

## Concerning The Lord's Supper

Out of love, our Savior Jesus Christ invites all of His followers to receive what only He can give: His own body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. It was His body and blood, broken and shed on the cross for us, that gives us what He promises, the forgiveness of sins and strength for our faith. In the Lord's Supper we receive His body and blood in faith, trusting in His Word and promises.



The Lord's Supper is both intimately personal and at the same time a public proclamation. We are united with our Savior as we receive the sacrament and united with one another as together we join in this shared meal. As we partake of the sacrament together, we give testimony not only to our faith in Jesus but to our unity of faith and bond of Christian fellowship.

If you wish to partake of the Lord's Supper at Grace, please be guided by your response to these questions:

- Do you believe that you are a sinner and in need of the forgiveness offered by Christ in the Lord's Supper?
- Do you believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine even as Christ promised?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, as taught at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church and, by your participation in the sacrament, give testimony to the faith we share?

Before communing for the first time at Grace, you are asked to please speak with one of the pastors. God's richest blessings to all who come to His table!

### **Important Information for Those Wishing to Attend The Lord's Supper**

For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper, an usher will direct you from your seat toward the receiving line. To receive bread/Christ's body, please hold out your hand and the bread will be given to you by an elder. (For those with dietary needs, gluten-free bread is available in the center of the tray for you to take.)

You may choose to receive the wine/Christ's blood either by individual cup or by common cup. If you prefer to receive the individual cup, please take one from the tray as the elder passes before you. (For those who have need, a wine-alternative is available in center of the tray). If you prefer to receive the common cup, please aid the pastor in guiding the cup with your hands as you drink. Deposit the individual cups in the baskets at the bottom of the side aisle as you return to your seat. When you have returned to your seat, continue worshipping by reflecting on God's gift of forgiveness and life to you through Christ Jesus.