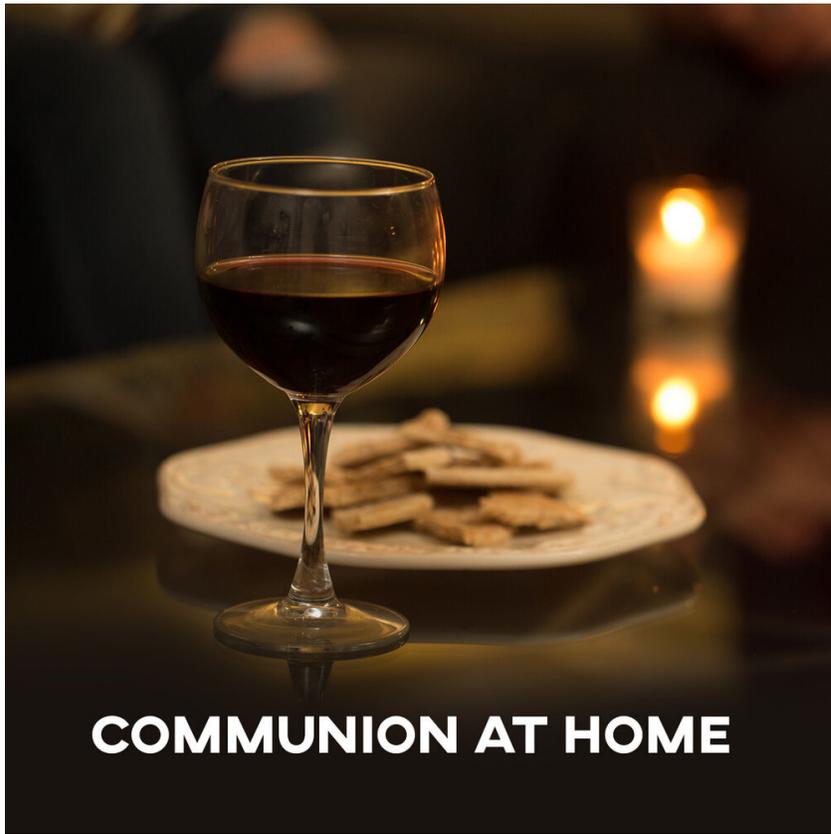


*House of Prayer
Lutheran Church*



COMMUNION AT HOME

Introduction:

Welcome to Communion here at House of Prayer in Escondido. Whether you are here in the sanctuary or at home, all by yourself or in company of others know that Christ is with you at this time

For this celebration you will need

- bread or anything else (a cracker, a wafer etc.) that resembles for you the body of Christ and
- a glass/cup with wine or grape juice or anything else that resembles for you the blood of Christ.

You might also want to choose a space that feels as sacred as an altar. A candle can be helpful for that.

If you are a little nervous, don't worry. God is with you. Prepare your heart and believe.

In God's love there is no right and wrong.
Now be blessed!

Celebration of Communion

PRELUDE "Let Us Break Bread Together" John Rosamond Johnson

LIGHTING OF A CANDLE

P: Breathe the Holy Spirit,
see the light of Christ,
trust God's presence in your life here and now.

GREETING

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 our thanks and praise.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

PREPARATION

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

DISTRIBUTION AND MUSIC

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:
**We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

BLESSING

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

POSTLUDE “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

Jeremy Young

