

Holy Communion Serving Instructions (updated 10/20/15)
(be sure to use HAND SANITIZER)

ALL SERVICES [what to say]

- **Bread Servers:** “The body of Christ given for you.”

NOTE: A small dish of gluten-free bread is in center of bread tray. DO NOT TOUCH the pieces; let the person take a piece. Then say “the body of Christ given for you.”

- **Wine Pourers:** “The blood of Christ shed for you.”

- **Common Cup:** “The blood of Christ shed for you.”

Common Cup Server also gives a blessing to children not receiving bread/wine (for example: “God loves you,” “Jesus is your friend,” “May God bless and keep you,” or something similar).

Common Cup Server also says “The blood of Christ shed for you” for those taking grape juice.

SATURDAY SERVICE (kneeling)

1. 3-4 servers handle bread tray, tray of cups, common cup, pouring chalice
2. Start in the corner by the flags & move around toward the piano.

SUNDAY SERVICE 8:15 (usually kneeling)

1. 8 servers (4 volunteers, 2 acolytes, 2 pastors) – line up on each side of altar rail cloth in this order:
 - 1 server with bread tray (wafers and a small dish of gluten bread pieces in center)
 - 1 acolyte with tray of cups
 - 1 server with common cup (also blesses children – see “All Services” above)
 - 1 pastor with pouring chalice
2. One team goes left of cloth around pulpit to flags; other team goes right of cloth toward piano.
3. While passing the altar, replenish wine from the flagon or take a new tray of cups.
4. Team finishing communion first can leave their items on the railing, & kneel at the rail in front of the pulpit; after they receive communion, they can serve the other team.
5. Return all items to the altar when communion is done.

SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 (usually standing)

1. 9 servers (5 volunteers, 2 acolytes, 2 pastors) – line up in front of the altar rail with 4 on each side arranged in this manner:

chalice / common cup / tray / bread	A	bread / tray / common cup / chalice
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Person with common cup also gives a blessing to children – see “All Services” (top of sheet).

One server is the "runner" who refills pouring chalices & common cups from the flagon and keeps extra trays ready for the acolytes.

Each acolyte gets 2 trays to start – 1 to hold + 1 in reserve, set on the rail behind them.

2. First team finished sets their items on the rail, and gets in the other team's line to receive communion, then they serve the other team; teams return all serving items to altar after everyone is served.

For those needing communion brought to them, there will be a slide projected on the worship screen with instructions to let an usher know. This will also be noted in the bulletin. Usher will then let communion servers or pastors know. The server will take the bread tray and a poured cup of wine and serve that person, saying the appropriate words. This will happen AFTER the congregation and the servers have communed.

NOTE: on special holidays and high Holy Days (Christmas, Easter, etc), one of the pastors will announce that if there is anyone who wishes to have communion brought to them, please let an usher know.

If you have any questions or are interested in being a communion server, please contact either: LuAnn Burke (356-4597) or Tina Culbertson (356-8822)