Keep Your Lamp Burning – WAIT



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Temple, TX

Welcome to Immanuel!

"Leading our neighbors to the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ and building up one another in faith through Word and Sacrament."

A Note to Visitors

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church! We are glad you are worshiping with us today. We invite you to register your attendance using the cards located in the pews and to place them in the offering plate as it is passed. If you would like more information about Immanuel, please stop by the welcome table in the lobby.

Immanuel Lutheran Church serves the greater Bell County area with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are celebrating 100 years of faithful commitment to Christian worship, education, mission, and service.

We hope you join us for worship again soon!

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About the Liturgical Season of Pentecost

The Season of Pentecost begins with the Day (or Feast) of Pentecost, marking the end of the 50-day season of Easter. On Pentecost, we remember the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Christ's apostles, bestowing them with power and strength and enabling them to proclaim the Gospel in a variety of languages. Red adorns our sanctuary for the Day of Pentecost as a reminder of the power of this day. The rest of the season is marked by green, a neutral color that encourages us to maintain our faith during this, our longest church season.

A Note to Parents

We believe children are God's children too, which means they are as much a part of the church as everyone else. Therefore, children of all ages are always welcome in the worship service.

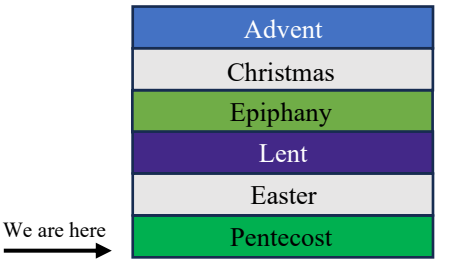
However, we completely understand that kids can get restless during the service, and we understand the challenges of getting children accustomed to being in the service the whole time. We want to assist you in helping your children learn to participate in a meaningful way. We offer these opportunities for children to participate in service, and for them to take breaks when needed:

Children's Message | Children are invited to come forward for a brief message of teaching and prayer. Parents are welcome to accompany small children as needed. *(Offered every other Sunday)*

Nursery | When parents need a place for their children during worship, a children's room is available down the main hallway on the left.

Nursing Mom's Corner | Available inside the nursery.

The Church Year



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 | 8:00am

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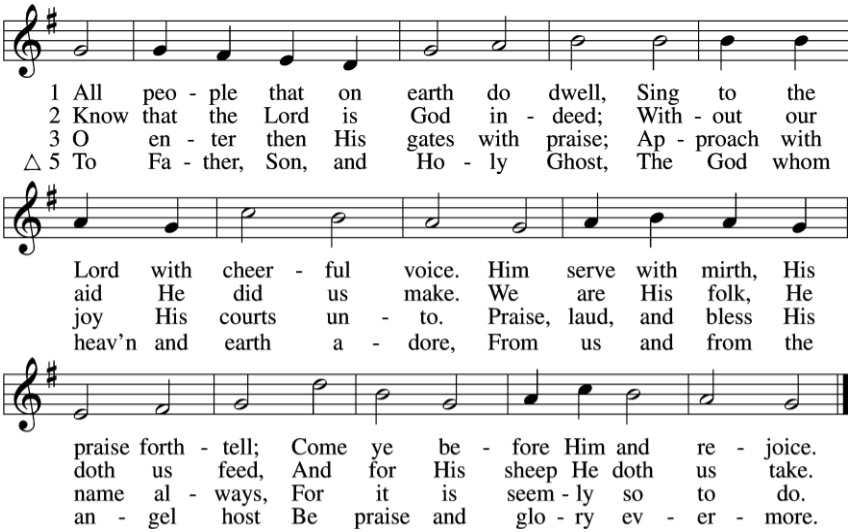
Please share your attendance with us by filling out the attendance card and placing it in the offering plate. Any prayer requests or feedback may be written on the back.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Service of the Word

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell



Text: 1561 | Tune: 1551

Veterans Day Video

Welcome and Announcements

Veterans, please come forward to receive a gift in recognition of your service.

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

LSB 785 We Praise You, O God



Text: 1902 | Tune: 1877

The Prayers of the Day are ancient, some more than 1500 years old. In these carefully crafted prayers, we lift up our voices together, making our appeal to our heavenly Father, carrying our most basic needs before the heavenly throne.

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading – Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers,
about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do
who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose
again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who
have fallen asleep. 15For this we declare to you by a word from
the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of
the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the
Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command,
with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet
of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are
alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the
clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with
the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand out of reverence for the Gospel of our Lord.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

1[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins
who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of
them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when the foolish took
their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks
of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all
became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here
is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all those virgins
rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise,
'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the
wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and
for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10And
while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those

who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

LSB 723 The Lord Is My Light



Text: 2006 | Tune: 1982

See the back of the bulletin for space for sermon notes

When we speak the creed, we declare together the basics of our faith, as a summary of Biblical teaching about the Triune God, the Church, our resurrection, and life eternal.

Sermon – Keep Your Lamp Burning – WAIT

Apostle's Creed

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, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

After each petition:
…Lord, in Your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, keep us watchful for the coming of Your Son. Through the teaching of Your Word, strengthen our faith and fix our hope on Jesus Christ, that we may be ready to welcome Him when He returns in glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Father, seek those who have wandered from You. Work through Your Word to renew their trust in Your mercy and restore them to the fellowship of Your Church. Help us reach out

to them with patience, compassion and the hope of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, be with us as we gather in our meeting today. Give us courage and wisdom to not just elect leaders and pass a budget, but to expand your mission of living in the Joy of our Salvation! Keep us faithful to You and to Your Word that all may come to believe in Christ and live in joyful expectation of His return. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous God, guide our leaders and all who hold positions of authority. Guard them against corruption and selfish ambition. Give them integrity, wisdom and courage to uphold justice, protect the vulnerable and preserve peace in our communities and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we give You thanks for the men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces. Bless our veterans and their families, and help us care for them with gratitude and compassion. Bring healing to those who bear wounds in body or mind, comfort those who grieve and surround those who feel forgotten with people who will support them. Grant them lasting hope and peace in Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, draw near to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit [including _____]. Grant healing according to Your will, strength for each day and comfort through Your promises. As they wait upon You, keep them confident in Christ, who will raise His people and make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, we thank You for all who have died trusting in Christ and now rest from their labors. Comfort those who mourn with the promise that death will not have the final word. When our Savior descends from heaven and the dead in Christ rise, gather us with all Your saints to dwell with You forever. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, and whatever else You know we need, grant us, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory – Instrumental Selections

Service of the Sacrament

Preface means "introduction." The pastor and people get ready to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as to how to celebrate the meal.

Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus is a Latin word meaning "Holy." As a triumphant welcome hymn of the crucified, risen and reigning Christ, the Sanctus is sung with strength. Hosanna!

Sanctus

LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

These "Words of Institution" tell us what the gift is and what its benefits are: His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The pastor speaks, but the Words are Christ's.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Confessional Affirmation

I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, satan, and death.

I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.

I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular group worship, cheerful giving, thankful living, and sharing the Gospel with others. Amen.

Proclamation of Christ

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord's Prayer

So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 and ever. Amen.

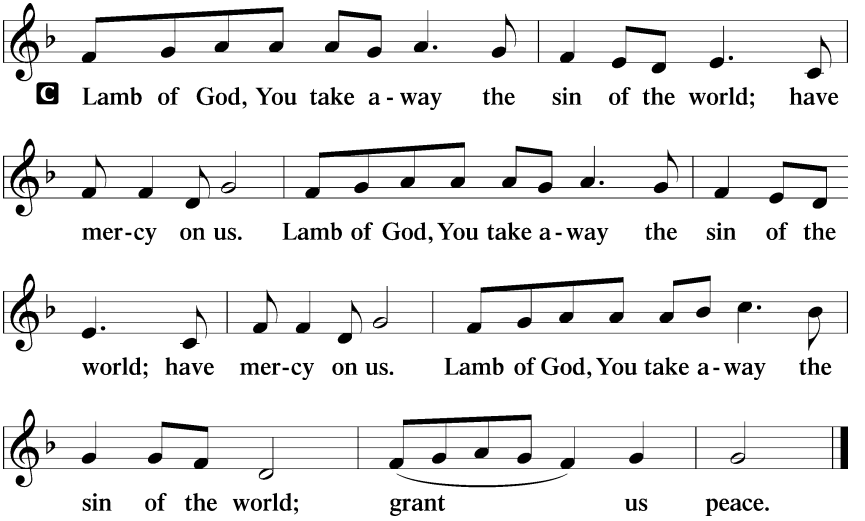
As you prepare to receive the Holy Supper, please read Notes about Holy Communion on page 17.

Distribution

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Agnus Dei is a Latin phrase meaning "Lamb of God." As Christ comes to us in the Holy Supper, we recognize Him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death. (John 1:29, Is. 53:7)



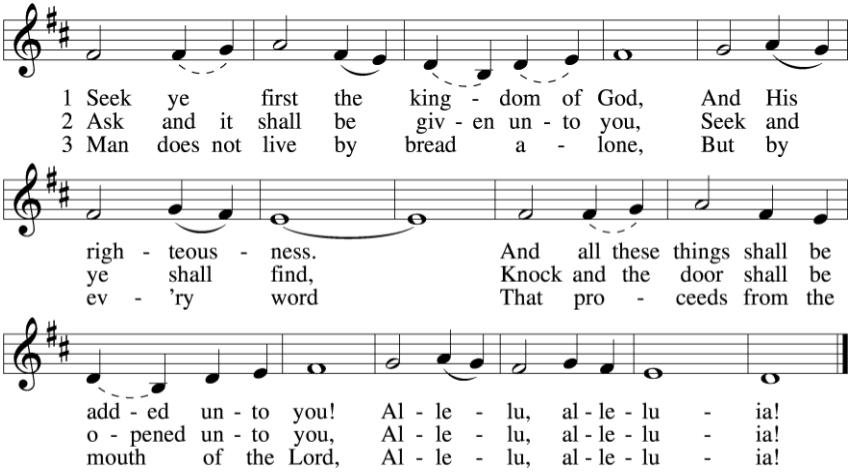
The pastor, and those who assist him, distribute to those who come to receive, saying:

"Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. ***Amen****."*

"Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. ***Amen****."*

Distribution Hymn

LSB 712 Seek Ye First



Text: 1972 | Tune: 1972

Distribution Hymn

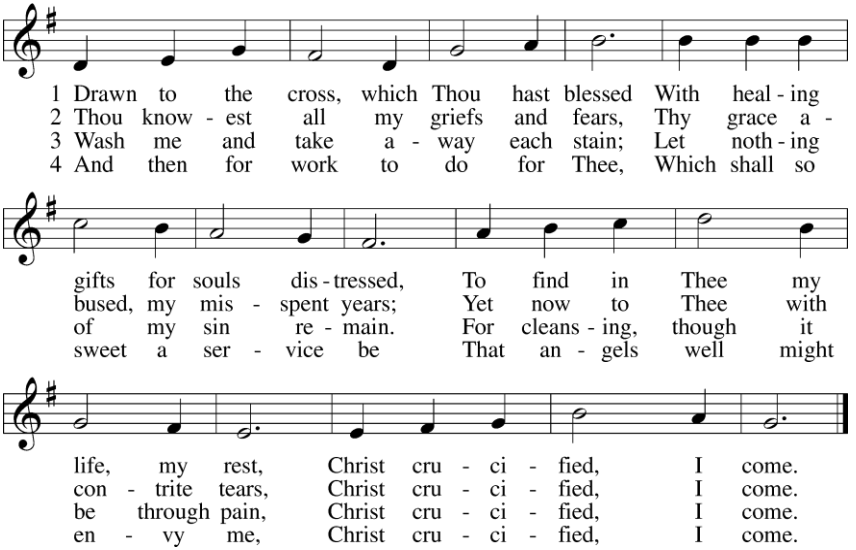
LSB 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



Text: 1977 | Tune: 1977

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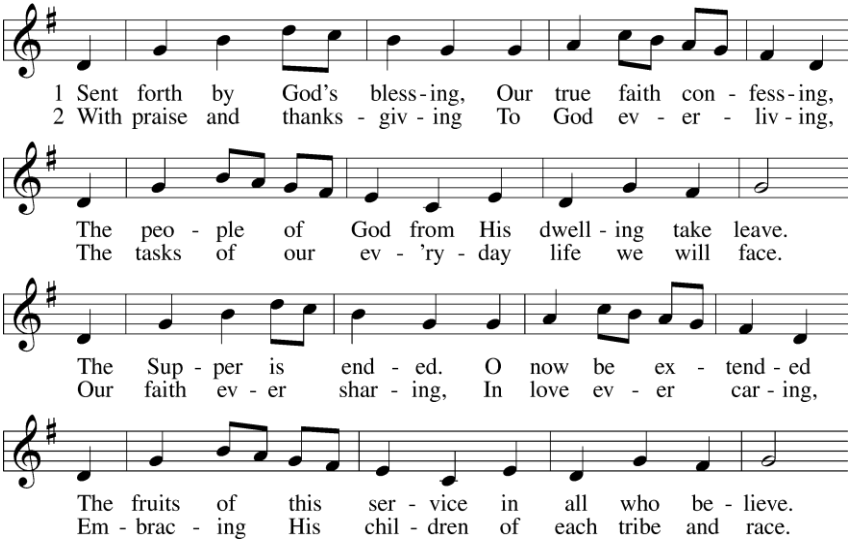
LSB 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

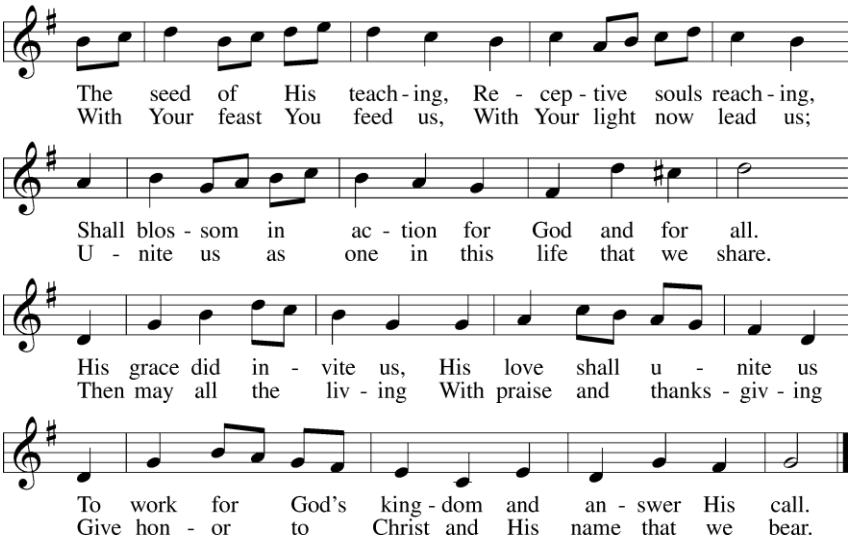


Text: 1880 | Tune: 1883

Distribution Hymn

LSB 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing





Text: 1964 | Tune: Traditional Welsh Melody

In the Post Communion Prayer, we give thanks for the Sacrament, the gift that brings salvation. We are reminded from receiving the Sacrament of such favor and grace that our faith and love are stimulated, renewed, and strengthened.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

LSB 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Text: 1970 | Tune: 1970

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Notes About Holy Communion

What is Communion?

As Christians, we confess that we receive the true body and blood of Christ--in, with, and under the bread and wine--in our hands and in our mouths. This is a profound wonder and unexplainable mystery.

We take the words "This is my body" and "This is my blood" at face value because God's Word clearly teaches that in the sacrament, the bread and wine are a communion, or participation, in the body and blood of Christ.

In the Sacrament, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How Do I Receive Communion?

Receiving the body and blood of Christ is a sacred moment. You will be directed by the ushers to the communion rail. As a sign of reverence, you may bow and then, if able, kneel. Receive the wafer in an open hand, one on top of the other. Individual cups and a common cup are offered. Take an individual cup as the tray passes. If you take the common cup, it is acceptable to touch the base of the cup to control the tilt so that you receive an appropriate amount. When all are served, the pastor or elder will speak a dismissal. Then rise and, if you wish, bow as you depart the rail. Take empty cups with you and place in the receptacles on your way down the steps. Gluten-free wafers are available. The center ring of the communion trays contains low-alcohol wine.

For those who cannot approach the rail, we are happy to provide distribution in the pews. You may inform the elder in advance of the service that you will need communion in the pews, or, raise your hand when the elder comes by.

Who May Commune?

The Lord's Supper is a testimony to our unity in the faith. This Sacrament is given for those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and desire to follow Him. We ask that those who are baptized, who believe that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine, and who have confirmed their faith, come forward to receive the Sacrament. Those who hold a different confession of faith are welcome to come forward for a blessing. To indicate this, please cross your arms over your chest.

Scripture calls us to receive this sacred meal with reverence and self-examination. As written in 1 Corinthians 11:28–29: *"Let a person examine himself, then, 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 on himself."*

It is our desire that you join us at the Lord's Table. Please speak with a pastor or elder if you would like more information.

Children of all ages are welcome to accompany you at the rail or the walk with you through the line for continuous flow. In doing so, they learn the importance of Holy Communion even as they receive a prayer of blessing.

Prayer Before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation we come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Preparation for Communion

For more resources, see Luther's Small Catechism on pages 326-327 in the hymnal.

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