

Communion Assistants

Thank you for volunteering and sharing in worship and ministry with Grace Lutheran Church.

Arrival Time: Please arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of worship.

Replacements: If you are unable to volunteer as planned due to a schedule conflict or COVID-19 symptoms or exposure, that is ok. If you know in advance and can find a substitute- please leave a message in the church office by Thursday morning. If you need to change plans after that or are unable to find a substitute- please contact Fay Wilson, Worship Volunteer Coordinator at faymwlsn@yahoo.com in order to find a replacement; and please reach out to Pastor Amanda as needed for pastoral care concerns (815-338-0554).

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You are welcome to wear a robe if you'd prefer and are not required to do so (robes are available in the sacristy). Please find pastor before worship to determine stations (near band/choir, near middle, near pulpit).

During worship, you are welcome to sit wherever, and can move forward to stand by the chairs along the wall behind the altar during the sharing of the peace or offering music.

After the Lord's prayer, pastor will invite people to the communion table "...all are welcome," then communion assistants and pastor will take a tray each from the altar and move to one of three stations and invite people in the front pews to come forward (counterclockwise), and the rest should follow the lead.

The trays contain the communion elements for you to distribute (pre-packaged wafer & grape juice). Gluten free elements are in a glass bowl on the altar if requested (pre-packaged mini chalices).

You'll speak words for both the bread & juice: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." as you take the elements from the tray and place it in people's hands.

There will be additional trays on the altar if/when you run out (40 per tray). An usher should be the last to come forward and let communion assistants and/or pastor know whether or not anyone would like communion to be brought to them in the pew.

After people in the pews have communed, please return trays to the altar and stand behind the altar to receive communion and one communion assistant gives communion to pastor. After all have communed, you may return to your pew.