

# A Simple Way: The Lord's Supper

## Week 7 Devotional Questions for Discussion at Home

### Monday

**Adults:** How do the various names for this sacrament reveal different aspects of it: Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, Sacrament of the Altar, Eucharist (thanksgiving)?

**Question for families with older children:** What do you remember about your First Communion?

**Question for families with younger children:** What do you know about Communion?

### Tuesday

**Adults:** The *Large Catechism* stresses, "It is the Word that makes this a sacrament and distinguishes it from ordinary bread and wine, so that it is called and truly is Christ's body and blood." What Word is that? Why is it so vital for us to hear it?

**Question for families with older children:** What is the purpose of us receiving the Lord's Supper?

**Question for families with younger children:** What did Jesus say to His disciples when they had the Last Supper together?

### Wednesday

**Adults:** The *Small Catechism* says the benefit of Holy Communion is that it is "given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Since forgiveness of sins is declared in the absolution, why do we also need Holy Communion?

**Question for families with older children:** What does it mean to do something in remembrance?

**Question for families with younger children:** Who did Jesus die on the cross for? Why did He die on the cross?

### Thursday

**Adults:** For you personally, what is most meaningful about Holy Communion? How does it benefit you? How might the *Small Catechism* enrich your experience of it?

**Question for families with older children:** Why is receiving Communion important to you?

**Question for families with younger children:** When we go up for Communion, adults usually get bread and wine, but children get blessed. How do you feel when one of the servers says, "You are a child of God and He loves you"?

### Friday

**Adults:** Do you prepare in any specific way to receive Holy Communion? According to the *Small Catechism*, what is needed to be "well prepared" to receive it?

**Question for families with older children:** Who can you go to if you have questions about Communion? Why is it important to know what the purpose is?

**Question for families with younger children:** Do you know why you wait until you are in 6<sup>th</sup> grade to receive Communion?