



PRINCIPLES

The Lord's Supper: What is it?

- An event
- A central part of Christian worship
- An encounter with the living Christ
- Participation in the body and blood of Christ
- A time to restate, reaffirm, restore, renew, and remember our relationship with Jesus
- An opportunity to assess our lives, repent, re-prioritize our values, recommit, and respond to His will
- A time to celebrate the new covenant
- A community meal designed for those who belong to the covenant
- A unifying event among Christians globally
- The most important celebration in life

PURPOSE

This guide provides a resource for those serving in a manner that directs others in participation in the Lord's Supper.

The guide includes:

- Principles to consider when observing the Lord's Supper
- Scripture references
- Devotion and prayer resources

The Lord's Supper is *not* a trivial part of worship; it is at the core of the Christian faith. It is to be approached with proper respect and self-examination.

There is no set criterion on how to approach the Lord's Supper except that Jesus is the host of the event. He is the focus. Whatever is said and done should draw attention to Him.

At Elkhart Christian Church, we seek continual growth in our participation in the Lord's Supper. As we grow in reverence, commitment, and understanding of the Lord's Supper we draw closer to Jesus, whose life and covenant we celebrate.

In Remembrance of Me

The Lord's Supper

A Resource Guide

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RESOURCES

The resources below are located in the mailbox outside the office labeled "Communion Resources."

- *The Lord's Supper* by C.J. Sharp
- Past copies of *The Christian Standard*

The book *Meditations and Prayers for the Lord's Table* by Ard Hoven is located with the communion to shut-ins supplies.

For online resources, visit elkhartcc.org. Click on *ECC Servant Schedules & Resources* under *Get Involved*.



SCRIPTURE

Prophecies Concerning His Death

- Rejected by men but not God - Psalm 22
- Hated and a reproach - Psalm 69:4, 7-9, 19-21
- The Suffering Servant - Isaiah 53
 - His humiliation - Isaiah 53:3-9
 - His accomplishment - Isaiah 53:10-12

Suffering, Death, and Resurrection

- In the Garden - Matthew 26:26-29
- Betrayal, Arrest, Denial, Trials, and Suffering - Luke 22:47-23:25
- Crucifixion - Luke 23:36-46
- Resurrection - Mark 16:1-8
- The reality of what was done - Acts 2:22-24

Institution of the Lord's Memorial Supper

- Matthew 26:26-29
- Mark 14:22-26
- Luke 22:17-20
- I Corinthians 11:23-28

SCRIPTURE

Purpose and Method of Partaking of the Lord's Supper

- On the first day of the week - Acts 20:7
- A sharing with the Lord and our brethren - I Corinthians 10:16-17
- Not a common meal - I Corinthians 11:20-22
- As a remembrance - I Corinthians 11:23-24
- As a proclamation - I Corinthians 11:25
- To be done in a worthy manner - I Corinthians 11:27-32

Reasons for Christ's Death

- An example of suffering - I Peter 2:19-23
- To heal us - I Peter 2:24-25
- Demonstrating the strength of God's love to overcome our weakness - Romans 5:6-11
- Freely given sacrifice - John 10:14-18
- In obedience - Hebrews 5:5-9
- To obtain redemption - Hebrews 9:11-15, 22
- To bring a new covenant - Hebrews 9:13-22
- Reconciliation to God - II Corinthians 5:17-21
- To destroy the power of death - Hebrews 2:9-17
- To draw the world to Christ - John 12:27-33
- An example of humility and obedience - Philippians 2:3-11

Our Reaction to Christ's Death

- Confidence in God's love toward us - Romans 8:31-39
- Endurance to hold on to the end - Hebrews 4:11-16
- Endurance to overcome - Hebrews 12:1-3

