

CHRIST THE SERVANT LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Guide for Communion Servers**

1. Meet in Pastor's office no later than 15 minutes prior to worship to pray.
2. If you are also bringing forward the bread or wine, slip out of the service shortly before the offering. It's usually convenient to do this during the Peace. Carry the communion elements to the door of the sanctuary and wait until the minister looks at you and nods or otherwise signals for you to come forward. Carry them up, walking side by side. Hand them to the minister, turn and walk back. You can resume your seat.
3. For serving communion, as soon as the communion liturgy is finished, the pastor asks the congregation to be seated and the communion servers to come forward. When you approach the dais, pause briefly and bow your head (a chance for brief thanks for the opportunity to serve!) before stepping up onto the dais to the lectern.
4. Receive communion from the pastor. Generally adults receive either from the common cup or grape juice. (It's just a little awkward to have to get the small cups of wine at this point.)
5. When the pastor is ready, he distributes the common cup, the tray of wine, and the tray of juice to the other pastor and the other servers. You always stay in that order as you walk around the circle, even if someone has to stop to refill. The first acolyte follows with the empty tray to pick up the small cups.
6. As you distribute communion, say to each person who receives the wine/juice from you, "The blood of Christ, shed for you,"
7. You may need to refill the common cup or replace your tray. Ask the second acolyte to help you..
8. The pastor may need you to accompany him into the congregation to serve communion to someone who cannot come forward.
9. Return your communion elements to the table or place the tray on the stack.
10. As you step off the dais, turn toward the alter, pause briefly, and bow your head.

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