

Holy Communion/The Lord's Supper

At Hope, we practice Close Communion. This means we celebrate the Lord's Supper with those who believe as we do. We believe that with the bread and wine Jesus also gives His true body and blood to forgive, renew, and assure us of His mercy and love. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of their sin and promise to forgive and love as Jesus does.

If you believe as we do, ask yourself the following questions in preparation for the reception of the Lord's Supper...

- *Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins of thought, word, and deed?*
- *Do I believe that Jesus' sacrifice has paid the debt for my sins, and do trust in Him alone for my forgiveness and my salvation?*
- *Do I believe that in Holy Communion I receive the real body and blood of the risen Christ for the forgiveness of my sins, strengthening of my faith, and for my salvation?*
- *Do I promise to reject my past sinful life and now live as the child of God that I am?*

(If you have been baptized in the name of the Triune God, are in agreement with our Lutheran beliefs and have been confirmed and answer "Yes" to the above questions, we welcome you to commune with us.)