**Trinity Lutheran Church Holy Communion Preparation**

Holy Communion preparation is for students or adults of any age. Families/Caregivers should decide if they feel their child(ren) are interested/ready. How do you know your child is ready?

* Do they show interest in the Sacrament?
* Can they recite the Lord’s Prayer?

They don’t need to completely understand what happens in communion. There is a curiousness and mystery in the sacrament. Many adults do not completely understand “how it works.”

**Sacrament Preparation**

**Worship**While getting ready for this preparation time, it’s important to worship with your child. They should be able to participate in a worship service (to the best of their ability) by following along with the service, reciting the liturgy, singing the songs (or at least following along) and have a good knowledge of the Lord’s Prayer. They will need to attend worship at least *three times* prior to receiving their first communion. There will be an easily filled out worship note for them to track worship. You will find one copy of this form enclosed. It can also be found on Trinity’s website or emailed to you, ask Pastor Kim. You will also find it located in the stackable things by the library in the fellowship hall.

**Instruction Classes**

* Both the student and parent(s) will need to attend Holy Communion Instruction.
* Holy Communion Refresher/Rehearsal This will be offered close to the rite day.
* Holy Communion Rite We strongly encourage students to participate in receiving their first communion on Maundy Thursday. However, later dates can be arranged as long as they have completed the instruction.
* We anticipate that this style of Holy Communion Prep will be offered annually.

**NOTES ABOUT THE 2020-2021 School Year**We understand you may not want to attend worship in person, or we may not offer worship in person. Worship will always be each week in some form. You can find the services on Trinity’s youtube page. We respect your decision about worship, but worshipping in person is a much different experience than worshipping online. If you choose to worship online, please set the tone; quiet the space, turn off other distractions, set expectations for the service, and participate in it the best you can.

Holy Communion Rite will be on Maundy Thursday which is April 1 2020. I know this is SCC Spring Break week. If you have plans to be out of town we can make other arrangements for the rite of first communion.

Questions about Holy Communion Preparation can be directed to Pastor Kim Suhr. tlchpastor@gmail.com or call/text 715-821-6398

**Dates to Remember:** ***Instruction*** Thursday February 25th 6:00-7:30PM or Sunday March 7 10:00-11:30AM
 ***Refresher*** Wednesday March 24 6:30-7:00PM
 ***First Communion Rite*** Maundy Thursday April 1 7:00PM

HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

**Name of Student(s)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/Guardian(s) Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Instruction Choice Who will be attending with the child?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_** Thursday February 25 6:00-7:30PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday March 7 10:00-11:30AM

\*These will be in person. Please mask and know that you will be distanced as best we can. Do not come if you are sick.

I understand that my child needs to fulfill the following expectations and I will help them complete the following expectations.

* Attending three worship services prior to the rite of first communion and filling out the worship note.
* Attend one parent/child instructional class
* Attend the refresher on Wednesday March 24 6:30-7:00PM
* Participate in the Holy Communion Rite
	+ Maundy Thursday 7:00PM April 1 (We hope to have you at this date!)
	+ We will need to arrange another time

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Parent’s Signature Date**

**Please return this form by February 10 to:**Pastor Kim Suhr, PO Box 68 Hammond WI 54015
Drop Off at Trinity Lutheran Church 1250 Broadway
M-F 9-11, or 3:30-6:00, Sunday Mornings
Pastor Kim has an “in box” right outside her office door in the education wing.