



Communing at Grace

Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is a sacred act, established by Christ Himself and given to the whole Church. As members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we hold the doctrine of the *Real Presence*, meaning that Jesus really gives His true Body and Blood with the bread and wine, as He Himself says, “for the forgiveness of sins.” From the understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, we practice *Close Communion*, meaning we must be in close agreement, not only about this Sacrament, but on all the major doctrines of the faith. Fellowship at the altar is a testimony to the unity of faith with others at the same table and presupposes unity in doctrine and confession. (see Acts 2:42 and I Cor. 10:17) We therefore ask that those who commune here be baptized Christians and confirmed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. “*Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself*” (I Cor. 11:28-29). Only out of genuine care and concern for God’s people do we ask that all visitors speak with the pastor before communing.

If you are a member in good standing of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, your presence is welcomed at the Table. If there is time before the service, you are respectfully asked to inform the pastor of your desire to commune so as to avoid any confusion at the Table. Otherwise, please speak with him after the service.



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