

Declaration



Partaking of Lord's Supper for guests:

Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of him. With this command he gave these promises: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was his body offered for me and his blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does he himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with his crucified body and shed blood. (Lord's Day 28, answer 75 Heidelberg Catechism)

Who is invited to partake of Lord's Supper?

Lord's Supper is meant for you if you are baptized and have publicly professed your faith and when you have declared wholeheartedly to believe the doctrine of the Word of God as summarized in the Apostles' Creed and taught here in the Christian church. You must be a member of a christian church where you attend the services regularly and where you may partake of Lord's Supper.

Shall I partake of Lord's Supper?

You may only join if you have confessed your sins to the Lord and believe that they are forgiven through the offer brought by Jesus Christ on the cross. Furthermore you must examine yourself to see if you are wholeheartedly willing to gratefully serve the Lord.

However, the Lord admonishes you if you do not believe, have not repented or willfully continue in your sins, to abstain from the Lord's Supper so as not to eat and drink judgment on yourself.

Does it matter if I partake or not?

Yes! If you unnecessarily stay away from celebrating the Lord's Supper, you ignore the command of Jesus to celebrate in remembrance of Him and you let an opportunity to nourish your soul pass by.

On the other hand, if you partake without recognizing the body of the Lord you eat and drink judgment on yourself. Therefore you must examine yourself first, before partaking of the Lord's Supper.

