

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that we may show forth His death until he comes.

Close Communion: Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and yet desire to receive the sacrament are asked to speak first with the Pastor. Also, please see the Pastor first if you do not regularly commune at Faith. Thank you!

(You may wish to see the inside front cover of your hymnal for a "Prayer before/after Communion" or p. 308 for prayers before and after receiving the sacrament.)

Some Instructions for Communing at Faith:

- The communicant may kneel or continue standing once the entire group is in place at the communion railing.
- You may receive the bread by extending your hand. (Please let the pastor know if you need gluten free bread.)
- The wine is received via individual cups or the common cup (chalice). An individual cup of white non-alcoholic wine is available for those who desire it. It is helpful for the communicants themselves to remove the individual glasses. Those desiring to use the common cup may assist by taking hold of the base of the chalice. (Non-alcoholic white wine is provided in individual cups.)
- You may bring your children with you as you commune so they may receive a blessing from the pastor.

(All who commune are asked to register their participation by checking the "communing" column in the maroon pad at the end of your pew.)

A prayer before receiving the Lord's Supper:

Dear Savior, I come to Your table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink Your Holy Body and Blood. I come recognizing my sin, trusting Your promise that You are really present in this Supper for the forgiveness of my sins, and wanting to amend my sinful life with the help of Your Spirit; in Your name. Amen.