

Communion Policy Statement

Holy Communion at Faith Lutheran Church is open to all baptized Christians.

Procedure for Communion Instruction and Orientation for Children

1. It shall be the responsibility of a parent or guardian to determine when a child will begin to participate in Holy Communion at Faith Lutheran Church.
2. The ministry staff of Faith Lutheran Church will regularly provide age-appropriate learning opportunities on the subject of Holy Communion. Completion of this class is not a prerequisite to Holy Communion. Learning opportunities will occur in the following ways:
 - a. Parents will receive counseling and instruction on the subject of Holy Communion for their child during the time of their baptism counseling session or class.
 - b. First Grade students, with parents, will receive an instructional* class on Holy Communion from the pastors yearly in the fall. Shortly after the instructional class, an orientation** class will be offered for those who desire first communion. (These dates will be publicized yearly.)
 - c. Students of *any* age, who have not received instruction* and/or orientation**, are invited to attend classes that will be held in either the winter or spring, depending on scheduling availability. (These dates will be publicized yearly.)
3. The pastors and staff of Faith Lutheran Church will make themselves available to parents for consultation on the subject of Holy Communion as requested.
4. Holy Communion education shall be part of new member instruction.

*Teaching of the theological, Biblical, and historical aspects of communion.

**Hands on class where students learn what to do when taking communion.