Our Worship at the Table — Lent #4 Church by the Sea ~ Madeira Beach, FL March 3, 2024 Dr. Jeffry Iskra

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 <sup>(NLT)</sup> For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread <sup>24</sup> and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant (between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with) my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." <sup>26</sup> For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

1. The Presence of  $\underline{CHRIST}$  at the Table

- Communion Proclaims the **GOSPEL**
- Communion Proclaims Jesus' <u>VICTORY OVER SIN</u>

## 2. **MY** Presence at the Table

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. <sup>29</sup> For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself.

• I Must Be CAREFUL When Receiving Communion

• Communion Proclaims my **IDENTITY IN CHRIST** 

Galatians 2:20 My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## 3. The Presence of **OTHERS** at the Table

Luke 22:19-20 He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

<sup>20</sup> After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant (between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with) my blood, which is poured out (as a sacrifice) for you."