



1 CLASS NOTES

#25

Theme: The Lord's Supper

Participating in the Lord's Supper

We desire all who are able to participate with us. God's Word teaches that in order to receive the blessing of forgiveness and New Life in Christ through this Sacrament, one must prepare personally. Otherwise, the Body and Blood of Christ might be received to one's spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). We therefore ask all who desire to participate to review the Biblical teaching below in this worship folder. Thank you.

Preparing for Holy Communion: Put Bible verses in your own words
Communion is the Lord's Supper, and I come at His invitation when I...

Admit my sin and trust in Christ alone for forgiveness. (spend a few moments in silent confession)

1 John 1:8-9:

Have been Baptized into Christ as Savior and Lord, and seek His power to live a New Life.

Romans 6:1-4, 11-14

Why is Baptism connected to Holy Communion?

Accept by faith Jesus' words that His True Body and Blood are given with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of my sins.

1 Cor. 10:16 and 11:23-29

What is the difference between what we believe about Jesus' Real Presence in the bread and wine and what others teach?

Forgive those who have sinned against me.

Matthew 5:23-24, and 6:14-15

Why is it so important to give and receive forgiveness from others before we receive Holy Communion?

Recognize that as I participate in Holy Communion at St. Paul, I am publicly expressing my agreement with the Lutheran understanding of God's Word, the Bible, as proclaimed by this congregation.

1 Corinthians 11:26-29

Explain Close Communion:

2 SMALL GROUPS

Open your Catechisms to pg. 241 and following look at the

Questions about How to Receive the Sacrament Worthily. Rephrase Luther's answers in your own words.

#299: Why is it important to receive the Sacrament worthily?

#302: When is a person unworthy or unprepared?

#304: May those who are weak in faith come to the Lord's Table?

#306: What is Confirmation?

3 AROUND THE TABLE

Talk with your family about their first times taking Communion. What do they remember about that day? If you've already taken Communion, what do you remember?

Ask how they were taught about what Communion is. What ways were they taught to prepare for Communion each week?

In the Bible we read that taking the sacrament without proper preparation is doing a detriment—harm—to ourselves. At St. Paul and the Summit we print the statements on the other side of this sheet in each week's Communion bulletin to help those who plan to commune prepare.

As a family, walk through the questions. Spend a few minutes talking about what each point means and how it makes you feel—do you feel convicted? Guilty? Hopeful? Excited?

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name: _____

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Messy Madness JAM Event

Friday, April 12

7-9 PM St. Paul DOCK

Bring a friend and come prepared to get

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