

Communion Practice

We celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and we welcome to the altar any who are confirmed members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregation or a sister church body that the LCMS is in fellowship with. To see a list of the churches we are in fellowship with please visit: <http://www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=1372>.

The LCMS, and therefore Trinity, practices “Close(d) Communion” as an expression of unity of faith (1 Cor. 10:16-17; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 1:10). When a person comes to the altar and receives Christ’s body and blood the person is also confessing their agreement with that churches doctrine. Because of doctrinal differences that exist between the LCMS and other Lutheran, and other church denominations, we cannot expect their members to make the same confession that we have at our altar, nor do we desire anyone to compromise their own convictions and beliefs or their church body.

This practice is not new. From the beginning of the church after the first Pentecost this practice has been followed because scripture teaches it. Please know that this is not done to question the faith or belief in Jesus Christ of any person. It is done because we recognize that there are divisions among us and we are called to come to the table united.

Because of our commitment to scripture in all things, and in particular this aspect, we practice close communion and we ask for your cooperation and respect in this matter.

Anyone not taking communion is welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. If you choose to do this, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing.

If you, or your visitors, have any questions regarding this practice, please contact me, Pastor, at the office (651) 463-7225, or on my cell phone (651) 252-1083. I am happy to explain further and also talk with any visitor.