

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on Easter! No, we will not be gathering in person but we will be together virtually. Since this will be a new experience for us we wanted to provide some instruction.



The Lord's Supper is of great significance. This is a meal instituted by our Savior Jesus. In it we remember what He did for us (the truth pronounced in the gospel), we experience something of His presence with us (a real spiritual presence), and we have our longing for His return heightened (Mk. 14:25). For all these reasons, this is a meal we should greatly desire; yet the truths shared in 1 Cor. 11:27-30 should also caution us not to treat it lightly. In light of these convictions, the Church has sought to make the meal readily available to all who profess Jesus, yet strive to do so in a manner that protects its significance.

We are asking you to take initiative to prepare for this meal. Yes, as always, we desire for you to prepare spiritually; but in this case we are also asking you to thoughtfully prepare the elements. Simply look for some type of bread/crackers (Mk. 14:22; Jn. 6:35) and something that is "the fruit of the vine" (Mk.14:24-25). If you are unable to find one or more of these things, let the church office know and we will find a way for something to be delivered to your door.

What to do afterwards? The answer to this question is tied to your understanding of the presence of Jesus in this meal (a subject which has divided the church down through the centuries). Our belief is one that lies in between the two extremes. We believe that these things are more than "only symbols" – we believe that in this meal Jesus is truly spiritually present; yet we do not believe that these elements physically become the body and blood of Jesus. So, after the time of worship we feel comfortable leaving the decision up to you as to what should be done with any remains of the elements.