~ *Jessica Olson*

My First Communion means I'm getting to know Jesus better. ~ *Jaysal Patel*

First Communion means to me that you are receiving Jesus' body and blood (bread and wine). ~ *Kesari Patel*

Communion reminds me that Jesus died for us on the cross. ~ *Amanda Remshek*

I picture the last supper with Jesus and his disciples and he's teaching them. I can't believe I'm actually going to take it, it feels like I'm all grown up. It means so much to me. ~ *Anika Roy*

Communion means that God loves me. It also means that God forgives my sins. ~ *Trevor Schneller*

Communion reminds me of the last supper and that Jesus wants us to remember He loves us. ~ *Leo Seipel*

Communion means that Jesus died for us and that Jesus is always with us. ~ *Lauren Terrill*

Communion means becoming part of God's family. It is a very kind thing that God allows us to be in His family! ~ *Drew Thiel*

Receiving Jesus' blood and body. If we do something bad, he forgives us at communion. ~ *Maya Timmer*

The bread and wine reminds me of Jesus' body and blood. It also reminds me that Jesus died on the cross for us and for our sins.
~ *Coryn Tormala*

Communion means to rejoice and be forgiven and get a fresh start for the sins I have done. ~ *Rebecca Von Ruden*

Communion means joining God's family and receiving love and forgiveness. ~ *Andrew Wipperman*