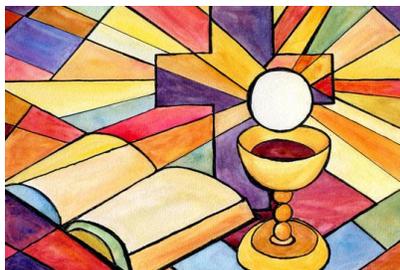


Holy Home Communion



The church is anywhere people gather in Jesus' name. Even though we may not physically gather in a church building, we continue to gather as the Christian church. When you gather in Jesus' name, your home is church, too.

Holy Communion is a special meal we celebrate when we worship. The bread and wine are mysteriously the *real presence* of Jesus Christ. Because mysteries are, well, mysterious, we trust that Jesus is really with us in this meal.

When we cannot gather physically for worship due to an emergency such as COVID-19, it is acceptable to fast from Holy Communion until we can worship together once again or use the liturgy below which can be led by someone in your family to celebrate Holy Communion in the home. We believe the meal is celebrated after God's Word is heard, so you might read a passage of scripture together and discuss how God is speaking to you in the biblical story, listen to a recorded sermon or tune into a livestream or radio service, before leading this liturgy. You can find Peace Lutheran's most recent worship service and sermon online at www.peacebarrett.org.

Setting the Table

Prepare a space for the meal of Holy Communion. Just as we do at church, consider setting out your best dishes because this is the most special meal we share. Churches often use unleavened bread to recall the Israelites hurried exodus from Egypt, however any bread will do. You may set out a small cup of wine or grape juice. Light a candle or two, and you have an altar.

Holy Communion Liturgy

**If you live alone and wish to participate in the sacrament, read this entire liturgy as a prayer and remember you are united with God and the communion of saints at this table.*

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

When our congregation gathered for Holy Communion with all the saints from every time and place, we heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown us in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. The holy meal of the Lord's supper was shared.

Now we share this word of life, and this bread and cup of blessing, that we may share in these same gifts and be strengthened by the Christian community, even though we gather separately for now.

Let us confess our sins, all that we have done to hurt each other and ourselves, in the presence of God and of one another.

(Pause for a moment of reflection.)

Gracious God, **we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit, God give us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion Distribution

Share the bread with each person, saying,

"The body of Christ, given for you."

Then share the wine or grape juice with each person, saying,

"The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Prayer After Communion

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people and free us from fear. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**