

Sacraments

The Session has responsibility and power to:

Provide that the Sacraments may be rightly administered and received. This responsibility shall include authorizing the celebration of the Lord's Supper at least quarterly and the administration of Baptism as appropriate, in accordance with the principles of the Directory for Worship; and exercising pastoral care among the congregation in order that the Sacraments may be received as a means of grace, and the congregation may live in the unity represented in the Sacraments. – G-3.0201b, Book of Order

Serving Communion

- Please meet in the front of the sanctuary 30 minutes prior to the service to walk through the Sacrament as a team.
- One of the Elders serving that morning should check to confirm the trays are in place prior to the service starting.
- You may sit anywhere in the sanctuary. When the time for serving Communion comes, the pastors leading the service will nod to those serving. Please come forward.
- Each team should have 6 servers. Four Elders will stand up front and serve the Sacrament; two in the middle will have the bread (and will wear gloves as they hand the bread to the congregant); two on the outside will have trays with grape juice. When serving the Sacrament to the congregation, the following words can be said:

For the Bread: *The bread of Heaven* or *The body of Christ*

For the wine (juice): *The blood of Christ* or *The cup of salvation*

For both: *Peace be with you*

- Of the two Elders who are not in the front of the sanctuary, one will follow the Deacons through the sanctuary giving communion to those unable to come forward and to the team doing the livestream. Be sure to watch for congregation members in the West and East Transepts who may not come forward. If needed, the other Elder remains up front to refill elements for the four Elders serving.
- After the service, please help the Communion Guild bring the trays and baskets and other items from the Communion table to the sacristy kitchen for cleanup.

Please Note: The Motet Choir will serve themselves. Trays will be prepared and ready for them at whichever choir loft they are singing from. Two choir members do the serving. The Youth or Children's choirs will be instructed to come down to the sanctuary floor to be served by the Elders.

Baptism Schedule

- Baptisms may not take place every month. If there is no baptism you are not needed and will not be contacted. In months with baptisms, Elders receive information the week of the baptism from the chair of the Worship Committee or clergy regarding participation.
- Baptisms are often held the third Sunday of the month however staff work with the family receiving the Sacrament to schedule a time that works best for them, so the Sunday could change depending on their schedule.
- The chair of the Worship Committee has a list of Elders who have indicated their desire to serve in this capacity. If you wish to be involved, please contact Diane Smith.

Communion Serving Teams 2026-2027

It is the Session's responsibility to provide and participate in the Sacrament of Communion.
Thank you for serving in this significant way.

Please note:

It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to serve communion on the Sunday assigned to you.

Team One

World Communion Sunday – Sunday, October 4, 2026, 10 a.m.

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, February 10, 2027, 7 p.m.

Terrence Bailey
David Jones
Lois Knutson
Ben MacKenzie
Leah Shipp (Youth)
Kevin Anderson

Team Two

First Sunday in Advent – Sunday, November 29, 2026, 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Noon Service – Thursday, March 25, 2027, Noon

****one Elder from this team to serve at Noon***

Jan Favorite
Deb James
Shannon Law
Leatha Wolter
Lynn Stein
Abram Vorhes (Youth)
Terri Mattila

Team Three

Sunday, January 3, 2027, 10 a.m.

Sunday, August 1, 2027, 10 a.m.

Dave Hutchinson
Kristina MacKenzie
William Moyers
Diane Smith
Jack Sales (Youth)
Renee Lane

Team Four

Sunday, June 6, 2027, 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Eve, March 25, 2027, 7:00 p.m.

Kathi Koehn
Mercedes Sheldon
Seungjoo Yoon
Mark Prpich
Annie Yetter
Bill Sales

Team Five

First Sunday after Easter, April 4, 2027, 10 a.m.

Janice Dickinson
Dick Langer
Elizabeth Sanson
Elly Verhagen
Nancy Stendahl

Stated Monthly Session Meetings

Third Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Meetings, September through June (excluding December)

September 15, 2026
October 20, 2026
November 17, 2026
January 19, 2027
February 16, 2027
March 16, 2027
April 20, 2027
May 18, 2027
June 15, 2027*

**This meeting is a joint meeting with outgoing, continuing, and incoming Elders.*