

“In remembrance of me.” These are the words of Jesus in Luke 22:19 as he took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. Familiar words to all of us as they are commonly used when we focus our attention at that time in our Sunday worship service on the Lord’s Supper. We even have them etched on the front of the table that holds the bread and the fruit of the vine so that all can see and give attention. In spite of this constant reminder, are we really giving this aspect of our worship the attention it deserves?

Of the many parts of our worship there are none that are any more or less important than the others. Our singing praises our God and encourages one another. Our prayers are lifted up for praise, petition, and thanksgiving. We read and listen to God’s word to fulfill and enrich our lives. In the communion service, the Lord’s Supper, we focus our attention on the single event in world history that bridges the gap between the Creator and mankind. God sent his one and only beloved Son to suffer, bleed and die on the cross so that all mankind might have access to eternal life. Jesus willingly gave himself up to die. No greater love has ever been displayed.

Starting January 5, 2025, we will again be serving the Lord’s Supper to the congregation instead of using the single use cups. This will allow time to reflect on the significance of this aspect of worship. Please use this time to focus, for self-reflection, and allow the impact of Jesus’ death to change the way you act and think. The single use cups will continue to be available if you choose to use them. Blessings to all.

For the Shepherds

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