



<b>Title</b>	<b>The Lord's Supper</b>
<b>Policy #</b>	<b>06-03</b>
<b>Expires</b>	<b>When Replaced</b>
<b>Issued by</b>	<b>Board of Directors</b>
<b>Signed</b>	

## 1. History

VERSION	DATE APPROVED	UPDATED BY	PURPOSE FOR CREATION/UPDATE
1.0			

## 2. Scope

This policy is part of Grace Lutheran Church and School's organizational policies. It applies to all congregation members, members of the community and employees.

## 3. Policy

This congregation is a member church of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. Baptism unites us as fellow Christians, but Holy Communion unites us in how we confess that faith. As such, we practice the ancient and widespread custom of closed communion. This is to say, we welcome all people to hear the Gospel proclaimed and to participate in worship, but Holy Communion is reserved for those who share in our confession of faith. Therefore, we instruct both our youth and adult members in the basics of our faith prior to communing with us, and ask that if someone desires to also do so you see the pastor to arrange for instruction.

The Senior Pastor has the discretion to admit or deny non-members from participating in The Lord's Supper. The Senior Pastor may withhold The Lord's Supper from a member who is attending another church, living in grave sin without confession and amendment of life or is denying the core beliefs of this congregation as expressed in Article III of the Constitution.

## 4. Procedure

1. There are three ways to become a communing member of Grace Lutheran Church:
  - 1.1. Transfer an active membership from another Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LC-MS) congregation to Grace

- 1.2. Be accepted into membership through reaffirmation of faith for those previously a member of an LC-MS church, but are not currently an active member
- 1.3. Join through Adult Confirmation class by learning what we believe and why, and then affirming acceptance of what we believe and practice

## **5. Forms**

1. 06-03 Brief Explanation of The Lord's Supper
2. 06-03 Understanding The Lord's Supper
3. 06-03 GLCS - New Member Registration