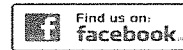




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Dear Members of St. Joseph's Hill Lutheran Church,

This July we are going to try something new. We are going to offer two ways to receive Holy Communion. The first way will be over zoom at our normal 10 am zoom worship service on July 19, 2020. In order to participate you will need to provide your own bread or crackers and wine or grape juice. Communion service will be after the prayers of intercession, sort of like we normally do in church only modified slightly.

In the evening we will offer "drive-in" Holy Communion on Sunday July 19, 2020 at 7 PM. This service will be about 15 minutes. You will need a working radio tuned to FM 88.3. Your car radio should work well you may need to turn up the volume more than usual. You will also need to provide your own bread or crackers and wine or grape juice. We will have the upcoming month's bulletin covers available for pick up if you would like. And we will have stations for dropping off any offering if you are able to give.

At the church if you have air conditioning follow the directions of our "ushers" to park at the church. You may see better if you back into your space. If you do not have working air conditioning let the usher know and we will park you in a space designed for end to end to parking, so that social distancing measures with open windows can be accommodated. Please kindly RSVP for drive in communion so that we can have enough people present to help with parking and distributing bulletins. To RSVP call Jill at the church office (610-369-0990) and let her know if you are coming and if you do not have air conditioning. You can also leave this message on voicemail if she is out of the office.

After the elements are blessed we will take communion together. If you are gathered with family in the car designate one person to give the bread, and say, "the body of Christ given for you" then give the wine saying, "the blood of Christ, shed for you". One family member should commune the person passing out bread and wine with the same words and order. If you are alone in your car, do the bread first then the wine saying the same words as above.

Portable communion normally needs a small cup or cups to drink or dip the bread into the wine or grape juice, a small plate for the bread or crackers, and napkins. Bring what you and your family can easily consume at the time. Left over elements (juice, wine, bread) should be either

consumed before you leave or can be returned to the earth after you get home. Elements are never to be tossed in the trash or down the sink. You do not need to bury the elements just tear up bread for birds and squirrels and pour out wine. You may only want to bring a small container of wine so as to not waste any. If you have a large bottle that can be closed and used again for another service you may do that, please keep it separate (set apart) for communion only. Same guidelines apply for grape juice. Consider also the logistics of pouring juice or wine in your car. Having some prefilled or pre-poured in a container with a lid may save your car's interior and you clean up headaches. You may also want some type of small tv tray or large book to serve as a table for everything to sit upon. For in home communion, these guidelines also apply. You may want to sit at a table to make taking communion easier.

As always this is a voluntary activity. We are hoping that our members who do not have access to internet may take this opportunity to gather in cars. If this time does not work for you, and you would like to participate please contact Pastor Kim, Marcia or Carol. Depending on feedback we may have this opportunity again. Please remember that we are doing something we have not done before and will likely discover better practices as we experiment.

Yours in Christ,

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