

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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**During Holy Communion we will be offering
the Common Cup, and Individual Cups.**

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR HOLY
COMMUNION

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, bids us to examine ourselves before taking Holy Communion. Therefore, to receive our Lord's true Body and Blood we:

†**REPENT** of our sinful nature and our sinful acts;

†**BELIEVE** that Jesus lived the perfect life to shed His Blood for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sin;

†**BELIEVE** that, in the Supper, Jesus gives us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. Therefore, the bread and wine are not merely symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus, but are joined to the real presence of Christ's Body and Blood given and shed for us;

†**INTEND** by the power of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives and strive to walk according to God's holy and perfect will.

In joyful obedience to the teaching of Holy Scripture, we ask that only those who are one in Church confession and faith join us at the table of our Lord. Guests who are members in good standing in fellow congregations of the Missouri Synod are invited to join us in the Holy Supper. **Children and adults desiring to come forward for a blessing are encouraged to do so.** If you have questions or if you would like to have information about joining our fellowship, please visit with the Pastor prior to worship. Thank you for honoring the sacredness of God's altar and our Lord's Table.

Sermon Notes: