



Communion Distinctive

Summary Statement

At Longview Christian Church, we describe Communion through a humble reading of scripture. We believe that Communion provides a contemplative connection for all believers to the sacrifice of Jesus. The mode of expression may vary, but at LCC, we celebrate this sacred moment of worship weekly.

The Biblical Example

Luke 22:19-20 And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Acts 2:42-47 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Picture at LCC

At Longview Christian Church, we do our best to connect to the values held by the New Testament community as seen in scripture. Based on the numerous passages speaking directly or indirectly about Communion or the Lord's Supper, it is clear that it was important and practiced routinely. LCC has established Communion as a weekly part of our Sunday morning worship and has, at times, chosen to highlight Communion in other special events.

LCC recognizes the symbols of the bread and the cup as Christ's body and life-giving blood. Jesus created a new covenant through his atoning sacrifice that invites all who believe to a new life founded in him and be adopted as sons and daughters into God's eternal kingdom. Although

participation in Communion is deeply personal for each individual, we believe there is value, strength, and encouragement as a community when we perform this act of worship together.

Longview Christian Church practices an open communion. We invite all people who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior to participate with our local family and share in this meal acknowledging the unity we have in Christ through our salvation.