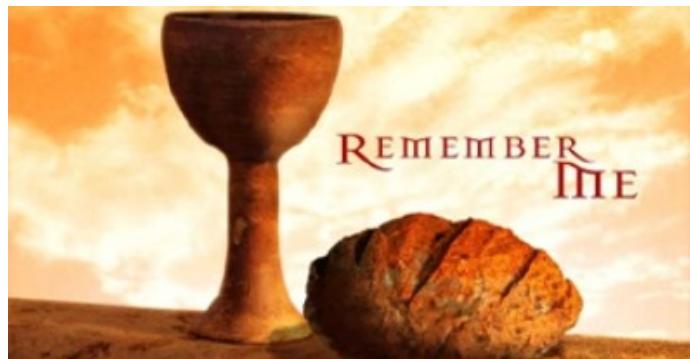


# Preparation for Virtual Communion

On Easter Sunday, we will, for the first time, celebrate communion together virtually. This is a new and different experience for us—as Lutherans, we believe that in optimal circumstances, communion is to be celebrated together, in person, in community. However, with unprecedented times come new explorations of worship.



To help you prepare for this unique experience during this Sunday's worship, gather the following items before you tune in to our service.

**BREAD:** Find some sort of bread or cracker to share. Sliced sandwich bread, oyster crackers, whatever you have on hand is fine! If you're feeling adventurous, you can make the same communion bread our altar guild makes for the church. You can find the recipe, as well as a breadmaking devotional (courtesy of Pr. Mike Pancoast, 2017), on our website.

**WINE:** The best thing to use is some sort of red wine, but again, whatever you have on hand will work just fine! Jesus isn't picky! White wine, juice, even soda will work in a pinch.

**PLATE & CUPS:** If you have plates and cups you reserve for company, dig those out, because Jesus is coming to visit! Find a plate to hold your bread/crackers, and a wine glass or something similar for the wine. If you are more than a family of one, you may want to use smaller individual cups for the wine instead.

**SET-UP:** Set your table. Place the bread and wine on your kitchen table or coffee table—whatever you will be watching service. Take a little time to dress it up a little—maybe use a tablecloth, a candle, your spring flowers—remember, this is a special meal we are eating!

**PRAYER:** After you have everything ready, say a prayer—

*Lord, we come into your presence this morning ready to receive you in our home. The table is set and we eagerly wait for you to join us! May we take this bread and wine aware of your presence in it, and may we experience your grace and extended community through it. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

**WORSHIP:** During worship, in its usual spot, Pastor Hollie will lead us through the Words of Institution. She will direct you when it is time to take the elements. You may serve one another with the words, "The body of Christ, give for you (bread)," and, "The blood of Christ, shed for you (wine)."

Communion is a holy sacrament gifted to us to tangibly experience God's grace. But it is also just that—a gift! If all you have in your home is a Ritz cracker and a paper plate, that's good enough for God! We come before Him to take this meal covered in God's grace and love.

**Questions or concerns? Call/text Pastor Angela at (952) 212-3355.**