

Communion Preparation

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- Method of distribution is always intinction for both Saturday and Sunday.
- You will need one divided chalice for the wine and juice, one smaller divided bowl for the wafers (ciborium) and one taller Celebrant's chalice, which is not divided.
- The individual wafers and larger Celebrant's wafers are in the cupboard. The wine and the grape juice are in the small refrigerator. Extra bottles are stored in the lower cabinet to the right of the sink.
- Fill the larger side of the divided chalice with wine, and the grape juice goes in the smaller side. Fill to about 3/4 inch from the rim.
- Fill one side of the divided bowl with regular wafers, fill the other side with 3-4 gluten free wafers that are stored in the refrigerator. Fill regular wafer side until it is even with the top of the divider.
- Place a large Celebrant's wafer on top of regular wafers.
- Put a small amount of wine in the taller (Celebrant's) chalice and drape a purificator (a square linen napkin), folded three times lengthwise, over the top of the chalice.
- Place all items on the credence table.
 - Place a pall (linen-covered square) over the top of each chalice **after** carrying to the chancel. This prevents spilling wine onto the palls, which are very hard to clean.
- **After the service, remove all items from the credence table and wash and store them in the sacristy.**
- Wafers and GF free wafers can be returned to the storage containers for future use.
- Notify Heidi in the church office if the supply of wafers, wine, or grape juice seems to be getting low.

Saturday Night Communion Assistants

- Come forward to the altar right after the Lord's Prayer.
- The communion helper and the pastor will commune each other first. The words with the bread are, "The Body of Christ given for you." The words with the wine are, "The Blood of Christ shed for you."
- An organist or other musician may need to be served before the congregation, follow the Pastor's lead on this.
- **Important for continuous line:** the assistant should stand far enough to the side of the pastor so as not to interfere with the next person in line receiving the wafer. If you stand too close to the pastor, he or she will not be able to commune the next communicant until the previous communicant has moved away from the chalice.
- Once one side has completed receiving communion, move to the other side of the pastor to continue serving.
- If someone drops a wafer into the chalice, get the Pastor's attention and he or she will offer the communicant another wafer.

- After all have communed, follow the Pastor back to the altar and place the chalice on the credence table and cover with pall. Return to your pew.
 - The Pastor will return all other items to the credence table.

Sunday Communion Assistants

- Come forward to the altar right after the Lord's Prayer.
- The pastor the communion assistant will commune each other at the end.
- The Pastor will hand the chalice to the assistant.
- Proceed down the chancel steps to the main level of the sanctuary for continuous line.
- **Important for continuous line:** each assistant should stand far enough to the side of the pastor so as not to interfere with the next person in line receiving the wafer. If you stand too close to the pastor, he or she will not be able to commune the next communicant until the previous communicant has moved away from the chalice.
- Once one side has completed receiving communion, move to the other side of the pastor to continue serving.
- The words over the wine are, "The Blood of Christ shed for you."
- If someone drops a wafer into the chalice, get the pastor's attention and he or she will offer the communicant another wafer.
- After all have communed, follow the Pastor back to the altar and place the chalice on the credence table and cover with pall. Return to your pew.
 - The Pastor will return all other items to the credence table.