

Communion

“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” You’ve heard the Biblical phrase often enough, but have you ever really thought about the meaning behind the phrase? Do you think it was just a coincidence that Jesus compared believing in the Word of God to eating? What do we know about eating? It is most certainly a necessity, and a pleasant experience in which we indulge liberally. Eating fills our body, enabling us to survive; likewise, the Word of God fills and comforts our soul. Being called to the ministry of Communion is more than being called to prepare food -- it is literally a calling to sustain people with the Word of God.

Specifics:

- Purchase or bake 2 small, whole loaves of bread; cut one loaf into bite-sized pieces.
- Purchase a bottle of Welch’s concord grape juice.
- Cover the communion table with a pressed, white tablecloth and set out the appropriate utensils and elements. Cover the elements with a white cloth.
 - For traditional communion, two communion cup trays filled with grape juice and two bread plates with bread pieces should be placed on the table as well as a pitcher filled with grape juice, a bread plate with a loaf of bread, and an empty chalice.
 - For communion via *Intinction*, two bread plates with bread pieces, two empty chalices, and a pitcher filled with grape juice should be placed on the table as well as a bread plate with a loaf of bread. **(Communion for the 8:28 am service is always served via *Intinction*, but only one plate and one cup is needed.)**
- After the service, clean and return utensils, elements, and cloths to their appropriate places.
- You will be given a “*Communion Orientation*” to familiarize yourself with the process.