

## I would like to begin receiving Holy Communion.

We take God's work of love and family seriously. Members of our family take time to understand what God is doing for us through Jesus and pray for the gift of His Holy Spirit. For new church members, we call this time "Confirmation."

### **What is Confirmation?**

Everyone who is baptized has heard God's "I love you." Confirmation is a process where we learn to say back what our Father delights to hear: "I love you too!"

Confirmation at LCOL involves meeting together with the pastor to discuss Jesus' teachings, learn about prayer and get to know the family. The meetings have a casual classroom structure with a lot of conversation and questions, food and fellowship.

"From Faith to Love" is what we call these meetings. They take place over six weeks every spring (between Ash Wednesday and Easter) and again in late summer, typically meeting for two hours a week on a Sunday afternoon or weekday evening. Anyone who participates may become a communing member of Lutheran Church of the Lakes.

### **How do I enroll as a communing member?**

Alongside this brochure you will find an Membership Application form. Fill it out and drop it in the box or send it to [lcoloffice@gmail.com](mailto:lcoloffice@gmail.com) (Lutheran Church of the Lakes, 8800 N. Rollin Hwy, Addison, MI 49220) Apps are also available at [lcol.org](http://lcol.org).

Our pastor will contact and walk with you as we welcome you into our family!

### **Communion Schedule**

Holy Communion is celebrated at Lutheran Church of the Lakes every holiday and every Sunday as follows:

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays-8:15AM  
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays-10:30AM

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## How do I become a member of Lutheran Church of the Lakes?



*"Do this in remembrance of me"*

## What is Holy Communion?

Look around at the rest of the world. Every creature plays its God-given part and ultimately gives its life so the world can go on living.

Only humans except themselves from this rule and insist rather that the world and everyone else should sacrifice for us.

Jesus is God's answer to sin.

Sin is our innate rebellion against God and tyranny over his creation. Holy Communion, or "The Lord's Supper" is the Christian sacrament of family love where we accept forgiveness and the new, obedient life that Jesus sacrificially offered on the Cross in loving exchange for our own.

### What does Holy Communion do?

*"Forgiveness of sins...are given us here."* (Luther)

The night Jesus was arrested and condemned to death by religious and government authorities, He gave Passover bread and wine to His followers calling them "my body and blood. Do this in remembrance (or participation) of me." Just as Passover recalled God's promise to deliver His people from judgment to safety in a promised land, so Jesus offered deliverance to all who accept Him.



This is my body...  
This is my blood

### Who is to receive Holy Communion?

Jesus offered the bread and wine, His body and blood, to spiritually nourish all His disciples. We offer it, as well, to all who have been baptized into His family, who acknowledge their sin and confess Jesus' actual presence and power to give forgiveness, life, and salvation.

### Who is not to receive Communion?

That same night Jesus singled out Judas who had betrayed him. He offered Judas bread in a gesture of deep friendship (*John 13:26*) and, though he took the bread, Judas' spirit was unmoved by Jesus' humility and love. Night descended on Judas heart; Satan possessed and destroyed him. Anyone who does not desire and accept Jesus' forgiveness should not receive it. So too, anyone who does not wish God to make Him a sacrificing and obedient member of His family through Jesus should not receive Holy Communion.

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

1 Corinthians 11:26

## Why Church Membership?

Our congregation is not a business, public service, club, or other human organization—it is not even merely a religious institution. We are a family of individuals who have encountered Jesus and "the right to become children of God." (*John 1:12*) This church is our Father's house and part of family He has given us.



People join churches for all manner of reasons—some better, some worse; there is

only one real scriptural reason though: Here God has provided a home, truth and deliverance for all who struggle with sin.

### What can I expect as member of LCOL?

On Sundays and Celebrations, members are called together around God's Word and encounter Jesus who reconciles us, teaches and blesses us. Throughout the week we enjoys friendship, prayer and sacrificial service—the work of God's Holy Spirit in us. It is a membership that seeks to reshape our lives in light of the part God has given humanity in the world. (*cf. Romans 12; Matt. 5*) Holy Communion, which nourishes this new life, is offered weekly at Divine Service. Ailing or handicapped members may receive it at home upon request.