



January 20, 2021

Dear Parent(s) of Fifth Graders,

You are invited to register your 5th grade child for first communion classes at Trinity!

When: Three (3) consecutive Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm: February 25, March 4 and March 11
OR one (1) Saturday workshop: March 6 from 9:00-11:30am

Where: West Campus Sanctuary

Who: Fifth graders and their parent(s)/guardians

Registration: Please register for the class [here](#).

We will learn from Luther's Catechism and the Bible together—pastor, parent, and child—to discover and rejoice in the incredible gift of communion. In my many years of teaching this topic, I've experienced that parents often have the most questions!

Seder Meal – First Communion

After these classes, students will participate in a “seder meal,” similar to the Passover meal Jesus engaged in with his disciples on the night he instituted Communion. This meal will take place on Thursday, March 25, at 6:00pm at East Campus. At this meal, your child will have communion for the first time. Families will eat together and participate in a ritual-reading that connects us to the story of the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt. Extended family are invited to this meal. The seder meal is a special occasion, so please dress accordingly.

Then on Sunday, March 28, at both campuses, you and your family are invited to share in the communion meal with our entire Trinity family.

Note: We will practice social distancing at all events, and masks will be expected at the classes.

I look forward to seeing your child take this milestone step in their faith life through first communion. It will be a privilege to teach the promises and presence of God that are for us in this beautiful meal. These are chaotic times in our nation, and maybe even in your household, too. This ancient meal connects us to the eternal promises of God which never change, spoil, or fade away. It is the firm foundation of God's Kingdom. Let's bring your child to the table.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jim". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Pastor Jim Bender

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