

## Early Communion Introductory Meeting

5/31/15

### Materials:

- Bibles
- Small Catechisms
- “This Is The Feast” – Student and Leaders

### Opening: Pastor

- Prayer
- Introduction and background as to how we arrived at this point.  
“Dokimadzo” word study.
- Rite of “First Communion Prior to Confirmation” review.
- Review of “This Is The Feast” – Preparing for the Lord’s Supper

### Modeling a Session: Sharon

- Do “Session 1” – “The Law and Giving Myself a Test”
- Questions / Discussion

### Summary: Pastor

- Summary sheet showing topic / S.C. connections by Session
- Review “Criteria for Reception of the Sacrament”
- Sharon to be point person.
- Get-together for review and discussion: Huesers - (date\_\_\_\_\_)

### Close: Sharon

- Prayer

# **“This Is The Feast – Preparing For the Lord’s Supper”**

Summary by Session

## **#1 “The Law and Giving Myself a Test”**

- The Law of God that accuses us of sin before God.
- Three uses of the Law - S.C. #74-85
- Become familiar with or memorize the 10 Commandments.

## **#2 “Grace and the Gospel”**

- Understanding the meaning of ‘Grace’ and ‘Gospel’
- S.C. #84-85
- Become familiar with or memorize the Apostles Creed

## **#3 “How God Gives Me Gifts”**

- Word and Sacraments as Means of Grace
- S.C. #236-238, 248
- Become familiar with ‘Baptism’ from the Small Catechism

## **#4 “Real Presence”**

- The ‘real presence’ of Christ in the Supper.
- S.C. #285-292, 299-303

## **#5 “Meal of Forgiveness”**

- Understanding the meaning of “Forgiveness” and “Guilt”
- S.C. #296, 293

## **#6 “Other Blessing Received In The Lord’s Supper”**

- Three other benefits of the Supper besides forgiveness.
- S.C. #296, 294-295

## **#7 “Table Grace”**

- Worthy reception
- S.C. #299-305

## **#8 “Divine Worship”**

- How the Lord’s Supper fits into the Divine Service

## **Criteria for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion**

1. Complete “This Is The Feast” with your family.
  - Become familiar with or memorize the ‘theme verse’ in each session.
  - Look up and all the bible verses.
  - Record all answers in the ‘Student Guide’
  - “Taking It Home” section - Take the initiative to spend at least 10 minutes on each item in discussion with your parents.
2. Be able to recite from memory:
  - Lord’s Prayer
  - Apostles Creed
  - One of the four parts of the Explanation to the “Sacrament of the Altar” in Small Catechism, (your choice).
3. Meet with Deaconess and Pastor