

# Communion Server Instructions

*for Communion at both the altar rail or in front of the chancel (altar area)*

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1. Servers will commune at the altar rail before serving the congregation.
2. Use a pump of hand sanitizer before you start serving.
3. Pastor will (usually) serve the bread, one person will serve the wine, and one person will hold a basket for the empty wine cups.
4. Serving the bread:
  - ⊕ Place one piece in their hand while you say: *"The body of Christ, given for you."*
  - ⊕ Gluten-free (in the center of the plate): those in need will take that – don't hand it to them to avoid cross-contamination.
5. Serving the wine:
  - ⊕ They will take a cup from the tray, while you say, *"The blood of Christ, shed for you."*
  - ⊕ Grape juice should be available in the center ring of the tray.
6. Blessing children (or any adults who do not receive): Pastor will bless them. In the absence of the Pastor, you may bless them by saying, *"Jesus loves you, always."*
7. Pastor will commune last at the altar rail. A server will commune Pastor in the same way as the congregation, except to use the chalice instead of an individual cup.