

Lententide 2024

Dear 5th Grade Parents & Students,

We believe, teach, and confess that in receiving the Lord's Supper we receive the very body & blood of Christ our Lord (Matthew 26:26, 28). The Lord's Supper is one of the chief ways in which the Lord delivers His gifts to His church for our benefit. However, the Lord's Supper is often misunderstood and for that reason should not be received prior to careful instruction in the Gospel and Sacraments. Your fifth grade student is invited to participate in Trinity Lutheran Church's Early Communion instruction to prepare them for the reception of the Lord's Supper.

In order to take Communion as a fifth grader, *your student must attend* one of the two offered sessions of our Study of the Sacraments course. The course will be offered on **Saturday, March 16th and March 23rd from 9:00am-12:00pm** in the church Parlors. If you are unable to attend either of these dates, your child will have to attend the course the following year. Parents should attend the course with their child. Upon completion of the course they will be able to celebrate the Lord's Supper for the first time on Maundy Thursday, March 28th at the 6:30pm Divine Service. Please plan on attending this service together as a family!

What can you do in the meantime? Teach or review the basics with your child. Luther's Small Catechism states: "As the head of the household teach them in a simple way to his household..." So teach your children and your spouse, as well as familiarize yourself with the following things:

- The Ten Commandments
- The Apostles Creed
- The Lord's Prayer

Please let us know which course date your child will be attending before March 4th. This can be done by calling the Church Office at 715-842-0769 or emailing info@trinitynet.org. Any questions may be directed to Pastor Mayland. May the Lord continue to bless your family.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. James L. Mayland, Senior Pastor

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