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Step Number 4 We Commune

Fill in the blanks by selecting from the following words:

Blood, Eucharistic, Forgiveness, Maundy, Promises, Prayer, Body

In the beginning of the year, you took your First Communion. Communion is one of the ways that we experience God's gift of _____.

When we take communion we are eating Jesus' _____ and _____.

In communion God _____ to be with us.

The pastor prays a long prayer just before communion. It is known as the _____ Prayer. This is a *very* special prayer because it actually retells the story when Jesus was betrayed and how he took bread and wine and blessed it and gave it to his disciples to eat. The special day that recalls this significant event is also known as _____ Thursday.

When this prayer ends the entire congregation says the Lord's _____ together.

What does it mean that God is merciful?

What does communion mean for you?

Q U E S T I O N S

What do you think?

Notice the parts that make up "We Commune".

1. Eucharistic Prayer

This special prayer recalls many of God's promises, but especially the time when Jesus shared the Last Supper with his disciples. One of those promises is that Jesus is really present – really with us – when we share the bread and the wine!

2. Lord's Prayer

We pray this prayer because Jesus taught it to his disciples.

3. Invitation to take communion

The table (the altar) is God's table. All are welcome to come to God's table.

4. Distribution

Many people say "Amen" when they receive communion. It is their way of recognizing that God's promise is for them.

5. Song of Communion

This song tells about Jesus gave himself for our sins. Sometimes we sing about Jesus as being the "lamb of God who takes away our sins" This reminds us of lambs who were sacrificed as part of the worship of God's people in ancient days.

6. Blessing

We hold hands and hear that God strengthens us through communion and is with us. Notice that we do not receive an individual blessing, but we receive this blessing just like we received Jesus' body and blood: together!

7. Prayer

We ask that after being filled with his presence God use us for the good of others.