

CHILDREN AT THE LORD'S TABLE

TRINITY CRC's Policy

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The Lord's Supper is a gracious gift from God that sustains, nourishes, and encourages our faith. In response to a 2010 report that was submitted by the Faith Formation Committee, Synod 2011 overwhelmingly approved opening up the Lord's Supper to baptized children who are found to be of either an "appropriate age" or "understanding" of what they were doing and why. With that said, Trinity Christian Reformed Church welcomes baptized children to the Lord's Table.

Trinity CRC wants to make sure that children fully understand what they are doing when taking communion. We want to rejoice with them and their family when they take their first communion. Thus the Elders of this church have a responsibility for cultivating both the gracious invitation and the obedient participation at the Table. While at some point we still require a public profession of faith to be made for membership, we whole-heartedly agree with Synod 2011 that public profession of faith is not biblically mandated when coming to the Table of the Lord.

What we DO require at Trinity is that the family do two things:

- 1) Go through "You're Invited" (a 5 day discussion on Communion for the whole family which can be obtained by Pastor Kelly or purchased on your own)
- 2) Meet with the Pastor and/or Elders

Once the family has read through the book and parents are in agreement to continue with their child going through communion, then a meeting at the family's home is scheduled with the Pastor and one or two Elders. At the end of this conversation, the parents and the Elders will talk about the child's understanding of communion. If all are in agreement, the child can partake in the next communion. At that time, we will put a notice in the bulletin inviting the church to share the child's participation in this most holy Sacrament.